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California Association of Mental Health Patients' Rights Advocates
September 24, 2009, 7-9 p.m.
, Annual Meeting, PRAT
Crowne Plaza, Foster City

Call to order by President Jim Raphael at 7:10.

Roll Call: President Jim Raphael, Vice-President Barbara Rocha, Secretary Janet Marshall Wilson, Treasurer Kathleen Piche, Past President Dave Vandenberg, Coalition Representatives Jill Ward, Francesca Tenenbaum, Gloria Hernandez, Jim Marquez, At Large representatives Teresa Alvarez, Sarah Barnes, Ann Coller, Dennis Wall, Hank Hallowell, Jim Preis, Ann Menasche. A quorum was attained

Also Present: Linda Helling, Jessica Martinez, Agnes Lintz.

Minutes of 7/20/09 meeting: M/S/Carried unanimously [Hallowell/Marquez] to accept as written.

Treasurer's Report [Kathleen Piche]:

\$5001 cash on hand now.
1800 checks received for dues/luncheon
3339 owed for lunch tomorrow [90-100 people, largest luncheon ever]

Board Composition

- A. Election of Officers: there is a slate of proposed officers: for President, Barbara Rocha; for Vice-President, Jill Ward; for Secretary, Janet Marshall Wilson; for Treasurer, Teresa Alvarez. Per the bylaws, which require the election to occur at the annual meeting, the ballots were counted. Hank Hallowell and Jim Marquez counted the ballots. The slate won the election, by the following vote:
- For President Barbara Rocha: 21 votes [unanimous]
For Vice-President Jill Ward: 21 votes [unanimous]
For Secretary Janet Marshall Wilson: 20 votes
For Treasurer Teresa Alvarez: 20 votes.
- B. Coalition Representatives:
- Far North: Lind Helling [Placer]
BAYPAC: Francesca Tenenbaum [Alameda and San Mateo]
Central: Gloria Hernandez [Fresno]
South: Jim Marquez is willing but will need to be confirmed by his coalition, which has not met.
- C. Past President: Jim Raphael [Santa Clara County]
- D. At-Large Representatives [elected by Executive Committee, Coalition representatives, and Past president:

M/S/Carried unanimously [Hernandez/Piche] to elect the following at large members to the Board: Jim Preis, Sara Barnes, Ann Coller, Jessica Martinez, Ann Menasche, Dennis Wall, David Vandenberg, and Hank Hallowell.

Janet Marshall Wilson will do Board roster, and Jim Raphael will update the website.

Awards: CAMHPRA has added a legal services award; consider continuing [or, in the alternative, a legal organization award]. This award might alternate with Legislator of the Year award. The Advocate of the Year award is not limited to Title IX advocate; it could go to an attorney or state hospital advocate [expand the definition of advocate of the year rather than add an extra category].

Accomplishments over the past 25 years were reviewed.

It was suggested to revise bylaws so that CAMHPRA is more inclusive of consumer groups. M/S/Carried unanimously [Hernandez/Raphael] to create a Bylaws committee to draft revisions to the bylaws. The committee will consist of Jill Ward, Jim Marquez, and Jim Raphael.

It was suggested to add more links to other organizations on the website.

Coalition Reports: [Jim Marquez will identify coalitions by counties.]

Far North [Jill Ward]: Linda Helling was elected new representative. It is hard to meet because the area is so spread out and many advocates are part time. Siskiyou County has no advocate, and the advocate in Tehama County died in January of 2009. They have a volunteer advocate now.

BAYPAC: no meeting.

Central: next meeting October 18th.

South: met end of August 2009. Will meet 1/2010 in Santa Barbara. Met last in San Diego at Jewish Family Services. They discussed ICE; skirting the law; voluntary status; and the Patients' Rights ratio.

Other Advocacy organizations:

DRC: Ann Menasche reported on advocacy with ICE detainees, working with San Diego County advocates [Jewish Family Services].

OPR: Ann Coller reported on DMH's "emergency patients' rights regulations" re state hospitals, which came out today and must be dealt with within the next 5 days. These regard non LPS [forensic] clients at state hospitals.

MHAS: Jim Preis reported on the Western Center for Law and Poverty AB2034 lawsuit, which has opening brief due beginning of November. They are looking for county Boards of Supervisors to file amicus briefs. \$55 million lawsuit.

Temporary conservatorship case: conservatorship of Jacqueline B.: Mort Cohen filed brief. Jim Preis asked for CAMHPRA to file letter with CA Supreme Court to support petition for review in Jacqueline B.

case. M/S/Carried [Hernandez/Collier] to approve this request. The case is on appeal after the lower court deemed the issue moot.

Public Policy: Regarding the population project update, Gloria Hernandez now has the needed list of CAMHPRA accomplishments in order to work on this project with the Public Welfare Foundation at Alliant University.

Next meeting: 1/27/10, the last Wednesday in January.

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Quarterly Board Meeting
January 27, 2010
Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Locations:
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Teleconference Call-in number:

- I. Call to order [15 minutes]**
 - a. Introductions**
 - b. approve minutes from September 2009**
 - c. Additional agenda items/time accommodations**
 - d. Announcements**

- II. Organizational Business [35 minutes]**
 - a. Treasurer's report**
 - b. Board composition**
 - c. Website issues**
 - d. Legislation committee**
 - Other organizational business**

- III. Coalition updates [50 minutes]**
 - a. Far North**
 - b. BAYPAC**
 - c. Central Valley**
 - d. South**

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- IV. **Report from other advocacy organizations [30 minutes]**
 - a. CCMH
 - b. OPR
 - c. DRC
 - d. MHAS

LUNCH [ONE HOUR]

- v. **Public Policy [3 hours]**
 - a. **PRA:** population project update
 - b. **Litigation:**
 - c. **Case Law:** legislation signed into law that permits county jails to charge inmates \$3.00 for every medical service provided, and the counties implementing it.
 - d. **State and local budget issues:** Santa Clara Co MHD has issued a directive to outpatient providers that they must begin billing clients who have a Medi-Cal SOC because the county is no longer going to make up the difference.
 - e. **INS/ICE:** follow up on conditions of hospitalization in southern counties.
 - f. **legislation**

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