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\textsuperscript{nd} 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\textsuperscript{th}. 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. CPCQA 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)
      i. Paige, with the Dept of Finance and DHCS opposition not surprised it didn’t pass.
   c. SB-855 (Weiner) Health coverage: mental health or substance abuse disorders. \textit{Chaptered}.
   d. Facility bills per Teresa Comstock:
      i. SB-1259 (Hurtado) SSI/SSP recipients residential care, elderly. Report. \textit{Held on suspense}.
      ii. AB-2377 (Chiu) Adult residential facilities: notifications closures and transfers. \textit{Chaptered}.
      iii. AB-1766 (Bloom) Data Gathering adult residential and residential care facilities. \textit{Chaptered}.
   e. AB-1304 (Waldron) California MAT Re-Entry Incentive Program. \textit{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.

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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 6th 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. 2nd 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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