

CAMHPRA ANNUAL BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 30, 2008
HOLIDAY INN CAPITOL PLAZA, SACRAMENTO
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: 6:09 p.m. by Jim Raphael, President

PRESENT: Jim Raphael, Barbara Rocha, Kathleen Pichi, Janet Marshall Wilson, Gloria Hernandez, Hank Hallowell, David Vandenberg, Dennis Wall, Francesca Tenenbaum, Jill Ward, Sarah Barnes, Jim Marquez.

ABSENT: Ann Coller, Jim Preis,

VISITORS: Sheryl Abbeduto, San Francisco; Gilda Adomo, San Francisco; Fancher B. Larson, San Francisco; Cheryl George, Napa; Jennifer Wilhelm, Napa/Contra Costa; Connie Steers and Bernadette Banks, Contra Costa.

Minutes accepted as corrected M/S/C [Hallowell/Barnes]

Announcements: none

Treasurers: \$5900 is on the books, but CAMHPRA still has to pay about \$2500 for the lunch. Checks were received prior to PRAT.

Elections: Moving into 2nd year of two year term. Coalition reps elected: Gloria Hernandez, Central Valley, Jill Ward, Far North, Francesca Tenenbaum, BAYPAC, Jim Marquez, South. Regarding at-large representatives, Jim Raphael will be sending an e-mail soliciting current at-large interest.

Hank Hallowell: presentation of Lifetime Achievement award to Janet Marshall Wilson by Hank Hallowell, because Janet will not be at the luncheon tomorrow.

Website issues: CAMHPRA is not in close communication with webmaster. OPR hopes to have patients' rights manual updated and on-line by January. Will need to delete the old one from our website and add a link. Webmaster had motorcycle accident, wants a co-webmaster. Jim will contact webmaster after talking to Michele Mudgett re availability of manual.

President's report:

Primary accomplishment: CAMHPRA vs. DSS: admission and retention of those 60 and over at licensed adult residential facilities. Partial settlement agreement signed off on this week; TO REMAIN CONFIDENTIAL. Our attorneys will be getting attorneys fees. Send attorneys a thank-you letter. To Simpson Bartlett and Thatcher and James and Kyra. Will discuss by e-mail next week. Certificate of appreciation. Executive committee and Gloria make decision regarding award Hallowell/Rocha unanimous. M/S/Carried Unanimously [Hallowell/Rocha] that the Executive Committee and Gloria Hernandez will make a decision regarding a certificate of appreciation or award to the attorneys [Bartlett and Thatcher and Law Foundation of the Silicon Valley].

Jim Raphael wrote letter in support of renewal of OPR contract.

Coalition Updates:

Far North: Jill Ward: Coalition did meet, traveled to Auburn, 8-10 advocates attended. Hard to get small counties involved; dispersed, isolated, few hours. Jill working hard, has ability to use some of county's resources. Richard

dePertis wants CAMHRPA to send his Mental Health Director letter congratulating him for advocate of the year award.

BAYPAC [Francesca Tenenbaum]: Francesca was ill for last BAYPAC meeting. Santa Clara: county pulled budget for Community Treatment Facility [Starlight]. Contra Costa: contracting out of Detention Mental Health.

CENTRAL VALLEY [Gloria Hernandez]: small meeting. Kern County sent report. Kings County didn't come. Merced opened up crisis unit; prior unit burned down [?]; Tuolumne, new patients' rights advocates is licensed clinician. Tulare; administrative hearing officer has been reading charts before hearing. OPR did review; awaiting report. Merced: Director is leaving. Creating forensic center in higher level center for Incompetent to Stand Trial [IST]cases only. Felonies: OPR arguably should handle. Misdemeanors: Title IX advocate would handle. Fresno: getting more involved with IST. Talking about cutting crisis unit. Protection & Advocacy [Disability Rights California] now has office in Fresno. Coalinga advocate coming to coalition. Idea: get state hospital advocate on CAMHPRA Board. Mariposa has new advocate due to the illness of advocate. E-mail Griselda Alvarez at OPR to get contact information for new advocates. Fresno lost 16 transitional beds.

SOUTH [Jim Marquez]: met today. San Diego submitted proposal 20 minutes late, lost to Jewish Family Services. Will change in January. Jim Raphael will contact Adele Lynch. Got to meet new Santa Barbara advocate. Riverside County looking into closing their Mental Health Rehabilitation Center.

Other advocacy reports:

OPR not present

DRC [formerly PAI] not present
MHAS not present
CCCMHA [Ca Coalition Community MH Agencies] Jim Raphael reported that this association and the Local Mental Health Directors Association are working together on integrated service plan to avoid 2-tiered system. Concerns: moneys pooled together; what will be county mh specialty service, what MHSA, is blurred. Rusty Selix replied that supplantation language does not apply to counties, only to state. Currently under litigation [Jim Preis] Hank: realignment losses equal MHSA funding.

Strategies/goals 2009 postponed.

Adjourned 19:37 next meeting date: 1/28/2009
Wednesday. Jim Raphael arranging videoconference.