

## Policy Committee Meeting

July 23, 2020 – 5:00pm MST

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### Minutes

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

Absent: N. Ali    V. Primeau      C. McPherson

Call To Order: 5:01pm MST – D. Martell

Round Table Discussion:

- What did you eat for breakfast!

Adoption of Agenda & Additions:

- No additions to the agenda
- Agenda adopted and approved

Review of Last Minutes (Appendix 1):

- A. Nidumolu and A. Hamilton to review minutes from July 16, 2020 for next meeting

New Business:

1. Advocacy For Decriminalization – A. Hamilton

➤ 3 pieces of writing

i. Op – Ed Piece

ii. Position Statement – Draft [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1\\_OKc5mKknykQaZtfe9kxG5\\_wglVVh6Vf/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_OKc5mKknykQaZtfe9kxG5_wglVVh6Vf/view?usp=sharing)

- Submit to French newspaper – ask CSAM BOD Simon
- Edits to the statement:
  - a. Addiction does not have an “s”

- b. The word afflicted is stigmatizing language
    - c. Switch the second and third paragraphs
  - Will leave the document as is – if further edits need to be made it will be discussed at the next meeting
- iii. Formal Journal Submission – Ready to submit <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1kk3yoEZsFLLTMjs1Jz5lpwGc4TdkWoSe3PxxJbvTNJY/edit>
  - P. Leger has finalized the draft
  - 49 references on the document, to submit to the CJA we can only submit with 20 references
    - a. If there are additional references submit in an appendix – A. Bahji
  - In the last sentence of the document, use the word “support”
    - b. All in favour
  - Current word count is 1485
  - A. Bahji to run document through Grammarly plus
  - CSAM BOD is aware we are submitting the statement; author credit still needs to be sorted out

## 2. Process for choosing the next Policy to focus on – D. Martell

- Currently there is no format for choosing what policies to focus on
- Ideas for a process:
  - i. Choose 3 strong policy ideas to bring the CSAM BOD
  - ii. Get the CSAM BOD to help decide which policy they would want the committee to focus on first
- Brainstorm ideas (wait till next meeting)
  - iii. R. Tanguay - regulating residential treatment programs – follow evidence-based medicine – current and appropriate guidelines

- B. Hebert – align brainstorming with quarterly BOD meetings

### 3. New Business

- Adding new individuals to the Policy Committee?
  - i. All in favour of adding new people
  - ii. Would like a letter of interest written to see why they would like to be part of this committee
  - iii. R. Tanguay to follow up with S. Elliot

Next Meeting: A few weeks before the next CSAM BOD meeting

- B. Hebert to send out a doodle poll

Adjournment: 5:58pm MST – D. Martell