

California Coalition for Mental Health
Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 10:08 am.

Costello moves, Wong seconds to approve the March 2017 Meeting Minutes. Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report

Carol Neidenberg reports on financial for CCMH. Net income for the year to date is \$11,724.65. Cash on hand is \$38,323.36. Please see financial statement attachments.

May Revise State Budget

Key Item-IHSS programs have not produced savings on statewide level. CSAC's number one priority was to protect county general fund budgets. Counties and Gov have struck a deal to divert funds from other accounts as counties will once again assume financial responsibility for IHSS. Any growth in county mental health funds will be diverted to fund IHSS. There is a projected diversion of \$36 million in first year, \$30 million in second year, and then \$15 billion for the next three years. CBHDA was able to negotiate an IMD rate freeze (there had been a 3.5% COLA every year). CBHDA is working with counties, Leg, and Gov to mitigate the damage to the programs.

Chad Costello Summary:

1. Response to budget item/upon signature of budget
2. Educate Dan Morain re: op-ed
3. Put together an "ask" to Leg to ask LAO for a Historical Viewpoint
4. Strategy for influencing whatever report will come from Legislature on impacts of shifting IHSS to counties
5. Paper/letter on federal and state budget impact on behavioral health
6. Form a workgroup to work on the above issues

CCMH Parity Workgroup Discussion

Randall Hagar reports that DMHC is making good progress on Parity Compliance surveys. 22 onsite visits have taken place. A report of first 5 visits was released to plans last week. The plans have 90 days to respond with corrective action plan. All reports will be completed by July 2017. Hoping to see final documents by the end of 2017.

DMHC is participating in national group to try and set model for national centers. They might be looking into compensation/reimbursement rates on national level. Complaints re: MH plans have risen this year. A class action suit re: how plans deny services to people is moving forward. Still looking into what "Repeal and Replace" would mean in California.

Housing Committee

Chad Costello presented on comments for No Place Like Home Initiative-which are due May 30th. A handout was distributed (see attached). There are problems with the definition of homeless/intent vs. wording. Right now, language says you have had to have been homeless prior to institutionalization and length of incarceration, which is problematic.

Russoniello moves, Neidenberg seconds to have committee send comments on issues discussed.

Roundtable-Legislation, Member Announcements

NASW-AB 1188, AB 456, SB 374, SB 8, AB 42
CCCBHA-Budget related IHSS, Youth Crisis Care, Workforce Issues
Planning Council-SB 10, AB 42, AB 89, SB 323
MHAC-Prop 64 stakeholder discussion, Oppose SB 34, SB 786, Social Justice issues, Trauma, Support AB 850, Wellness Works workplace training programs
CASRA-Support AB 727, Bail Reform, Oppose AB 451, So Cal conference in Pasadena in November
CAYEN-Speaking at Mental Health Matters Day
NUHW-DMHC issuing results of routine, behavioral health survey from last year; Kaiser was cited and it is being released in coming weeks
CPA-Supporting/sponsoring AB 720, pre-trial medication bill and AB 1136, online, real time, psychiatric bed registry; CPA hosting 4th annual psychiatry conference for primary care providers; SB 786 is the sunset bill for medical

board – includes access to patient records without patient consent; that provision is being opposed by many provider and consumer groups.

COMIO-providing technical assistance on AB 142 which creates incentive fund at county level to reduce incarceration for those with severe mental illness

CAMFT-AB 191 – Allows LMFTS and LPCCS to be secondary signers for extended treatment under 5161 and 5171 involuntary holds.

AB 1261 (Berman) Suicide Prevention

Ellen Green with the Office of Assemblymember Marc Berman presented on AB 1261. The bill requires schools with mandatory expulsion or zero tolerance policy to examine if these policies are deterring students from seeking help for substance use. The bill adds referral to a mental health professional as an alternative means of resolution. It is currently on the Assembly Floor on the Consent calendar.

This bill came about from a cluster of teen suicide at a school district and was designed to answer “what more can we do?” Goal is to piggyback on previous suicide prevention plan legislation and highlight nexus between suicidal behavior and substance use, given many schools’ “zero tolerance” policies.

Mental Health Matters Day: Building Momentum & Strength Together

Zima Creason, Chief Executive Officer, MHAC reports that Mental Health Matters Day will be held at the State Capitol (East Lawn) on Wednesday May 25, 2017.

Highlights include:

Richard Dreyfuss; “The Kevins”; CAYEN speaker; 30 exhibitors; a trailer and presentation on The S Word-a film on suicide by Lisa Klein

Please donate conference bags/bottled water.

CCMH Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health Workgroup

Stephanie Welch

COMIO Diversion fact sheet distributed. Will work on developing infographic on bail reform. Develop research piece, Connections to Care, on how to improve upon re-entry. Workgroup has been struggling with attendance.

COMIO public event will take place on July 19-20 in Santa Clara County.

Add creating a letter re: impact federal health care policies could have on people with behavioral health issues to newly-formed workgroup.

New Business and Next Meeting

September meeting will be held on September 26, 2017 in Los Angeles. Location TBD. Other location suggestions include Fresno, San Diego, Orange County.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:27 pm.