

CSAM-SMCA Policy Committee Meeting

February 2, 2021 – 6:00pm MST

Minutes

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

Absent: A. Nidumolu

Call to Order: 6:02pm MST – D. Martell

Adoption of Agenda & Additions:

- Additions:
 - Alcohol labels letter (endorsement) – A. Hamilton
 - A. Hamilton collecting signatures
 - Signed by about 20 separate individuals
 - No full objections to supporting the letter, but it wasn't on organizations advocacy agenda or these organizations have been too busy with COVID
 - Can CSAM-SMCA sign?
 - D. Martell brought it up to the CSAM-SMCA BOD
 - Individuals of CSAM-SMCA can sign, but they are not ready to sign as an organization
 - What do signatures mean after the fact that the letter has been submitted?
 - The more the better
 - D. Martell will sign, using CSAM-SMCA credentials
 - Decriminalization Update:
 - Will be published in the CJA in the March issue
 - The committee would like to see a press release created – C. Cull to help guide the writing of a press release

- B. Hebert to connect with D. Martell about coordinating both social media promotion of the Policy Brief and trying to spark an interest in an on-air radio or TV interview about the piece
 - High Risk Substances use overdose Youth Conference
 - There is an interest within the committee to explore elements of involuntary treatment and the evidence behind it
 - R. Tanguay and A. Hamilton to complete a literature review
 - [https://caep.ca/periodicals/Volume 22 Issue 5/Vol 22 Issue 5 Page 6 29 - 632 Reid.pdf](https://caep.ca/periodicals/Volume%2022%20Issue%205/Vol%2022%20Issue%205%20Page%20629%20-%20632%20Reid.pdf)
 - Questions:
 - What is the evidence for involuntary treatment?
 - How comfortable are providers in assessing capacity or accessing support around assessing capacity?
 - Paxton Bach will be joining the call

D. Martell makes a motion to accept the amended agenda

Second By: R. Tanguay

Review of Minutes from October 14, 2020 (Appendix #1)

- Minutes from October 14th have been reviewed and approved
- A. Hamilton to review meeting minutes for next meeting

Round Table Introductions

New Business:

1. Promoting Quality of Standards for Rehab Facilities
 - Assignments
 - i. Project Manager
 - We are to make connections with other organizations doing this work before we name a project manager

- a. R. Tanguay to bridge CSAM-SMCA, CCSA and META:PHI
 - b. C. Cull to have a conversation with CCSA (specifically, with CCSA President, Rita Notorandrea) – Present feedback to the committee
 - c. R. Tanguay, C. Cull and A. Hamilton to connect with other organizations
- ii. Literature Review/Groundwork – B.Watts/P. Leger
 - iii. Writer – A. Bahji, agreed to produce first draft

➤ Scope of Policy

- i. Adequate discharge planning with connection to outpatient OAT provider
 - OAT and anti-craving medications
- ii. Counselling/therapy is part of treatment programs but unclear whether it is evidence based, and structured
 - Training of counsellors or individuals working at the facility
 - Motivational interview training
- iii. Mechanism for admission standard
 - Lengthy process
 - Access from pre-screening perspective
 - Referrals to residential care normally come from the individual with the substance use disorder
- iv. Tobacco use
- v. Communication to primary care/psychiatry/IM
- vi. Inclusion of medical care ie Hep/HIV etc
- vii. How do we have evidence-based addiction medicine processes within recovery facilities?
- viii. Equitable access to recovery centres
 - Your ability to get this type of support and recovery, but does not depend on where you live

- ix. Language used when referring to these facilities and what criteria should establish a recovery centre as a recovery centre
 - Define what a recovery centre is
 - Inpatients support addiction treatment centres
 - Inpatient addiction treatment programs
- x. Highly advocate that you have to be interconnected before you are released or kicked out – transition of care
 - The reactions of other individuals within the facility must be accounted for

2. Special Access Program Review (Deadline Feb. 10th)

- Deferred

3. CCSA Collaboration: Treatment of Substance Use Disorders in Acute Care Settings

- Policy director of CCSA approached D. Martell to see if we have any individual within the committee who would want to sit on a working group
- Protocols and guidelines for care for individuals with substance use disorder - emergency room settings
- Liaison or representative from CSAM-SMCA to be in the working group:
 - i. P. Bach to inquire if some of his colleagues would be interested – Report back to D. Martell if anyone is interested

4. Next Meeting: March 2, 2021 at 6:00pm MST

- This time and day work for the committee – no issues stated
- B. Hebert has sent reoccurring calendar invites until June

5. Adjournment: 7:03pm MST – D. Martell

Action Items:

R. Tanguay

- Involuntary treatment Lit. Review / S. Elliot can support
- Connect with CCSA, META:PHI and others to see if we can collaborate on the project - Promoting Quality of Standards for Rehab Facilities

A. Hamilton

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C. Cull

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- CSAM-SMCA Decriminalization Press Release – share knowledge of writing and issuing press releases with chair

B. Watts

- Promoting Quality of Standards for Rehab Facilities – Lit. Review/ Groundwork

P. Leger

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A. Bahji

- Promoting Quality of Standards for Rehab Facilities – