

California Coalition for Mental Health Membership Meeting

Tuesday, January 23, 2018 | 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

California Institute for Behavioral Health Solutions (CIBHS)

2125 19th Street, 2nd Floor, Sacramento, CA 95818

MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 10:08 am.

Heidi Strunk was officially installed as CCMH President, for a two-year term.

Lowie moves, Costello seconds to approve the September 2017 Meeting Minutes.

Motion passes; three abstentions.

Carol Neidenberg, Treasurer, presented the CCMH financials through December 2017, which are included in the packet. See attached.

CCMH De-Criminalization Workgroup Discussion

Stephanie Welch, Executive Officer, Council on Criminal Justice and Behavioral Health presented on their bill list and upcoming meetings. They are looking to confer with stakeholders this year to find areas of interest and potentially prepare a blue print for the next Governor in 2019.

Last year, the workgroup brought four bills to the coalition for support, including bail reform and diversion and Medi-Cal suspension (SB 222). They are looking to have legislative visits on these issues. State Budget: Budget General Fund addresses the current waitlist for Incompetent to Stand Trials with \$115 million over 3 years proposed. Over 800 people on current wait list. Budget fact sheets on website.

Single Payer- Support

Dr. Paul Song, Healthy California, presented the pro side of the single payer policy proposal. See attached PowerPoint.

Roundtable – Legislation

NASW: AB 1779 (Nazarian) Sexual Orientation Change Efforts

AB 1795 (Gipson) Transport to community care center, instead of hospital.

CBHA: Seeking one-year extension of funding of MHSA WET program in this year's budget. The next step is a full five-year renewal of program next year.

CHA: AB 1250 opposition; support graduate medical education funding; direct DHCS to apply for federal grants under 21st Century CURES Act.

CAMHPRA: 2 bills related to training mental health advocates and addressing retaliation against them.

CBHPC: Developed a white paper on housing and care facilities; seeking stakeholder input.

MHAC: AB 1250 opposition; bail reform support; peer certification bill.

Investigating Pharmacy Benefit Managers and cost to consumers.

Mental Health Matters Day-confirming speakers.

Karen Baylor is no longer with the DHCS.

ACLU: SB 222-looking to resolve through budget. AB 820 (Gipson) is identical to AB 1795.

CCJBH: Budget action; looking at SB 142/143 re-introduction.

NAMI-CA: Looking at legislation; will be supporting SB 906.

CBHDA: AB 205 imposes a 48-hour time limit on accessing care. SB 171 has \$ for parity plan compliance. IST issue; 1991 realignment moving to IHSS-will be looking for support in the future.

DRC: Look at budget proposals; advocate programs at the DSH and county level.

CASRA: Top priority AB 1250, working with Steinberg Institute on Peer Certification Bill.

Single Payer – Opposition

Nick Louizos, Vice President of Legislative Affairs, California Association of Health Plans presented the opposition to SB 562 and single payer in California. PowerPoint presentation attached.

CCMH Membership and Dues Discussion

The bylaws and dues category will be reviewed by the Executive Committee. Invoices to members will be sent soon.

CCMH Parity Workgroup Discussion

Randall Hagar, Director of Government Affairs, California Psychiatric Association

DMHC has published 3 reports on Mental Health Parity Implementation and Enforcement. There are questions about whether corrective action results in findings of no violations in final report.

Class action lawsuit; trial has concluded; parties are submitting rulings to the Judge. There might be an update in a few months. DMHC has suspended Plan/Provider meetings since mid-2017. The Department is looking for feedback on if/how to continue with meetings.

No call scheduled yet, but members are welcome to join.

Roundtable- Member Announcements

New Business and Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday March 13, 2018 at the California Endowment offices (1414 K Street, Sacramento).

Low suggests a guest speaker to talk about federal waivers. Potentials include CSAC, CHCF, CBHDA, and DHCS.

Other potential speaker suggestions for March and May:

Toby Ewing, MHSAOAC

Assm. Todd Gloria

No Place Like Home initiative speaker

Meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.