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California Association of Mental Health Patients' Rights Advocates

Board Meeting MINUTES
Wednesday, July 20, 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 & Treasurer	Placer
Frank Smithwaters / Vice-President	Northern California
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

II. Housekeeping

- a. Roll Call – Quorum met. Wendy Cheula resigned from the Board. We will need a new Far North Coalition representative. Lisa will follow the same process used for BAYPAC i.e. she will email the counties in the region to see if anyone is willing to be the representative. Frank will also ask his advocates to see if anyone is interested.
- b. Treasurer's Report: Lisa provided the treasurer's report. The beginning account balance is \$7,216.05. Expenses include checks purchased \$39.49, Secretary of State fee \$5.00, WIX website fee \$346.74, and domain name fee \$27.60. The new account balance is \$6,796.92.
 - Jim makes a motion to approve the Treasurer's report, seconded by Mike, no further discussion, motion carries.

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

III. Coalition Reports

- a. Far North: Wendy Cheula (Siskiyou) – Wendy not present.
- b. BayPac: No update. Melanie reports that Law Foundation has lost a lot of people including supervisor and director.
- c. Central: Chris Kraushar (Fresno County) – No report.
- d. South: Whitney Wilson (San Diego) – Whitney reports the coalition responses were via email only. New lead advocate for Los Angeles, Elizabeth Gildemontes, Whitney will in clued her in the next meeting. Mike will reach out to her prior. Concerns regarding Care Court. Article in regard to Care Court on CalMatters website.

IV. Standing Items

- a. Presidential Updates:
 - Website: Lisa reports the website traffic has tripled since Lisa has been updating it. Noticeable jump in March and May. The website has proved to be a good way to communicate with advocates. Lisa receives 2-3 messages per month through the website's "contact" feature.
- b. Legislative Committee – Richard reports this committee met last week. Deb Roth of DRC Legislation office joined the committee.
- c. Review of Legislation:
 - SB 578 (Wood) This is an ongoing BOD discussion item NOT ACTIVE legislation. The provisions of this bill which amends WIC Sec. 5118 allows for LPS detained clients to demand that their CRH be public. The Board is discussing how counties are implementing it.
 - SB 340 (Stern) DEAD--This bill would have permitted a family member or friend to testify at a client's CRH
 - SB 516 (Eggman) DEAD--This bill proposed to permit admissions of a person's serious & chronic medical condition for which an LPS detained client repeatedly refused to comply w/ necessary medical treatment as evidence in support of continued involuntary detention for DTS, DTO and GD.

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- AB 451 (Arambula) This bill was passed & chaptered on 10/21/21. It is now in effect. The bill requires GACHs w/ acute inpatient psych units PHFs w/ > 16 beds & APHs to accept transfer of a person w/ psych emergency medical condition regardless of whether the facility operates an ED if the facility has qualified personnel to provide svcs. Unknown how this is being implemented and how it is effecting counties.
- 1394 (Irwin) ENROLLED 7/11/22 & awaiting gov. decision: This bill requires GACHs by 1/1/25 to establish & adopt written P&Ps to screen minors 12 y.o.+ for SI & bx. Requires the screening to be performed, as Debraed by designated licensed staff.
- AB 1453 (Muratsuchi) a Sac'to County only bill. The bill currently assigned this number is not MH related. Perhaps, as Deb Roth indicated. Sometimes a bill is gutted w/ new bill language.
- SB 1338 (Umberg-Eggman) Com'ty Assist Recovery & Empowerment (CARE) Court Program. Per Deb Roth, the bill is being referred directly to Asm & Sen floors for a vote & is certain to pass despite strong opposition.
- AB 988 (Bauer-Kahan) Will establish creation of an advisory group to CA Hlth & Human Svcs Agency on administration & implementation of the MH crisis svcs accessible through the 9-8-8 system
- HR 1868 (Porter) MH Justice Act of 2021 was reintroduced on 3/28/22 as HR 7254 (Porter-Dingell) MH Justice & Parity Act of 2022. The bill has been referred to House Cmtes on Energy & Commerce & Judiciary
- AB 2786 (Stone) Children's Crisis Continuum Pilot Program May die and get reintroduced next session.
- AB 1859 (Levine)
- AB 1816 ((Bryan) DEAD
- AB 2020 (Gallagher) DEAD
- AB 2242 (Santiago) Reporting spending and funding sources, opposed by DRC. Still alive. Allows MHSA funds to pay for conservatorships.

