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California Association of Mental Health Patients' Rights Advocates

Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 16, 2022
Time: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Via Zoom Call

I. Call to Order

a. Introductions and Roll Call

	Member/Title	County
	Lisa Long / President	Placer
	Melanie Roland / Treasurer	Santa Clara
	Melody Beltz - Secretary	Humboldt
	Christina S. Kraushar / Central	Merced
	Whitney Wilson/South	San Diego
	Jean McDonald / At Large	San Diego
	Mike Phillips / At Large	San Diego
	Merida Saracho / At Large	San Bernardino
	Richard Krzyzanowski – DRC / At Large	Los Angeles Area
	Jim Raphael / Emeritus	Santa Clara
	Dave Vandenburg / Emeritus	Monterey
	Daniel Wagoner – COPR / At Large	Sacramento Area

II. Housekeeping

a. Roll Call – Quorum met.

b. Treasurer's Report: Melanie Roland reports the account balance is \$7,250.95.

1. Melanie reports that the fee to CCMH of \$250.00 is due, therefore the balance will be \$7,000.95.
2. Charitable Trust fee is also due soon,
3. Still working on getting the President and Vice President added to the bank account as voted on by the Board 14 months ago.
4. Melody makes a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Jim, no further discussion, motion carries.

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- c. Approval of Minutes- Jim makes the motion to approve the minutes from the Special Meeting in November and Jean seconds, no further discussion, motion carries.
- d. Christine has a correction to the Central Coalition report; they closed the CSU and moved staff to the PHF unit. Richard makes the motion to approve the January minutes as corrected, Merida seconds, no further discussion, Christina abstains, motion carries.

III. Coalition Reports

- a. Far North: Wendy Cheula (Siskiyou) – Wendy not present.
- b. BayPac: Clare Cortright (Santa Clara) – Clare not present, she reports via Melanie no BayPac issues.
- c. Central: Chris Kraushar (Fresno County) – Christina reports that Central had a meeting on January 26, 2022 with Daniel via Zoom. Fifteen counties in the coalition, six attended; Amador, Fresno, Kings, Merced, Stanislaus, Tulare. Has been 2 ½ years since meeting as a group. No one reported issues with fingerprint clearance. Was a “catch up” type meeting and not super formal.
- d. South: Whitney Wilson (San Diego) – Whitney reports six of the nine counties in the coalition responded. No one reported issues with background checks. Santa Barbara reported they have the first CSU to be opened in a private medical hospital. Santa Barbara reported issues with voluntary status. Ventura reported issues with ambulance and ER doctors. Los Angeles reported telehealth issues and concerns.

IV. Standing Items

- a. Presidential Updates: Lisa reports:
 - 1. Website: Lisa has been adding articles and updates, etc. Website getting heavier usage.
 - 2. Lisa attended the Joint Informational Hearing on the LPS Act on Dec. 15, 2021 in Sacramento. It was determined that there is no adequate statewide data which will likely result in BH Directors to be tasked with getting better data. There was no discussion regarding the PRA role.
 - 3. Lisa sat on a focus panel on Dec. 19, 2021 regarding a UC San Diego Project.
 - 4. Lisa discussed next quarter’s regional coalition questions to include the implementation of SB 578 Right to a Public Hearing and WIC 5352 which allows for outpatient conservatorship petitions to be filed.

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V. Statewide Business

- a. Richard reports that the legislative committee is still getting organized. They will keep the committee size small. Eric Harris has experienced time constraints but Deb Roth will likely attend in the future.
- b. SB 340 (Stern) – Authorizes a family member, friend or acquaintance to request to testify in judicial review proceedings. Still active/limbo. Action: Support with amendment to be more client centered. Act will amend section 5276. Action: Tabled.
- c. SB 516 (Eggman) – Authorizes evidence considered at certification review hearing to include the person’s medical condition and how that bears on certifying the person. Still active, wide opposition. Action: Melanie and Richard created a draft letter of opposition. Board to review the draft and provide feedback to Melanie by February 23rd.
- d. AB 988 – 988 Crisis Hotline. Position: Support. Action: Same status, no action will keep watching.
- e. HR 1368 (Porter) – National Mental Health First Responders creation. Stalled in committee. Position: Support. Status: Unknown, Jim will call Katie Porter’s office.
- f. AB 451 – This bill passed with mean that an involuntary hold is not necessary when transporting patients via ambulance.
- g. AB 1394 – Hospitals required to screen patients eight years old and up for suicide risk, pending and add to next agenda.
- h. AB 2020 – Expands the definition of grave disability, may result in no Riese Hearings needed. Follow and add to next agenda.

VI. Reports from Meetings/Other Advocacy Organizations

- a. California Coalition for Mental Health (CCMH): Melanie reports the last meeting was a housing presentation by Dr. Margo Kushel
- b. California Office of Patients’ Rights (COPR): Daniel reports no exact dates yet for virtual PRAT in August. He is working on “Formalized Technical Assistance Projects” instead of program reviews. Daniel reports that Victor Alvarez will be cross-training with him.
- c. California Association of Mental Health Peer Run Organizations CAMHPRO/DRC: Richard reports that the Executive Director, Sally, has transitioned out, an interim is yet to be named. Richard will be working more closely with Eric Harris.
- d. California Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC): Richard reports the draft jail survey report is out. The official report will be shared with the Board.

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VII. Public Policy

- a. State Plan Amendment 21-003: Disaster relief for COVID-19 Crisis Stabilization Units - proposal to allow 96-hour stay in CSU. Daniel reports item still pending. We will continue to follow.

VIII. New Business and next Meeting, Adjourn

- a. PRAT will be virtual and will be held in August 2022. Ask your Regional Coalitions for topic ideas. Daniel also reports that smaller monthly trainings are possible.
- b. The next CAMHPRA meeting will be Wednesday, May 11th 2022 at 1:00 p.m.
- c. Richard makes a motion to adjourn the meeting and Melanie seconded the motion, no further discussion, meeting adjourned.