

Policy Committee Meeting

October 14, 2020 – 6:00pm MST

Minutes

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

Absent: N. Ali V. Primeau C. McPherson P. Leger S. Elliot

Call To Order: 6:04pm MST – D. Martell

Adoption of Agenda & Additions:

- No additions to the agenda
- Agenda adopted and approved

Review of Minutes from September 9 (Appendix 1 & 2):

- Minutes from September 9th, 2020 have been approved and accepted

Round Table update: What We Do:

- B. Watts – Emergency Doctor, Ontario
- S. Dama – Addiction Psychiatrist, Ontario – Work: Cannabis use in the female reproductive span, Project Echo (<https://www.echoontario.ca/>)
- A. Nidumolu – PGY - 2 psychiatry, Halifax
- A. Bahji -UofC Addiction psychiatry fellowship working towards PhD
- R.Tanguay – Psychiatrist, completed two fellowships, one in Addiction Medicine and one on Pain Medicine. Clinical assistant professor with the departments of Psychiatry and Surgery at the Cumming School of Medicine, University of Calgary, Medical Lead for the Alberta Addiction Education Sessions for Alberta Health Services (AHS) President of the Pain Society of Alberta, and the co-chair of the Alberta Pain Strategy. He is the founder of the Opioid Deprescribing Program with AHS, the Rapid Access Addiction Medicine (RAAM) Community Clinic with AHS, and the Transitional Outpatient Pain

Program for Spine (TOPPS) clinic working with spinal surgeons to optimize spinal surgery outcomes. He consults with the Carewest Operational Stress Injury Clinic treating veterans and RCMP for trauma related injuries.

- C. Cull –Two-time cross Canada Cyclist, Filmmaker, Motivational Speaker, Founder of Inspire By Example and in long term recovery with opioid use disorder
- A. Hamilton – Retired Lawyer, Executive Director and Co-Founder of Families for Addiction Recovery (FAR)
- D. Martell – Family Medicine trained, Serves as a Peer Reviewer and a peer review committee member with the College of Family Physicians and Surgeons of Nova Scotia, front line addiction medicine provider with the South Shore Opioid Outreach Treatment Team, serves as Vice Chair of the Addiction Medicine Member Interest Group of the College of Family Physicians of Canada
- B. Hebert – CSAM National Administrator

New Business:

1. Status Update - Decriminalization Policy – D. Martell

- R. Tanguay – Calgary Herald is potentially interested in publishing our Op Ed piece
- A. Hamilton – contacted Andre' Picard, no response
- No other updates on the Decriminalization piece
- D. Martell to ask N. el- Guebaly for open access in the CJA
- Would like to move forward with finding a PR individual
 - i. The CSAM board is in favour
 - ii. A. Hamilton to forward PR contact (cv) to D. Martell
 - iii. C. Cull feels we should go with an individual rather than with a firm

2. Petition of Another Potential Committee Member – D. Martell (Appendix 2)

- Before we can determine if we want to add members to the committee, we must first determine the process, the capacity and mandatory involvement of the current committee
 - i. Review all committee applications as a group
 - ii. Revise the TOR – D. Martell
 - 1. Involvement in the committee
 - 2. Length of time on the committee

- a. 2-3 years is standard
 3. Size of the committee - 12
 4. Current members – D. Martell to check with the members that have been inactive on the committee to see if they would still like to be involved
 5. Erika Dupuis Discussion:
 - a. After D. Martell reaches to the inactive members, we will determine the number of people currently on the committee. If there is space, we will revisit the discussion of onboarding
 - b. D. Martell to email Erika back
3. Quality standards for residential care facilities, assigning roles for committee members to start this initiative - D. Martell
- Make this a partnership?
 - i. First step is to form a strategic partnership
 - ii. Involve the CCSA, Metaphi and BBCSU
 - iii. CCSA
 1. D. Martell and C. Cull to come up with pitch for CCSA
 - iv. A. Hamilton to talk to Mel Kahan informally, D. Martell will reach out formally
 - v. BBCSU
 1. A. Bahji – to reach out to Paxton Bach to see if they will connect with our committee and recruit him to serve on the committee, as we have little input from BCCSU and we do not have an internal specialist contributing.

Next Meeting: B. Hebert to send out doodle poll

- Not Wednesdays

Adjournment: 7:03pm MST – D. Martell

Action Items:

D. Martell

- Collaborate with C. Cull to create pitch for CCSA
- Edit Policy Committee TOR
- Email Erika Dupuis
- Contact N. el-Guebaly about open access in the CJA

C. Cull

- Collaborate with D. Martell to create pitch for CCSA

A. Bahji

- Reach out to his contact at BBCSU to see if they will connect with our committee

A. Hamilton

- Forward her PR contact to D. Martell