



Connection Coalition
April 13, 2020 | 12:00 pm - 1:00pm

Conference Call via Zoom

Minutes

1. Welcome, Introductions, Additional Agenda Items
 - a.
2. Therapeutic Substitution of Psychotropic Medication
 - a. Options LAI have longer than 30 day effectiveness, i.e. 2-3 months variation. Esp if they are stable, they also have pharmacy injection sites.
 - b. RH CPA was concerned, new CEO of ?? association, larger issue than this localized
 - c. CS: Issue coming up in FL, Summit County Ohio, Fresno didn't fully think it through and there is no ill will.
 - d. SMI Advisory – Options, for patients who travel arrange local injection site, primary care clinic closer to them, pharmacies, visiting nurses, mobile pharmacies. Making medication changes to longer acting versions, LAI protocols may help maximize safety and minimize contact. Teaching alternate people to give injections. Instead of intramuscular, maybe SubQ?
 - e. TC would like to obtain the SMI advisory. Randall to provide?
3. COVID-19; Landmark New Partnership with U.S. Department of Health & Human Services; and Commitment to Supply One Billion Vaccines Worldwide for Emergency Pandemic Use
 - CS All of the partners are working diligently on either a vaccine or existing treatments. Stay tuned.
 - Tests being developed by Stanford and others for blood test looking for antibodies. If present the hope is they are not subject to reinfection.
4. Other Current Challenges Affecting Access to Tx/Rx
 - a. HS wanted to make sure we heard from ConnCo members to see if they are hearing anything on this issue
 - b. TC: Just starting to see some of the local telehealth boards have video conference meetings.
 - c. LO: Digital divide, making sure all affected communities being able to participate.
 - d. AL has information on resources for entities related to internet access, equipment, etc. she will send.
 - e.
5. Legislation
 - a. [SB 1086](#) (Umberg) Ethical Treatment (per April Grant)
 - a. AG talked to author and they aren't even sure it will move forward based on COVID crisis
 - b. [AB 1850](#) (Gonzalez) Independent Contractors (per Paige Talley)
 - a. Clean up bill for AB5
 - c. [AB 2100](#) (Wood) Pharmacy Benefits

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- a. HM Wood sent out a letter noting he was dropping all of his health related bills because of COVID
 - d. [AB 2144](#) (Arambula) Step Therapy
 - a. TMDO they do plan on moving forward with this bill.
 - i. RG: March 30th updated still working on it but it may have changed.
 - e. [AB 3285](#) (Irwin) Antipsychotic Drugs (per Caren and Trish)
 - a. No word on status.
 - f. **Randall changed course to talk about guidance from both houses. Based on there may be very little time, COVID related bills will take priority. Members are being asked to cut back voluntarily if not health/COVID related. Theme seems to be if it has to do with COVID, homelessness, or fire safety those will be heard. Otherwise members advised to consider 2021.**
 - i. **HM Beall will move forward with peer certification**
 - ii. **RG senator Hill bill.**
 - b. SB 854 Beall MAT priority bill
6. Pro-Tem has called for in-person oversight hearing to review COVID related expenditures Thursday at 2pm. BG: Senate hearing will allow phone in testimony.
 7. May 11th Meeting – Conference Call via Zoom unless SIP restrictions lifted.
 8. Adjourn