



## Connection Coalition

March 9, 2020 | 12:00 pm - 1:00pm  
The California Endowment  
1414 K Street Suite 500 | Power Up Room  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### MINUTES

#### 1. Welcome, Introductions, Additional Agenda Items

- a. Update on COVID-19
- b. SL: CHA Actively symptomatic, exposed and positive but asymptomatic.
  - i. Biggest concern is homeless
- c. CS: J&J No travel to mtgs with 50 or more people.
- d. CG: Working to provide MH services via telehealth through county partners
- e. PT: 500 million going to telehealth mandatory. 3.5b going to states. President can not use money for anything other than COVID-19

#### 2. Data - Toby Ewing, ED, MHSOAC

- a. How much money is available, what's been spent, what's ongoing, what's left in the bank.
  - i. Dashboard allows MHSA \$, reports are downloadable
  - ii. When dashboard was first built, counties were slow to input data. Caused oversight hoopla. Only \$350m in funds that were not procured.
  - iii. Revised form to assume first in first out on \$funds
  - iv. Under new forms county only reports funds spent. Concern is balance may not match county bank accounts. MHSOAC prefers audited results that are in balance.
  - v. Why would Sacto have 2 years of cash on hand? Afraid of down trending economy. Lot of risk with Medicare billing.
  - vi. When the \$350m was identified, leg changed way funds are disbursed.
    1. Deemed dollars reverted on expectation \$s will be spent by new deadline.
  - vii. AB114 one time reprieve
  - viii. Required DHCS to calculate unspent dollars. Causing
  - ix. MHSOAC want's to tell the whole story including fed \$s.

#### 3. Capitol Day – March 24, 2020

#### 4. Legislation

- a. [AB 1086](#) (Umberg) Ethical Treatment (per April Grant)
- b. [AB 1850](#) (Gonzalez) Independent Contractors ( per Paige Talley)
- c. [AB 2100](#) (Wood) Pharmacy Benefits
  - a. PT: Good bill, CCAP likes it.
- d. [AB 2144](#) (Arambula) Step Therapy
  - a. Being sent to CHBRG for fiscal review
- e. [AB 3285](#) (Irwin) Antipsychotic Drugs (per Caren and Trish)

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- a. Trish to send PP via email.
- b. Randall agrees bill has merit for support needs more discussion.
- f. Consent Items
  - i. Group agreed to support consent items and Randall urged orgs to get their letters in.
  - g. [SB 803](#) (Beall) Peer Support Specialists
    - Recommendation, adopt a SUPPORT position
  - h. [SB 854](#) (Beall) Substance Use Disorders
    - Recommendation, adopt a SUPPORT position
  - i. [SB 855](#) (Wiener) Mental Health or Substance Abuse Disorders
    - Recommendation, adopt a SUPPORT position

Come prepared to AB2100, AB2144, AB3285, SB1086

**5. Coalition for Whole Health Update – Meeting on February 12, 2020 (Attachment 4)**

**6. Adjourn**

Participants, Randall, Heidi, Toby, April, Caren, Amanda, Sheree, Alexandra, Danny, Kelli, Trish, Theresa, Christine, Paige, Curtis