

California Coalition for Mental Health Meeting Minutes

**Tuesday, September 26, 2017
LA County Department of Mental Health
550 S. Vermont Avenue, 2nd Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90020**

Joseph Robinson called the meeting to order at 10:10 am. Welcome given by Scott Hanada from the LA County Department of Mental Health.

Meeting Minutes

Wong moves, Costello seconds to approve the May 2017 meeting minutes. Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report

CCMH Treasurer Carol Neidenberg reports on current financials. Nearly \$35000 in the bank. Income is derived from dues. Expenses are meeting related and a donation to Mental Health America/Mental Health Matters Day.

Healthy California/California Nurses Association/SB 562 (Lara and Atkins)

Pilar Schiavo presented on SB 562. There has been some form of statewide campaign for single payer for over 7 years. Schwarzenegger had previously vetoed 2 single payer bills. After 2016 election, there was a need to take action immediately. SB 562 passed the State Senate and has stalled in the State Assembly. There was no funding mechanism in the bill as there wasn't time to amend. California currently spends \$370 billion on healthcare annually. 70% of those funds are public. CNA estimates are \$330 billion annually. Current funding proposed is a sales tax and gross receipts tax of 2.3% (exempts first \$2 million). Waivers would need to be granted by the Federal Administration.

The bill creates statewide plan and fund. Creates a comprehensive benefit-medical, dental, vision, hearing, chiropractic, acupuncture, and mental health. Insurance can provide supplemental/elective coverage beyond what is covered by the statewide plan.

CCMH members suggest inviting an individual to give a counterpoint conversation at the January meeting.

CCMH Parity Workgroup Discussion-Randall Hagar, Director of Government Relations, California Psychiatric Association/Workgroup Chair

Standing agenda item: California response to "Repeal and Replace"; DMHC conducting desk audits of managed care plans-looking at written policy and actual performance of plans. The audits are finding problems in major fundamental concepts, such as cost-sharing and pre-authorization policies. The workgroup also looking at ongoing court cases re: parity and hope to have resolution by 2018. Access issues are being discussed-SB 137 creates uniform standards for provider directories. DMHC Plan/Provider meetings have been suspended for the rest of the year.

CCMH Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health Workgroup-Michelle Grant, Program Analyst for the Council on Criminally Ill Offenders

The workgroup asks for continued support of SB 8, SB 222, and SB 10 and AB 42. Fact sheets are being written in hopes of 2018 Meet and Greets with legislators.

SB 811 was signed into law and officially changed the name of COMIO to the Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health. MHSA OAC will be releasing a report on criminal justice at their September meeting. REMHDCO is concerned the report does not come from the perspective of families and consumers nor does it address disparities and disproportionate numbers of communities of color in the criminal justice system. Council meeting will hold legislative briefing on November 7, 2017.

Roundtable- Legislation, Member Announcements

Mental Health Planning Council will become the California Behavioral Health Planning Council once legislation becomes law. Council is writing white paper and taking stakeholder input on housing issues. Patients' rights committee has been looking into number of patients' rights advocates throughout CA.

Screening of The S Word on Wednesday October 18th at 3:30 pm at the Crest Theater in Sacramento.

AAMFT-CA would like support of SB 562 by the coalition and individual members of the coalition. REMHDCO-AB 850 (Chau) is on the Governor's Desk. Needs letters of support.

CAMFT's sponsored bill AB 191 was signed into law. Jill Epstein's last day will be October 11th.

San Diego-concerned about housing. 16 deaths of homeless individuals. AB 205-denial of rights for patients between health systems.

CHA-No vote on federal Graham/Cassidy bill this week. Repeal/replace will likely be up again in 2018 in tax reform bill.

MHAC-Veterans' Suicide Prevention Day in Sacramento-September 6, 2017

LADMH-Will sponsor bill in 2018 re: statewide peer training and certification. DHCS will not put forward a State Plan Amendment for reimbursement. Community colleges will house program.

Susan Rajjal will be retiring at the end of the month.

ACLU-Working on bail reform in 2018; working on a revision of white paper to be sent out in January 2018.

Clayton Chau, MD, PhD, Well Being Trust

Providence/St. Joseph merged and are now the second largest health system on West Coast, behind Kaiser. Both systems wanted to tackle mental health. \$100 million in seed money to create/move national conversation of mental health, called Well Being Trust (www.wellbeingtrust.org). An additional \$30 million was dedicated to Well Being Trust for California mental health grant programs. First round was internally distributed. Second round, to be sent for RFP in October, is open to all organizations who can demonstrate successful outcomes and sustainability of programs. Funds cannot be used for construction costs. Programs include placing mental health clinicians in primary care, peer-to-peer outreach in schools, and perinatal mental health programs.

Providence/St. Joseph distributes \$1 billion per year in community benefit funding.

Well Being Trust has given \$\$ to IHI to do emergency room training to promote proper use of ERs.

Another \$1.6 million given to iHeart Radio to talk about mental health on the radio. "Be heard, Be Well, Be Present." Will be part of major concert events. See attached flyer for more information.

Patricia Harris DiLeva, Director of Community Outreach and Jean Toh, Loss Survivor present THE S WORD, MadPix Films, Inc.

The S Word is a feature documentary film about people with lived experience dealing with suicide. It features survivors of suicide attempts and family members who have lost a loved one to suicide.

The film will be rolled out through the end of the year in community settings before wider distribution in 2018.

Two upcoming showings/Q&A with the Director:

October 18-Crest Theater in Sacramento

October 22-ArcLight Cinemas in Santa Monica

Heidi Strunk has accepted the position of CCMH President, beginning in January 2018.

The next meeting will be held in January 2018 in Sacramento. A doodle poll will be sent to select a date.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:13 pm. All members are invited to site visit of Peer Resource Center.