



## Connection Coalition

October 12, 2020 | 12:30 pm - 1:15pm

### Conference Call via Zoom

#### Minutes

1. Welcome, Introductions
  - a. How many meetings has the ConnCo held?
2. Review and approval of September 14, 2020 meeting minutes
  - a. TC moved, Trish 2<sup>nd</sup> approved.
3. Additional Agenda Items?
  - a. HS reminded group of Mental Health Matters Day.
4. Annual Retreat – Establish an agenda for November 16. Invited guest(s)?
  - a. Time frame? Start at 10am for 3 hours, survey results will drive agenda.
  - b. Curtis to resend Retreat Survey and ask for focused policy suggestions.
    - i. KW: lots of LAI discussion.
  - c. Lobby Day front center for retreat, in person meetings not likely through first half of year.
  - d. RH: Other agenda topics?
  - e. RH: Priority List needs to be more concise and focused. Should spend some time on this.
  - f. SL: Prepaid In Patient Health Plans (PIPHP) not measured.
    - i. DHCS, re waivers, the counties have to attest Network Adequacy but not of inpatient beds.
      1. Only 13 counties in compliance overall.
5. Updates: California Budget, Pharmacy, Telehealth – no news is good news?
  - a. RH: Budget... state has not received expected Fed monies. There are budget triggers that will happen if fed monies aren't forthcoming. Very few of the triggers relate to MH/BH however.
  - b. Paige: re pharmacy, MediCal workgroup meeting Oct 27<sup>th</sup>. Paige to send link to Curtis for broadcast.
  - c. Telehealth: Disaster relief extended another 90 days which was good news. The Telehealth Policy Coalition is a good resource. CPCA had a bill looking for initial exams to be approved for payment if via telehealth. TC: Planning Council is doing a survey on Telehealth. Some discussions are regarding quality of care via Telehealth, concern from the health plans re fraud and quality. HS: Mandates should allow patients to choose interaction mode best for them.
6. Legislation (informational)
  - a. [AB-1710](#) (Wood) Pharmacy practice: vaccines. **Chaptered**.
    - i. Paige, with the Dept of Finance and DHCS opposition not surprised it didn't pass.
  - b. [AB-2100](#) (Wood) Pharmacy Benefits. **Veto** message.
  - c. [SB-855](#) (Weiner) Health coverage: mental health or substance abuse disorders. **Chaptered**.
  - d. Facility bills per Teresa Comstock:
    - i. [SB-1259](#) (Hurtado) SSI/SSP recipients residential care, elderly. Report. **Held on suspense**.
    - ii. [AB-2377](#) (Chiu) Adult residential facilities: notifications closures and transfers. **Chaptered**.
    - iii. [AB-1766](#) (Bloom) Data Gathering adult residential and residential care facilities. **Chaptered**.
  - e. [AB-1304](#) (Waldron) California MAT Re-Entry Incentive Program. **Chaptered**.
    - i. RH reports it was signed will go into effect if there is federal money.
  - f. Big win for Parity. SL: Felt that Kaiser not opposing the bill was a big help. RH understands there may be more efforts by Kennedy Forum, others re reimbursement rates for MH professional.

- g. Randall thought anti psychotics and step therapy would continue to be the subject of legislation in 2021.
- 7. Coalition for Whole Health Update (written report)
- 8. Breaking research to know
  - a. Do you think parents want depression screening in school? If so at what age/grade it should start?
    - i. KW: state of Nevada proposed screening to ALL students entering middle school. Not sure of the status of that proposal.
    - ii. RH: U of Michigan, 30% of parents would support screens on all students for depression at 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
    - iii. PT: Thinks it should start earlier, due to bullying, not being invited to parties, parents fighting parents, teachers not helping in some cases... all stressful for children. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade?
    - iv. CG: Resiliency building curriculum is also very important.
- 9. December meeting, December 14. To hold or not to hold?
  - a. HS: recalled using December to educate MH champions in legislature.

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