



California Coalition for Mental Health - Membership Meeting

Wednesday, January 31, 2024 | 9:30 A.M. – 11:15 A.M.

Via Zoom Video Conference
(meeting recorded for minutes)

Minutes
(Draft)

Welcome & Introductions

Theresa Comstock, CCMH President

The meeting was called to order at 9:33am

Attendees were asked to introduce themselves:

First Name:	Last Name:	Organization:
Kirsten	Barlow	CA Hospital Association (<i>Guest</i>)
Jenny	Bayardo	CA Behavioral Health Planning Council
Adrian	Castellon	National Association of Social Workers - California Chapter
Theresa	Comstock	CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards & Commissions
Chad	Costello	CA Assoc of Social Rehabilitation Agencies
John	Drebinger	Steinberg Institute
Shanti	Ezrine	CA Association of Marriage and Family Therapists
Manuel	Fletes Medina	CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards & Commissions
Stacie	Hiramoto	Racial and Ethnic Mental Health Disparities Coalition
Erin	McIntyre	Occupational Therapy Association of California
Sumaya	Nahar	CA Association of Marriage and Family Therapists
Carol	Neidenberg	Coalition for Mental Health San Diego
Curtis	Paullins	Mental Health America of California
Thomas	Renfree	CA Assoc of Alcohol and Drug Program Executives
Daphne	Shaw	CA Behavioral Health Planning Council
Adrienne	Shilton	CA Alliance of Child and Family Services
Courtney	Thomas	CA Council of Community Mental Health Agencies

Bennie	Tinson	Licensed Adult Residential Care Association
Karen	Vicari	Mental Health America of California
Jamie	Yoon	National Association of Social Workers – CA Chapter

Coalition Business

- **Minutes**

Chad Costello, CCMH Secretary

Minutes from the 09.27.23 CCMH meeting were approved as presented.

- **Financials**

Erin McIntyre, CCMH Treasurer

- Cash balance stands at \$4,061
- All but one member paid their 2023 dues.
- 2024 member dues invoices were sent last Friday.
- California Primary Care Association was sent an invoice (hopefully they will rejoin)

- *Financial report was accepted as presented.*

- **Membership Application (Action item)**

California Hospital Association (Had been a CCMH member previously)

Motion (Hiramoto), Second (Costello) (Y-14, N-0, A-0)

- **Annual Report**

Theresa Comstock, CCMH President, provided an overview and asked for any corrections/comments/amendments. The report will be posted to the CCMH website

- **Coalition Name Change (Action item)**

The proposal is to change the Coalition’s name to California Coalition for Behavioral Health.

Motion (Shilton), Second (McIntyre) (Y-14, N-0, A-0)

California State Budget Update

Presented by: Adrienne Shilton, CCMH Past President

- LAO forecast (December) was for a \$68B General Fund deficit over three years
- Governor’s Budget released earlier this month – based on a lower projected budget deficit of \$37B
 - More recent projections from LAO indicate that personal income tax revenues are down an additional \$3B - \$4B since the Governor released his budget.
 - The Alliance has particular concerns with respect to programs that support foster youth and prevent homelessness among foster youth – in some cases the proposal is to eliminate them (Family Emergency Response System, HCD’s Housing and Navigation and Maintenance Program as well as the Supervised Independent Living Program which is a housing supplement for foster youth).
 - On the behavioral health side of things, there are not big proposed cuts – mostly proposed program delays. For example, final round of BHCIP as well as some of the new behavioral health workforce development programs run through HCAI.

- Also, not exactly sure what's happening with CalSWEC (California Social Work Education Center). The point was made that what is now being listed as a delay will more than likely wind up being a cut given the current direction of tax revenue. Although not directly related to the budget, it will be important to keep an eye on the breakup of CalSWEC and where the various programs it oversees wind up.

CCMH Member Updates

- Various CCMH members provided updates on their current activities

Presentation from CA Health Care Foundation – Behavioral Health Beds/Housing Project

Ed Ortiz, Cruz Consulting Partners, Carrie Landry, Carrie Landrey Healthcare Consulting

Ed and Carrie provided an overview of the Project and requested feedback from attendees. The deliverable will be released in mid-February, followed by an issue brief and some webinars in March.

Adjournment – meeting was adjourned at 11:16am