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## California Association of Mental Health Patients' Rights Advocates

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 22, 2020**  
**Time: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**  
**Via Conference Call**

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### **I. Call to Order**

#### a. Introductions and Roll Call

<b>Member/Title</b>	<b>County</b>
Jill Ward / President	Shasta
Lisa Long / Interim Vice-President	Placer
Melanie Roland / Treasurer	Santa Clara
Melody Beltz - Secretary	Humboldt
Gloria Hernandez / Emeritus	Fresno
Wendy Cheula / Far North	Siskiyou
Jean McDonald / At Large	San Diego
Christina S. Kraushar / At Large	Central Valley
Richard Krzyanowski – DRC / At Large	Los Angeles Area
Daniel Waggoner – COPR / At Large	Sacramento Area
Mike Philips / At Large	San Diego
Merida Saracho / At Large	San Bernardino
Jim Raphael / Emeritus	Monterey
Dave Vandenberg / Emeritus	Santa Clara
Jude Stern – COPR / At Large	Sacramento Area

### **II. Housekeeping**

#### a. Roll Call – Quorum met.

- b. Treasurer's Report: Melanie Roland reports the account balance is \$8,335.95 as of December 31, 2019. Melanie is still in process of taking over as Treasurer. Motion made by Richard to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Jean, no further discussion, ayes have it, approved.
- i. Discussion as to who should be added as signed on the account. Melanie requests that when a Treasurer resigns, that the transfer be undertaken prior to the Treasurer's last day of service. Board agrees to President and Vice President. Gloria makes a motion to

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add President and Vice President be added as signers on the Bank of America CAMHPRA account, seconded by Richard, no further discussion, Jill abstains, Melanie abstains, Lisa abstains, ayes have it, motion carries.

- ii. The donation in honor of Rusty Selix has not yet been completed due to the Treasurer transfer issue. Will be done at resolution.
- c. Approval of Minutes- Discussion by the Board on how Emeritus members should appear on the minutes. Agreed to use “Emeritus” as the type of member and use the County they were from originally. With those changes, Gloria makes the motion to approve the minutes, Richard seconded, no further discussion, motion carries.

### III. Statewide Business

- a. AB 333 Eggman (formerly AB 2317) – Whistleblower protection for county patients’ rights advocates under contract. Signed by the Governor on October 2, 2109 and went into effect 1/1/2020.
- b. SB 66 Atkins and McGuire – Amended March 21, 2019. Allows for multiple appointments at the same location on the same day to be billed to Medi-Cal. Bill has been moved to inactive status.
- c. SB 10 Beall – Allows for a statewide peer support specialist certification program for mental health and substance use disorder systems. Programs could then bill Medi-Cal for peer support services. Bill was vetoed and was reintroduced by Beall and is now SB 803.
- d. SB 40 Wiener and Stern – Amends temporary conservatorship piloted in Los Angeles, San Diego and San Francisco counties for person’s incapable for caring for their own health and well-being to allow for court or jury trial. Signed by the governor on October 2, 2019.
- e. AB 43 Gloria – Would clarify MHSA planning process for innovative programs is to be completed in collaboration with stakeholders and is to comply with open meeting laws. Bill is still pending and is in committee.
- f. SB 854 & SB 855 – Jim Beall & Scott Wiener – would make insurers cover more mental health. Bill is still pending and is in committee. Jim makes a motion that CAMHPRA support these bills and approve a letter of support by the legislative committee be sent, Gloria seconded, no further discussion, ayes have it, motion carries.
- g. CAMHPRA Legislative Committee – consists of Melanie, Dave, Richard, Chris and Jim.

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## **IV. Coalition Reports**

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

Shasta County has a new program called MAP Medication Assistance Program in the jail system. New 5150 forms from DHCS, still in draft form, unsure as to whether to use it. Some facilities are already using the new form. Shasta County officially not using them yet.

Sacramento County – Josh Bryant no longer with office, new PRA joining the team. Addressing multiple 5150s written in the ERs, working with the Public Defender.

Siskiyou County opinion is they would rather perform multiple 5150s on someone who is a danger to self or others and risk the lawsuit. Reminder to reach out for new CAMHPRA membership at PRAT.

Placer County – having de novo hearings virtually now with Public Defender, hospital staff, patient, court personnel and county counsel are elsewhere. Watching carefully as Probable Cause Hearings could be next. Received a grant to produce a brochure to be given out at the Emergency Department telling the patient what to expect while at the ED and also have information for the family as well. After 60 days will take feedback and see if there needs to be any edits. Lisa will send it out to the group.

b. BayPac: Melanie Roland for Megan Wheelehan (Santa Clara)  
Has not met, will update in the future.

### c. Central: Gloria Hernandez (Fresno County)

Central Valley coalition will be meeting next week and will try to get a new representative for this area..

d. South: Mike Phillips(San Diego) – Mike reports large hospital in the northern part of the county shut down services about a year and a half ago since there has been a county-wide concern about system of care and having enough resources, county hired a consultant which will likely result in more resources becoming available. It is likely they will get a PHF, probably the first in San Diego County. Multiple community based crisis facilities and a new long-term care facility. Also, a central hub with a variety of services offered all co-located in one central area. Also a Board and care opening up which is unheard of in San Diego County. Looking into non-law enforcement transport for 5150 clients. Will be involved with homeless conservatorship program. Also, video writ hearings being discussed.

