



Connection Coalition

December 14, 2020 | Noon – 1:00pm

Conference Call via Zoom

Minutes

1. Welcome, Introductions
2. Review and approval of November 16, 2020 Retreat minutes
 - a. No amendments were suggested. Theresa Comstock moved, second by Tom Renfree. Passed without objection.
3. Invited Guests:
 - a. 12:15pm | Amanda Levy, Deputy Director of Health Policy and Stakeholder Relations, CA Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC)
 - i. Issuing guidance on SB855
 - ii. Stakeholder Relations process will begin Jan/Feb
 - iii. Selected a contractor for a 5 year term to review behavioral health plans.
 - iv. Other issues Medi-Cal Rx delay
 - v. Amanda to share information on the All Plan Letter sent to health plans
 - b. 12:30pm | Maggie Merritt and Julie Snyder with the Steinberg Institute
 - i. Still working on 2021, they look to sponsor 3-5 'good' pieces of legislation
 1. Intersection of Mental Illness, Substance Use Disorder, and Homelessness
 2. Peer Cert bill was a great accomplishment. Advocating for \$1million in the budget
 3. Part of a national coalition to implement 9-8-8
 4. Looking at LPS system, asked state auditor to audit and report.
 - a. Convening, Jan 13th 3-4:30.
 - b. Participating are: Mayor Steinberg, Tom Incel, M.D., Holly Mitchell, and others.
 5. Julie Snyder
 - a. Discussed Implementation of SB855
 - i. Asked the group to contact her and share "what is your ideal vision/expectation of SB855 in 5 years?".
 1. Helyne Meshar informed the group that Ricardo Lara sent a notice for insurance companies to comply with 855. Helyne will send a link to share in follow up.
 2. Caren Sykes noted that her company, J&J, are closely monitoring.
 - ii. Randall to send proposed language originally sent out by Amanda Levy.
 - b. The Institute will be working to address people experiencing homelessness along with mental illness.
 - i. The campaign is called: *Bring California Home*, bill number AB71 . They are asking for 2.4 billion in funding per year. Outcome focused.

<http://www.mhac.org/connection-coalition/>

1. Helyne Meshar noted this was a reintroduction of a 5 city proposal.
 - ii. Looking to build a strong coalition of MH stakeholders.
 - c. Working with David Chiu to co-sponsor a rework of AB3269 ensuring cities, counties are doing everything in their power to build more housing.
4. Review of revised values statement
 - a. Principles for Engagement and Advocacy
 - b. 2021 Priorities
5. Universal Release Form
 - a. Inmate Medication Information Form
 - b. Summit County Universal Release - BH Release of Information Template
6. Planning for January Legislative Briefing
 - a. RH: Table until February.
 - b. Heidi Strunk reminded the group that she has discussed having ACCESS partner with ConnCo on this and Le Ondra is on board and committed to the collaboration.
7. Coalition for Whole Health Update (written report)
8. Other Comments?
 - a. Tom Renfree noted he would send over a copy of 'Impact of the 2020 Elections on NASADAD Priorities' document.
9. Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm