

California Coalition for Mental Health

Wednesday September 18, 2019
10:00am – 3:00pm
Joan Croc Center
1501 Imperial Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101

MINUTES

Welcome, Introductions, Announcements

Meeting was called to order at 10:00am by Heidi Strunk, CCMH President.

Janlee Wong moved, Daphne Shaw seconds to nominate Amanda Levy as President Elect. Motion unanimously approved.

Welcome to San Diego, Chris Ward, SD City Councilmember District 3

Housing affordability and homelessness are big issues. The experience in 2017 of hepatitis outbreak, compelled all leaders in county to talk to each other.

There are 18 cities in the county. An Inter-City Council formed to provide information, education, share models, effective programs. Regional efforts have resulted in the county moving from 4th to 5th place in CA for the most homeless.

Approval of minutes

Correction to the spelling of Joan Kroc's name on last page. Should be Joan Kroc vs Croc. Janlee moves, Megan W second to approve minutes, as corrected. Motion passed with abstentions from Daphne, Carol, Erin, and Mara.

Legislative Update

CCMH took a support position on AB 8. However, amendments now include MHSA funds be used. Members decided to wait until 2020 to review position.

SB 11 re: Parity bill is dead.

SB 10 re: Peer Certification is on Governor's desk awaiting signature.

SB 66 re: Same day billing looks to be defeated again. Governor indicates preference to explore other avenues to achieve this goal.

Treasurer's Report

Janlee moves, Amanda L. seconds to accept Treasurer's Report. Motion approved unanimously.

Ideas were solicited for use of funding. Suggestions included:

Possible legislation and/or Initiative regarding restructuring MHSA, parity, other items under our mission. Stipend to support participants from younger generation/viewpoint to participate in CCMH. Study to explore the drop off of membership/active participation, explore reasons why this has occurred, and possible re-organization of structure to mitigate barriers to participation.

Vote on Amended Agenda for Fairness

Janlee moves, Daphne seconds to accept the Agenda for Fairness, with changes. Motion unanimously approved.

Supporting BH thru Innovative Programs for Homeless

Dr. Jeffrey Norris, Medical Director at Father Joe's Villages talked about, "What health care can and should be". There are valuable connections between health and homelessness. SUD/MH issues contribute but are not the main cause of homelessness. Rather the supply and demand for housing is mismatched and income has not kept pace with cost of housing.

Father Joe's approach- comprehensive innovative strategies, neighbors healing neighbors... one life at a time- tailor services to individual's needs

Father Joe's Village provides residential support for about 2000 people each night in the form of interim housing and temporary bridge shelter, transitional housing, permanent support and affordable housing.

Health Center: Total Village funding \$40-45M --- 59% from private giving.

FQHC: Link individuals to other village programs and community resources. Traditional comprehensive outpatient healthcare. High risk case management and street health. Insurance enrollment and assistance with benefits. Onsite pharmacy.

Driving Innovation in Healthcare for the Homeless: Bring services to people where they are – current health model is broken it reinforces services delivered in a building, incentivizes high volume, doesn't pay for value, nowhere is this truer than for FQHCs so not consistently reaching goal of right care, right setting, right time.

Member Announcements

CBHPC- Oct 18 stakeholder event on Medi-Cal waivers and opportunities for system reform

EMM- Wayne Clark is retiring at end of Sept. Ann Collentine will be acting. CalMHSA is expanding, counties are pooling resources for specific projects including a new app. EMM store

had \$219k in sales. They are considering expanding MLB game MH Awareness events to occur outside the month of May. The Sacramento Kings are joining awareness activities also.

CAMHPRA- excited to have AB 333 on Governor's desk for signature.

CPA- busy with legislative advocacy.

MHAC- was awarded the TAY advocacy grant for CAYEN, entering into contract with MHSOAC. MHMD will be May 20, 2020. Planning will begin in near future.

NASW- intensive effort on AB 5, independent contractor definition vs employee definition. Passage could result in reductions in access when org has to convert from independent contractors to employees. MDs and psychologists have an exception but not any other mental health personnel.

OTAC- Spearheading efforts for OT community to provide feedback to state around definition of providers to include OTs.

Discuss 2020 Meeting Schedule

Tentative dates selected for meetings in 2020 are January 22, March 11, June 3, and Sept 16, in Orange County.

Luke Bergmann, Ph.D., BH Director San Diego

Grew up in north San Diego county. Last 3 years worked in NYC health system with numerous hospitals, clinics, health facilities... 1500 inpatient psych beds... 20 outpatient mental health clinics.

Used encounter data to see how many unique patients were diagnosed with SUD, showed over 100k per year, yet only 4,000 received specialty care. Services are siloed due to regulation, service/specialty care culture, outcomes, etc.

Exploring geographically disparate health access/outcomes. Seeking equitable distribution of health care resources across all regions of the county. Epidemiology supports public health to serve population in entirety not by funding/payor categories. Need to utilize this data to design and deliver specialty care.

Amazing opportunities to think about how to structure our delivery system. We need to incentivize the physical health care plans to integrate care. There is a lot that state leaders can do to shape the system.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.

Attendees:

Chris Ward, San Diego City Council

Jeff Norris, Medical Director at FQHC in Father Joe's

Joseph Robinson, EMM

Janlee Wong, NASW CA

Erin McIntyre, OTA of CA

Nabil E-Ghoroury, CAMFT

Daphne Shaw, CBHPC

Megan Wheelehan, CAMPRA

Mara James, Extraordinary Lives Foundation

Curtis Paulins, MHAC/CCMH

Amanda Levy, CA Psychiatric Association

Carol Neidenberg, Mental Health America, San Diego

Heidi Strunk, Mental Health America California

Jane Adcock, CBHPC