## **V. Reports from Meetings/Other Advocacy Organizations**

a. California Coalition for Mental Health (CCMH): Melanie reports for Megan that the meeting agenda set for today was not substantive to our work.

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- b. California Office of Patients' Rights (COPR): Daniel reports Jude Stern is on board full-time for all-things-county related. Jude is taking the lead for PRAT. Jude reports that he sent out a list of ideas for topics for PRAT. He welcomes feedback for the types of training people are asking for. Discussion regarding the role of Emeritus members at PRAT. Jude will discuss with his team. RESULT: Jim and Dave will be presenters at PRAT.
- c. Mental Health Advocacy Services (MHAS): Jill has not yet followed up with the new executive director. Jill will follow-up.
- d. California Association of Mental Health Peer Run Organizations CAMHPRO/DRC: Richard reports that DRC Executive Director stepped down, new Executive Director is Andy Imparato, Disability Rights Lawyer, has done work on the hill, has pertinent experience and has personal lived experience. Looking forward to seeing where he takes DRC in the future. CAMHPRO - SB 10 is now SB 803, CAMHPRO is a co-sponsor of this bill. This time they feel much better prepared to get this passed. California is only one of two states that doesn't already have it. Collaborated with opposition to assisted outpatient treatment. Staying on top of proposed revisions to MHSA and revisions to LPS expanding the definition of grave disability. Also, will forward any information on a possible Advance Directive for property to address the issue of patient's property and animals when they are held on a psychiatric hold.
- e. California Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC): Richard and Mike are on their Patients' Rights Committee. Working on a survey to determine the state of jail Patients' Rights advocacy around the state and also bring this issue to light. Oversight and Accountability Commission – many of the committees of the OAC have been allowed to die. Client and Family Leadership Committee members advocated for it to continue.

## **VI. Public Policy**

- a. AB 103 – Mike Phillips received a lot of information from Daniel. He has not reviewed it yet. So far no one has been asked to provide any services. No further update at this time.

## **VII. Standing Items**

- a. County Retaliation
  - i. Humboldt Update – Melody reports that Daniel came to Humboldt to attend a meeting with Administration. Administration appears willing to update the PRA policy and job description but as on now no changes have taken place. She is not being allowed to perform any monitoring, the S&R report and Denial of Rights report is redacted to remove client identifiers. County has stopped honoring Writs for Temporary Conservatorships per the Public Defender's

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office. WIC 5275 says intentional violation of this is a misdemeanor. Advised to have the client call DRC with the complaint after following PRA protocol of going through the director first.

## **VIII. New Business and next Meeting, Adjourn**

- a. Discussion regarding the COPR Board position. Position should go with the role and not the person. Jim makes a motion to add Jude Stern as a CAMHPRA Board member, Melanie seconded the motion, no further discussion, ayes have it and the motion is approved. Daniel will send a letter of resignation to the CAMHPRA Board. This item will be tabled until next meeting.
- b. CAMHPRA meeting at PRAT will be Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> immediately following and in the same room as the Meet-and-Greet. Election of Officers to take place. Table schedule pending.
- c. PRAT CAMHPRA Luncheon
  - a. Theme: Melanie makes a motion for the theme “2020 A Vision for the Future” Jim seconded, no further discussion, ayes have it, motion approved. This will be the 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary.
  - b. Committees:
    - i. Luncheon committee will be Lisa, Wendy, Jill and Melanie. Lisa will create the save-the-date flyer.
    - ii. Speakers committee: Jim and Dave. Dave suggests possibly Alan Francis who wrote a large portion of the DSM IV.
    - iii. Honorarian Fee discussion Gloria makes a motion for the honorarian fee of \$400 plus expenses including overnight expenses, if needed, seconded by Richard, no further discussion, ayes have it, motion approved.
    - iv. Awards Committee: Lisa, Chris (agreed to be on committee via email) and Jill. Announcement should go out to the PRA Listserve.
    - v. Decorations: Melanie will coordinate.
    - vi. Election of Officers Committee: Jill, Melanie and Melody
- d. Vehicle and animal fees – Melanie did not receive any responses when inquiring on the listserv regarding vehicle fees. Working to change language of 5150 to include cars in “property.” Possibility of amending the statute may be an easier first step. Will discuss this item further at our next meeting and on the listserv.
- e. Melanie makes a motion to adjourn the meeting and Merida seconded the motion, no further discussion, meeting adjourned.

## **IX. Results of Email Vote**

- a. Shall CAMHPRA Board of Directors instruct the Legislative Committee to write a letter of support to the California Judicial Council in support of continued LPS Hearings across the state? Ayes: Merida, Jude, Martin, Gloria, Chris, Dave, Jim, Melanie, Megan, Jill, Lisa, Wendy, Anne, Melody and Richard. Motion passes.