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California Association of Mental Health Patients' Rights Advocates

**Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 18, 2020
Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Via Conference Call**

I. Call to Order

a. Introductions and Roll Call

Member/Title	County
Jill Ward / President	Shasta
Lisa Long / Interim Vice-President	Placer
Melanie Roland / Treasurer	Santa Clara
Melody Beltz - Secretary	Humboldt
Wendy Cheula / Far North	Siskiyou
Brett Seabloom / BAYPAC	Santa Clara
Christina S. Kraushar / At Large	Central Valley
Merida Saracho / At Large	San Bernardino
Jim Raphael / Emeritus	Santa Clara
Dave Vandenberg / Emeritus	Monterey
Jude Stern – COPR / At Large	Sacramento Area

II. Housekeeping

- a. Roll Call – Quorum met. Resignation received for Megan Wheelehan. Megan recommends Brett Seabloom to represent BAYPAC.
- b. Treasurer's Report: Melanie Roland reports the account balance as of the October bank statement is \$7,959.15. Melanie reports there are tax filings that need to be completed by the end of the year.
 - i. The donation in honor of Rusty Selix is still pending. Melanie reports she will make the donation to Mental Health America.
 - ii. Chris makes a motion to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Wendy, no further discussion, motion carries.
- c. Approval of Minutes- Jim makes the motion to approve the minutes, Lisa seconded, no further discussion, motion carries.
- d. Melanie makes a motion to nominate Brett Seabloom to the CAMHPRA Board as the BAYPAC representative, seconded by Jim.

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1. Discussion regarding this nomination: Brett joined the Law Foundation in May 2020, he previously worked in entertainment law. He is working with Melanie and Jim (Jim has returned to the Law Foundation as a consultant). Brett is in Northern Wisconsin. Brett is already connected with BAYPAC. No further discussion, motion carries. Welcome Brett!

III. Statewide Business

- a. Mental Health Justice Act. (Porter) Federal Act.
- b. AB 2015 – Allows medical conditions to be a factor for certification and be presented at certification review hearings. How treatment for medical conditions would be enforced is unclear. A lot of implications and problems in this bill. Brett and Melanie with analysis from Jim, will read the bill in its entirety and draft a letter of opposition. Jude will ask (Curt) if DRC has drafted a letter of opposition. Currently in Assembly Appropriations. Dave makes the motion and Chris seconded, no further discussion, motion carries.
- c. AB 2025 - Authorizes a pilot project to create new programs to reintegrate persons with substance use disorders, mental health issues and chronic homelessness with involvement in the criminal justice system, into the community. No opposition to this bill. Jim will research this bill further. We will continue to watch.
- d. AB 2576 – Amends MHSA to require consideration to reallocate funds. No new information. In Senate Health Committee. We will continue to watch.
- e. SB 665 – Authorizes use of MHSA funds to provide services to persons who are incarcerated. In Assembly Health Committee. DRC opposes. Jim makes the motion to write a letter in opposition, Dave seconded. No further discussion, motion carries. Dave will work with Jim on drafting the letter. Jude will inquire about where DRCs letters in support or opposition reside.

IV. Coalition Reports

- a. Far North: Wendy Cheula (Siskiyou) -

Placer County – Lisa reports Placer is in the Purple Tier. Seeking housing options for high-risk individuals. Conducted a couple of trainings.

Shasta – Jill reports they are in the Purple tier, positive cases in both facilities. Positive tests of staff at Mental Health. Staff in quarantine. Hearings are conducted remotely.

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Humboldt County – Jail Based Competency wing opened at our jail. Humboldt is in the red tier.

b. BayPac: Brett Seabloom (Santa Clara):

Last meeting was in October. They are working totally remotely. One facility has stopped admitting due to positive cases.

c. Central: Chris Kraushar (Fresno County):

Has not met. Chris will arrange a meeting. They are in the Red tier. Facilities are filled with conservatees due to these areas being outbreak areas. They have a new manager who is questioning everything and Chris has to fight old access battles again. Chris is gathering information about how clients really feel about services.

d. South: Martin Hernandez (Los Angeles) –

No one on the call to report on the South. Jill emailed Martin to check on his participation. By-laws to be reviewed to determine how many meetings a member can miss.

V. Reports from Meetings/Other Advocacy Organizations

a. California Coalition for Mental Health (CCMH): No report.

b. California Office of Patients' Rights (COPR): Jude reports PRAT may occur at this time next year. Difficult to speculate at this time whether in-person training will take place. A website resource for counties is being created which would include memos and other resources.

c. Mental Health Advocacy Services (MHAS): Jim reached out to them with no response. Remove from future agendas.

d. California Association of Mental Health Peer Run Organizations CAMHPRO/DRC: No report.

e. California Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC): No report.

VI. Public Policy

a. Other legislation. No further discussion.

VII. Standing Items

a. County Retaliation – Melody reports that she is in process of creating a monitoring proposal and the BH director will consider.

b. Race, gender, ethnicity reporting. Melanie reports a race/equity project consisting of data gathering. Jude submitted a request to DHCS

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regarding reporting race on forms, he has not heard back. Jude will follow-up.

VIII. New Business and next Meeting, Adjourn

- a. Election: Discussion to amend by-laws to consider a remote election due to the pandemic. Jim will draft an amendment and a special meeting of the Board will be called.
- b. COVID Survey – Lisa created a draft result, the feedback received was that the sample size was too small to be significant. Lisa will send a follow-up email to directors of counties who did not respond to try to solicit more data.
- c. The next CAMHPRA meeting will be Wednesday, February 24th 2021. Discussion to consider changing the meeting time and duration in an effort to get more participation. Board agrees to move the meeting to 1 pm to 4 pm. Also, when agenda is sent out for the secretary to request an RSVP or for the member to send a designee.
- d. Lisa makes a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chris seconded the motion, no further discussion, meeting adjourned.