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California Association of Mental Health Patients' Rights Advocates

Board Meeting MINUTES
Wednesday, February 8, 2023
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 & Treasurer	Placer
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
Melanie Roland / Legislative Committee	Santa Clara
Dave Vandenburg / Emeritus	Monterey
Daniel Wagoner – COPR / At Large	Sacramento Area
Jill Ward / Guest (Past President)	Shasta

II. Housekeeping

a. Roll Call – Quorum met.

b. Treasurer's Report: Lisa reports no changes.

- Jim makes a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Mike, no further discussion, motion carries.

c. Approval of Minutes-There were no changes or corrections. Chris makes the motion to approve the minutes, Jean seconds, no further discussion, motion carries.

III. Coalition Reports

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- a. Far North: No representative – Still no representative for the Far North. Melody reports sequential 5150s are the norm in Humboldt County. Has been doing AB 2275 hearings since January 3, 2023.
- b. BayPac: No update.
- c. Central: Chris Kraushar (Fresno County) – Coalition did not meet.
- d. South: Whitney Wilson (San Diego) – Whitney reports on implementation of AB 2275; Riverside reports it is going well, given funding for 2 additional PRA positions, facility is paying for the hearing officers but would like the State to reimburse. San Luis Obispo, hearing officers are aware of AB 2275, attempting to get clients placed prior to hearing. Santa Barbara, getting information out to the hospitals, no hearings needed yet. San Diego, has done approximately ½ dozen hearings so far, few kinks but it is working out well in San Diego. Using existing hearing officers. New facilities; 2 new CSUs and Rehabs, PHF coming in a few years, 1 hospital opening a CSU unit in their hospital in a few years. Orange, doesn't appear that have begun hearings yet but are being notified. San Bernardino question who should pay for the hearing officers and they need more. They are hiring more advocates as well. New Behavioral health director and adopting the 5270 process.
- e. Discussion regarding AB 2275 - Mike requests that CAMHPRA put out the request to collect data on the implementation and Jim suggests we continue to monitor and track the implementation of AB 2275.

IV. Standing Items

- a. Presidential Updates:
 - PRAT in April, we will discuss CAMHPRA's plans later in the meeting.
 - 1/30/23 forwarded to BOS DRC lawsuit regarding CareCourt amicus letter.
 - Lisa will be running for Treasurer next year, not President.
- b. Legislative Committee – Richard reports this committee met a couple of weeks ago.
- c. Review of New Proposed Legislation - Richard and Jim. Due to the current legislative cycle at the moment, not a lot going on, but Deb Roth put together a Bills Watch List that we will continue to follow.
 - SB 1338 (Umberg-Eggman) Cmty Assist, Recovery & Empowerment (CARE) Act was APPROVED on 9/22. Implementation (standing item). WRIT OF MANDATE FILED BY DRC. Should CAMHPRA submit an Amicus Letter? Details of request discussed. Richard makes a

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motion that CAMHPRA write and submit an Amicus Letter, seconded by Jim, pros and cons discussed, motion carries. Melanie will draft the letter by February 17th.

- SB 1 SB 232 (Niello)
 - 1) Revises the definition of “gravely disabled” from the inability, as a result of a mental health disorder, to provide for basic personal needs for food, clothing and shelter to the incapability, as a result of a mental health disorder, *to make informed decisions about*, or provide basic personal needs for food, clothing, shelter, *or medical care without significant supervision and assistance from another person and, as a result of being incapable of making these informed decisions, the person is at risk of substantial bodily harm, dangerous worsening of a concomitant serious physical illness, significant psychiatric deterioration, or mismanagement of essential needs that could result in bodily harm.*
 - 2) Adds “incapacity to provide informed consent to treatment due to anosognosia” as a separate condition that, on its own, meets the definition of “gravely disabled.”

V. New Business

- a. PRAT – Will be held April 19 – 21, at the Holiday Inn in Sacramento. No formal luncheon to be held and due to short time-frame, no awards will be given this year focus at PRAT will be recruitment. Board meeting will occur Thursday evening and we will conduct CAMHPRA elections at the meeting. Lisa will be in charge of the election. CAMHPRA membership dues (\$35) will be collected. Discussion regarding whether food will be provided at the meeting. UPDATE: President and Vice President discussed and agreed to provide appetizers at the meeting.
- b. Should CAMHPRA form alliances w/other organizations and legal services agencies focused on civil rights & social justice issues to collaborate on drafting legislation that would benefit the clients we serve? Legislative committee will take on this assignment with organizations such as CAMHPRO, MH Advocacy Services in LA, Cal Voices, ACLU, etc. and create a letter to approach organizations.

VI. Statewide Business

No agenda items.

VII. Reports from Meetings/Other Advocacy Organizations

- a. California Coalition for Mental Health (CCMH): Melody reports attending the meeting on 1/25/2023. Meeting mostly focused on the implementation of 988 – suicide prevention lifeline. There are 200 centers across the

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country and 13 centers in California. There is a phone tree at the beginning of the call for specialization of 1) veterans 2) Spanish speaking and 3) LGTBQ under the age of 25. The remainder of the meeting focused on their standard agenda items. They formed 3 subcommittees; workforce, housing and parity.

- b. California Office of Patients' Rights (COPR): Daniel reports they are working on providing some of the PRAT trainings virtually for those who cannot attend in-person. There is an opening for CAMHPRA to present a class if anyone is interested. Updating the on-line training with the changes that have occurred in the last few years.
- c. California Association of Mental Health Peer Run Organizations CAMHPRO/DRC: Richard reports he is back on the Board as they had an opening. Doing well will their interim director, legislative sub-committee diving into peer respite topic. Annual conference in Sacramento June 12th & 13th at Holiday Inn, looking for sponsorships. Would like to table at the conference with materials from CAMHPRA and COPR, please sent to him. May also do a workshop on patients' rights. They have a legislative day at their conference in which they approach legislators.
- d. California Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC): Richard reports new leadership at council level and they attended the patients' rights meeting and they received some education on patients' rights. Daphne Shaw is chair and Mike is chair-in-waiting. Mike reports that his San Diego team reported on all of the things they do.

VIII. Public Policy

IX. New Business and next Meeting, Adjourn

- a. The next CAMHPRA meeting will be Thursday, April 20th 2023, immediately following PRAT.
- b. Richard makes a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jim seconded the motion, no further discussion, meeting adjourned.

X. Results of Email Voting

- a. Melanie called for a vote to sign onto Wester Center on Law & Poverty's letter of support of AB 920 (Bryan) making housing status a protected class. Jim made the motion, seconded by Melody, yes votes from Jim, Melanie, Lisa, Chris, Jean Frank, Richard, Whitney and Melody. No further discussion, the motion carries.
- b. Melanie called for a vote to sign onto DRC's letter of opposition to SB 43 (Eggman) which would expand the definition of "gravely disabled." Jim makes the motion, seconded by Mike, yes votes from Jean, Melody,

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Melanie, Frank, James, Richard, Whitney and Lisa, no further discussion, the motion carries.

- c. Melanie called for a vote to sign onto DRC's letter of opposition for SB 232 (Niello) which would expand the definition of "gravely disabled." Melody makes the motion, seconded by Jim, yes votes from Melody, Jim, Jean, Richard, Chris, Melanie, Lisa and Ann, no further discussion, the motion carries.