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## California Association of Mental Health Patients' Rights Advocates

**Board Meeting**  
**Thursday April 12, 2018**  
**Time: 6:00pm – 8:00pm**  
**Balboa/Calavares Room**  
**Holiday Inn – Downtown Sacramento**  
**300 J. Street**  
**Sacramento, CA 95814**

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### I. Call to Order

#### a. Introductions and Roll Call

	Member/Title	County
	Samuel Jain / President	Santa Clara
	Jill Ward / Vice-president	Shasta
	Annette Tran / Treasurer	Orange
	Kelly Reilly / Secretary	San Diego
	Gloria Hernandez / Central Valley	Fresno
	Jim Raphael / BAYPAC	Santa Clara
	Martin Hernandez / South	Los Angeles
	Christina S. Kraushar / At Large	Merced
	Richard Krzyzanowski - DRC / At Large	Los Angeles Area
	Joshua Bryant / At Large	Sacramento

**Additional Attendees:** Anne Venegas (Riverside), Esme Carroll (Orange), Merida Saracho (San Bernadino), Sheryl Abbeduto (San Francisco), Jessica Thornton (Orange).

### II. Housekeeping

- a. **Roll Call** – Quorum met
- b. **Treasurer's Report:** Balance of \$10,000, getting more membership – currently 73 members. Excited for CAMHPRA luncheon tomorrow.
- c. **Approval of Minutes:** Two edits (non-board members list at bottom, DRA instead of DRC on page 3), motion to approve as amended, Samuel motions, Jill seconds. Approved.

### III. Statewide Business

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- a. **Policy Platform:** first part describes what we do, then describes six different pillars of the advocacy work we do and what we are interested in. Provides talking points about our organization, and can help expedite the process of legislative advocacy. Richard, Samuel, and Jim were involved – meetings, drafts, edits, involved process with a lot of thought that went into it. Samuel motions to accept as official policy platform, Chris seconds. Approved. Will put on Facebook and the website.
- b. **Mental Health Matters Day:** 5/23. Approved CAMHPRA participation last meeting. Will cost about \$300 (includes 10x10 canvas tent, table, tablecloth and chairs). Happens in front of the Capitol, speakers, food trucks, many different people involved. Jim emphasizes that CAMHPRA visibility is important. Jill discusses Disability Action Day, which is around the same time (6/7), and could cause conflict for people needing to choose between one or the other. Will vote on participation on this event as well via email after getting more information about cost, etc. Josh can help bring supplies (coolers, pop ups, etc) to help with cost. Will help table for CAMHPRA at Mental Health Matters Day. Richard and Samuel will be there as well. Samuel motions, Richard seconds, approved. Will possible get tablecloth beforehand as well.
- c. **CAMHPRA luncheon last minute items** – centerpieces finished, Richard has bio to introduce speaker.
- d. **COPR Staffing Letter:** Board approved motion for us to advocate on this issue. Ann Coller is the only employee who gives support for County advocates. COPR has several statutory requirements (such as program reviews of County Patient Rights programs, investigate/resolve grievances complaints that County PRAs cannot...) but not enough resources/staffing to meet the statutory requirements. CAMHPRA is hoping to support COPR to increase their staffing (4 additional staff). As of now COPR is only doing two program reviews per year (at this rate it would take 24 years to cover all 48 counties). Some smaller counties do not have PRAs, referred to Ann at COPR. In Sonoma County, wanted to fire the PRA and have the hospital hire their own advocate. Similar instances are popping up everywhere, too much work for one staff member to manage. Samuel will have phone conversation with DRC to follow up. CAMHPRA is concerned about this issue, but we want to be supportive in the contact negotiations.

## IV. Coalition Reports

- a. **Far North: Jill Ward (Shasta):** Carol could not make the meeting, nothing to report from Jill.
- b. **BayPac: Jim Raphael (Santa Clara):** Jim is transitioning to part time, will be looking for someone to take reigns as BayPac chair.
- c. **Central: Gloria Hernandez (Fresno County):** Merced, concerned that Madera County does not have PRA. Top priority in Central Valley. Merced will have \$37 million mental health facility. Kings County – opening CSU or home for minors. Kings County advocate feels oppressed. Exodus PHF –