



Connection Coalition Retreat

February 10, 2020 | 10:00am - 11:00am

The California Endowment

Minutes

1. Welcome, Introductions, Additional Agenda Items

- a. Randall Hagar brought up an additional agenda item regarding the Gatto Ballot initiative, noting they were unable to find supporters and the initiative is dead.

2. Debrief on Breakfast Forum Policy Briefing- Words to Deeds LAIs and MAT

- a. Randall noted the forum and policy briefing had 3 presentations and Kit felt it was a very inspiring meeting.
- b. Kit Wall noted that they had 47-48 RSVPs for the event with 39-47 people showed. Good mix of attendance with members and other advocates.
 - i. Speakers were very well received. Street Health to present at the March 12 Forensic Mental Health annual meeting.
- c. Randall noted that three legislative offices participated and Assemblymember Eggman's office was very excited by the presentations. Her office had no idea the psychiatric training programs were so creative (in relation to the street doctors). Randall is looking for more support for public (community oriented) psychiatry training programs. The data from Street Health project should be helpful in that regard.
- d. Kit discussed the presentation from Dr. Bird, and Seth Gomez. They are expanding to 14 areas in Alameda County as they enter the 2nd year of project. She also noted Dr. Carter was excellent and Dr. Shim to present on March 13th at the Forensic Mental Health Association annual meeting.
- e. Doug Smith from Summit County Ohio was excellent. Hoping for a future webinar
- f. Danny Offerman commented that it was interesting how they worked around HIPAA laws.

3. Capitol Day Planning

- a. The group agreed legislative visits should continue to happen in the afternoon.
- b. Randall informed the group that Helen Thompson is tentatively confirmed
 - i. Beall and Weiner parity bills are a good tie in to her core message
 - ii. Randall wondered if the Parity and Peer bills could be entire focus of Leg Day? I.e. they tie into the Connection Coalition mission of *Access to Care*.
 - iii. Randall to reach out to Beall and Weiner's office.
- c. Heidi Strunk and Trish McDaid O'Neill spoke to Guyton with Project Return and he is open to presenting.
 - i. Heidi will reach out and work to confirm him.
- d. Randall noted Jim Gross is working with the administration to get budget money for 'Backpack Doctors' in coordination with Alameda County.
- e. Randall to reach out to Weiner's office for a room.

4. Legislation

- a. Paige Talley brought up AB-1850 (Gonzalez) - Employee Classification - of interest to her organization because it affects consultant pharmacists. Others agreed noting similar concerns. Paige is looking for input.
- b. Sam Knudsen discussed AB-2105 Criminal procedure: competence to stand trial (Quirk-Silva) requiring out of custody PC section 1368 to be remanded and taken into custody.
 - i. Randall agreed it sounds like something the coalition should look into.
- c. Theresa Comstock discussed SB-803 Mental health services: peer support specialist certification. (Beall) They need a state body to issue certifications other than DHCS. She felt the Department of Consumer Affairs was the likely candidate.
 - i. Danny Offerman noted that NAMI will be supporting the bill.
 - ii. Heidi Strunk noted the bill needs to be tied to a budget ask, having the money in place prior to enacting the legislation.
 - iii. Christine Graham asked whether the curriculum needs to be developed and Heidi felt that would happen on the back end, upon rollout.

5. State Budget

- i. Theresa Comstock brought up the fact that Board and Care (B&C) facilities are closing. Her organization is asking the administration for \$500 million for the support of board and care facilities. These funds would be used to support housing and services in the board and care space - in part using vouchers – as a stopgap measure to stem the loss of these beds. The current system is in effect a two-tiered system as people with severe mental illness draw approximately \$1,000 per month that can be applied towards their housing vs. \$8,000 for people with developmental disabilities.
- ii.
- iii. Randall shared that the current B&C facilities are based on a private model.
- iv.
- v. Theresa also discussed Performance Outcome Data (POD), noting POD is an important piece of the puzzle. She said folks will start hearing a push for an ‘MHSA Refresh’. The refresh needs standards around POD. Her organization (CALBHBC) is recommending putting the brakes on a refresh effort. She asked the group to check out CALBHBC website for more info.
 1. POD data related to:
 - a. Criminal Justice, etc (see handout)
- b. Danny Offerman shared that there is a joint committee hearing to discuss MHSA.
 - i. Randall felt the administration would present a proposal followed by hearings.
- c. Kit Wall shared the Words to Deed’s annual meeting starts on March 12th.
 - i. She also noted that the MHSOAC is working on data also, Toby would be happy to talk to the coalition and the group agreed to get him on the agenda of an upcoming meeting.

6. Coalition for Whole Health Update

- a. Carol sends her regrets, call is tomorrow so nothing to report.
- b. Curtis to confirm Carol plans to participate in call for report.

7. Randall Hagar mentioned a recent article in Atlantic Magazine on the subject of marketing Long Acting Injectables to judges. The group considered the question of whether Pharma companies should be reaching out to judges to educate them.

- a. Group felt it was a worthwhile topic to discuss at a future meeting.

8. Adjourn

Participants:

Theresa Comstock; Christine Graham; Catherina Isidro; Sam Knudsen; Alexandra Lamirande; Danny Offer; Curtis Paullins; Heidi Strunk; Paige Talley; Kit Wall;