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- AB 2275 (Wood-Stone) Certification review hearing within 7 days of the date of the initial 5150. Strong support. In Senate Appropriations on 8/1/22.
- AB 2317 (Ramos) Fed IMD exclusion – oppo/seed as it has a /negative impact on kids. In Senate Appropriations
- .AB 2547 (Nazarian) DEAD/language gutted but remains on calendar as another bill unrelated to MH
- AB 2657 (Stone) Removes individuals seemed IST & unrestorable from death row. We support. In Senate /Appropriations
- .AB 2632 (Holden). Bans solitary confinement for vulnerable populations. We support. Senate Appropriations 8/1/22.
- AB 2853 (Lackey) DEAD
- SB 882 (Eggman) DEAD
- SB 1223 (Becker)
- SB 1227 (Eggman) DEAD
- SB 1416 (Eggman) DEAD
- AB 2967 (Aguilar-Curry) CAMHPRO supported bill - Richard to discuss
- AB 2220 (Muratsuchi) DEAD
- SB 1303 (Jones) DEAD

The legislative calendar reconvenes August 1st. September 30th is the last day the Governor can sign bills. Lisa will update the website with the current/active bill information.

Mike reports that the right to a “public” hearing has been on the books since 1979.

V. New Business

a. Articles of Incorporation – Frank

- ***No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to***

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influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

- Every non-profit stretches this. At what point are we attempting to influence bills by supporting or opposing? Question to the Board whether we should file a modification with the Secretary of State which would likely trigger a review of our non-profit status. This could also be reported to the IRS and could trigger an audit. This can be a concern since CAMHPRA support/opposition of bills is posted on our website. Frank wants to make the Board aware at this point and he points out that the Articles are 37 years old. We could seek a consultation to determine if a change to the Articles is needed. Question whether we need to remain non-profit? Do we generate enough money to bother? Is our lobbying “significant per 501(c)(3). Lisa suggests we be mindful for now, she will take down anything from the website that appears to be lobbying. To support or oppose is not lobbying, it is taking a position. Board agrees to report quarterly the amount of time spent on legislation.
- b. Bylaws Revision – Jim. Proposed revisions are stuck on Jim’s word processing program (MS Family). He will follow-up via email when he gets it figured out.
- Proposes changes to Sec 8 of Bylaws in regard to meeting quorums, and clarifies motions in general.

VI. Statewide Business

No agenda items.

VII. Reports from Meetings/Other Advocacy Organizations

- a. California Coalition for Mental Health (CCMH): No report per Melanie. Next meeting in September and the last meeting had nothing pertinent.
- b. California Office of Patients’ Rights (COPR): Daniel reports PRAT is coming up in early August. There will not be a class on Care Court due to potential changes likely. Plan to have classes on legislation, minors, advocating is substance abuse facilities, peer panel. Nothing confirmed for CAMHPRA at this time. The online training manual is being updated, Jim is going to assist.
- c. California Association of Mental Health Peer Run Organizations CAMHPRO/DRC: Richard reports grants are coming in, organization

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doing well. Care Court has unified organizations that used to compete for funding.

- d. California Behavioral Health Planning Council (CBHPC): Richard reports that the Patients' Rights Committee appreciates CAMHPRAs involvement and help on the jail survey. Now trying to figure out how to use it, may reach out to CAMHPRA again. Next project will be regarding the state of residential treatment facility advocacy. Possible presentation by this committee for PRAT.

VIII. Public Policy

IX. New Business and next Meeting, Adjourn

- a. The next CAMHPRA meeting will be Wednesday, November 9th 2022 at 1:00 p.m.
- b. Jim makes a motion to adjourn the meeting and Richard seconded the motion, no further discussion, meeting adjourned.