

CSAM-SMCA Policy Committee Meeting
April 20, 2021 – 6:00pm MST

Minutes

Present: D. Martell A. Hamilton B. Watts C. Cull A. Nidumolu
 P. Leger R. Tanguay S. Elliott S. Dama V. Primeau
 P. Bach A. Bahji B. Hebert (recorder)

Regrets: E. Dupuis

Call to Order: 6:05pm MST – D. Martell

Round Table Discussion

- Each committee member provided an update

Adoption of Agenda & Additions:

- No additions to the agenda

Review of Minutes from March 2, 2021 (Appendix #1)

- Minutes from last meeting have been reviewed and approved
- D. Martell and A. Hamilton to review minutes for May meeting

D. Martell makes a motion to accept the last meeting minutes

Seconded By: A. Hamilton

New Business:

1. Quality of Standards for Rehab Facilities
 - D. Martell and J. Brasch (CSAM-SMCA President) met with 3 executives from CCSA
 - CCSA is interested in aligning with us to create a working group
 - Work towards producing practice norms (use this terminology rather than standards and/or guidelines)
 - The working group will contain many different individuals from the CSAM-SMCA policy committee, would be ideal if CSAM-SMCA takes the lead of this group

- CCSA is to get back to us in a few weeks with a framework and next steps in creating our partnership
- META:PHI currently has 8 recommendations on OAT & residential treatment – A. Hamilton to circulate these to the committee
- This will be discussed further at the next meeting
- B. Hebert to send CCSA discussion meeting minutes to C. Cull

2. Involuntary Treatment Lit. Review

- R. Tanguay has contacted CAMH to get their copy of the Lit. review
 - i. B. Watts has added this document to the Policy Committee google drive
- There is not a lot of past information collected on this topic
- Research is narrow
- Would like to hire a medical writer for this project
- The committee would like to pursue this as a policy initiative
 - i. 9 votes in favour/ none opposed
- S. Dama and D. Martell to discuss S. Dama taking the lead on the project

3. Standing Sub-Committee to Manage Choosing Wisely Recommendations

- Designate 3 people from this committee to review the choosing wisely recommendations
 - i. These take place yearly and review of new recommendations that come from other societies happens several times a year
- Review these recommendations with an addiction medicine lens
- S. Elliot, P. Bach and A. Nidumolu have volunteered to stand in these positions
- D. Martell to set up a meeting with this group to discuss process and roles

4. Decriminalization Policy Brief

- D. Martell was able to present the policy brief to the CMA
- There will be an opportunity to present it again to the CMA board, which they will then choose to endorse the document or not

5. Next Meeting: May 4, 2021 at 6:00pm MST
6. Adjournment: 6:53pm MST – D. Martell

Action Items:

D. Martell

- Set up meeting with S. Elliot, P. Bach and A. Nidumolu in regard to the standing sub-committee to manage Choosing Wisely Recommendations
- Meet with S. Dama to discuss his role in the involuntary treatment lit. review

A. Hamilton

- Circulate META:PHI's draft standards OAT in residential facilities to the committee

B. Hebert

- Send C. Cull meeting minutes from discussion with CCSA