

California Coalition for Mental Health - Membership Meeting

March 10 2021 | 10:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. Virtual Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 AM

The January 13, 2021 Meeting Minutes were approved with one correction.

Treasurer's Report

Carol Neidenberg, Treasurer, CCMH Action Item: Corporate Resolution Authorizing use of Signature Stamp on Checks

Report is attached.

Action Item: Corporate Resolution Authorizing use of Signature Stamp on Checks, MHAC is the fiscal sponsor of CCMH and Heidi Strunk is an authorized signer along with Carol Neidenberg for the CCMH checking account. Checks over \$5000 will not use stamp and have a wet signature.

Motion to approve the use of a signature Stamp was approved by acclimation.

SB-21 (Glazer) Specialized license plates: Mental Health Awareness.

Caila Pedroncelli, Legislative Aide to Senator Steve Glazer, Senate District 7

Asked for support of SB 21. This bill will generate funds for behavioral health services increase awareness. The primary challenge is that 7500 pre-registrations for the plate are required for it to be implemented. The lack of plate registrations has been an issue before and promoting the plate can be done through distribution of: <https://beingwellca.org/>

Working with Thurmond and NAMI and CACFAC and student councils for unified message to promote the bill and license plate, Intent to purchase this group will be notified how to purchase. Over 100

Motion for CCMH to approve support of SB 21 (Glazier). Approved by acclimation

Amanda Levy, Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) Deputy Director, Health Policy and Stakeholder Relations

Ms. Levy provided an overview of the Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC) who has 26.4 million enrollees enrolled with health plans overseen by DMHC. She let us know that 60% of independent medical reviews (IMRs) result in consumers receiving treatment. In response to COVID DMHC issues all plan letters (APLs) regarding telehealth, vaccines covered at no cost and changes in hospital transfers.

DMHC is undertaking behavioral health focused investigation and is finalizing the scope of work that will include interviews with consumers and providers.

DMHC is also working on implementing SB 855, the mental health parity bill that was passed by the Legislature last year. Regulations are anticipated for later this year and there will be a formal regulatory process. There will be stakeholder meetings later this year for us to discuss.

CCMH Housing Workgroup Update
Chad Costello, Chair, CCMH Housing Workgroup

Mr. Costello provided the group with a verbal update on the housing workgroup meeting to discuss housing bills in the Legislature. In his report it was noted that several bills address housing and that we may need to take a position or defer to the executive committee.

AB 115 (Bloom) allows for housing in commercial zones 20% for affordability – how it is defined is important. Set aside for our patients – 25 year hold and that might be added. Concept we could support but technical changes are required.

AB 244 (Rubio) Requires another housing study.

AB 215 (Chiu) complicated bill that ties to municipalities compliant with CA zoning law, to the 2019 housing crisis act as part of housing a zoning law. ~~—have to adhere to.~~ Housing elements are one of the few ways that state can hold cities to the requirements and repercussions. One other regulatory things that the state can use.

Senator Scott Wiener, Co-Chair Senate Mental Health Caucus

Senator Scott Wiener provided the most recent information on the Mental Health Caucus that he co-chairs with Senator Eggman. The caucus has not finalized their objectives for the year, but they anticipate holding hearings towards the end of the year and may prioritize mental health and addiction.

The Senator is excited about SB 221, which is another fight with insurance plans. This bill will help to ensure timely access to treatment, not just initial appointments.

SB 110 is a contingency management bill. He is optimistic since DMCH may do something in the budget for this item.

SB 57 is the senator's effort for safe consumption, a bill that has previously been vetoed.

SB 519 deals with the decriminalization of psychedelics. This bill is important for the treatment of some mental health conditions and so decriminalization is necessary.

Ms. Strunk made a motion to support SB 221 that was seconded by Ms. Gonzalez

Motion to support SB 221 was passed.

SB17 (Pan) Public health crisis: racism.
Kimberly Chen, Senate Health Committee Consultant

Ms. Chen provided information regarding SB 17 by Senator Pan that establishes an Office of Racial Equity. The office will work on equity in a statewide context and will set the framework for state agencies to develop plans to implement policies that address racism.

Ms. Hiramoto made a motion to support SB 17 that was seconded by Mr. Lane.

Motion to support SB 17 passed.

Member Updates

Robb Lane— CBHA sponsored bills are SB 293 Limon AB 686, AB 666, SB 14

Jen Alley - CAMFT is supporting AB 723, concerns with AB 457.

Jane Adcock – Planning Council quarterly meeting on Friday April 16th there will be a presentation on the CRDP Cross Population Sustainability Steering Committee. This group has request \$50 Million from general fund.

Heidi Strunk – SB 224 – Pupil Mental Health would like support of the bill if not already supporting. The California Youth Empowerment Network (CAYEN) (a program of MHAC) along with the California Alliance of Child & Family Services, and NAMI are sponsoring. The bill will establish a mental health curriculum for public and charter schools.

Stacie Hiramoto REMCHO is co-sponsoring the effort to reduce disparities by showing community defined measurements – evidence based practices take 10 years and additional time is needed to measure community outcomes. Projects end in April, statewide evaluation is due 3 months after that. Gap could cause issues if not funding is available. Initial data indicates that they are working. Budget committee went will. Stacie to share letter via Curtis

Joseph Robinson – Refreshing each mind matters and more information will be available in the coming months. Lime green will remain the color. Have compiled a list of activities to engage communities. May is mental health month, would like to share activity links. Mental Health Matters Day will be in late summer early fall There are four other virtual town hall events in May with youth.

Theresa Comstock CA Association of Local Behavioral Health Boards & Commissions -AB 573 – just told about establishing 59 youth mental health boards and a flyer will be shared.

Next Meeting Date

June 2nd. – This is in the afternoon. 1-230

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 12:00pm

Links to Bills Discussed:

- [Bill Text: SB-21 \(Glazer\) Specialized license plates: mental health awareness.](#)
 - [Fact Sheet SB-21](#)
- [Bill Text: SB-10 \(Wiener\) Planning and zoning: housing development: density.](#)
 - [Fact Sheet SB-10](#)
- [Bill Text: SB-110 \(Wiener\) Substance use disorder services: contingency management services.](#)
 - [Fact Sheet SB-110](#)
- [Bill Text: SB-221 \(Wiener\) Health care coverage: timely access to care.](#)
 - [Fact Sheet SB-221](#)
- [Bill Text: SB-17 \(Pan\) Public health crisis: racism.](#)
 - [Fact Sheet SB-17](#)