

California Coalition for Mental Health
Membership Meeting Minutes | January 26, 2022

Welcome, Introductions Adrienne Shilton, President, CCMH

Approval of September 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes Jennifer Alley, Secretary, CCMH

Changes: OTC to OTAC

Motion to approve minutes as amended: Daphne Shaw

Motion seconded by Randal Hagar

Motion Carried

Treasurer's Report – Update only, no vote required Carol Neidenberg, Treasurer,

There are no transactions to report since the last meeting and there are no outstanding dues or invoices. The meeting balance is \$10,480.63. Dues invoices will be sent out on Friday, January 28th.

Member Announcements:

Heidi Strunk announced that Adrienne is in the last year as president and CCMH members should consider self-nominations. Adrienne reported that being President has been a joy and recommends it for anyone wanting to get more involved in CCMH. The President is highly supported by MHAC staff.

Presentation by Margot Kushel, MD

Margot MD is a Professor of Medicine and Division Chief at the Division of Vulnerable Populations at Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center and the Director of the UCSF Center for Vulnerable Populations and UCSF Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative.

She presented the group with an overview of her research and successes on housing, homelessness, and serving individuals with complex mental health and substance use disorder programming needs. The meeting agenda included one of her articles and her power point presentation is attached to the minutes.

Following the presentation, CCMH members engaged in a thoughtful question and answer period regarding homelessness, housing and behavioral health issues.

The following article highlights one of her studies: [*Study Finds Permanent Supportive Housing is Effective for Highest Risk Chronically Homeless People Publications \(scroll down\)*](#)

Member Legislative and Event Updates

Stewart Teal, CAL-ACAP, is sponsoring a 2-year bill, SB 528 (Jones) that will establish an electronic portal so psychiatrists can get access to medical records. They are currently analyzing costs. Opposition from SEIU due to workload on public health nurses. There are hoping for amendments to address some costs concerns and opposition.

Randall Hagar, CA Psychiatric Alliance, supports SB 528. Randall is sponsoring AB 1178 (Irwin) to allow for a one-year authorization for psychotropic medication to help avoid delays in refilling medication and missed dosages that may result in emergency room visits or hospitalizations. The bill author is moving the concept in the budget. Response to the budget proposal has been good, with Senate Budget Chair Skinner liked the idea, and support is also on the Assembly side.

UC Irvine has a budget ask to support a primary care psychiatrist program that trains doctors with a one-year fellowship. \$9.5Million was provided for underserved areas last year. This ask adds substance use disorder in the same model at UC Irvine. This is an educational tool for primary practice and will help fund doctor training to address the fentanyl and opioid crisis through scholarships.

UC Irvine has designed a coaching program in the context of child and youth programs. This includes six months on treatment or therapy, and also help with navigation exercises to be connected with the care and services they are entitled to.

Heidi Strunk, Mental Health America, continues their co-sponsorship of AB 988, National suicide prevention hotline, that is a three-prong process: hotline, connected to supports beyond the call, and crisis mobilization if needed. Should be rolled out by this summer. The budget includes \$7.5 million for this year that is one time spending and \$6 million of going funding along with a \$1.4 Billion Investment to make Medi-Cal crisis units.

Rebecca Gonzales, NASW CA Chapter, reported that there is significant interest in workforce issues this year with many proposals that the Governor also included:

- \$210 million training scholarships
- \$40 million in workforce
- Money for higher education

CWDA is working on their own proposal to increase the capacity of providers with a main interest in child welfare. NASW is working with them on that.

Adrienne Shilton, California Alliance, is working with the Superintendent of Public Instruction on a scholarship program for master's level mental health professionals. They are proposing 10,000 scholarships for individuals who are committed to service in the public behavioral health system. Her members are reporting daily about the youth crisis. Non-profit sector recruiting and training is very difficult. This proposal is both a bill and a budget proposal.

Jessica Early, NUHW, is working on SB 221 as it becomes effective in July, especially making sure Kaiser is compliant. They are still working with Kaiser on their contract. DMHC is doing focused BH service activation, and Kaiser is on the list of plans to be investigated in 2022, so NUHW is working to make sure the DMHC evaluates Kaiser effectively.

Participants:

First Name:	Last Name:	Organization:
Jane	Adcock	CA Behavioral Health Planning Council
Jennifer	Alley	California Association of Marriage & Family Therapists
Theresa	Comstock	CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards & Commissions
Clare	Cortright	Law Foundation of Silicon Valley
Chad	Costello	California Association of Social Rehabilitation Agencies
Jessica	Early	National Union of Healthcare Workers
Jonathan	Goh	National Association of Social Workers (NASW) California Chapter
Rebecca	Gonzales	National Association of Social Workers (NASW) California Chapter
Randall	Hagar	Physicians Alliance of California
Stacie	Hiramoto	Racial & Ethnic Mental Health Disparities Coalition
Jane	Kinner	National Association of Social Workers (NASW) California Chapter
Erin	McIntyre	Occupational Therapy Association of California
Elizabeth	Oseguera	California Primary Care Association
Curtis	Paullins	Mental Health America of California
Melanie	Roland	The Law Foundation of Silicon Valley
Fred	Seavey	National Union of Healthcare Workers
Daphne	Shaw	CA Behavioral Health Planning Council
Adrienne	Shilton	CA Alliance of Child and Family Services
Deborah	Son	National Association of Social Workers, California Chapter
Chris	Stoner-Mertz	CA Alliance of Child and Family Services
Heidi	Strunk	Mental Health America of California
Stewart	Teal	California Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
Angelina R.	Woodberry	Cal Voices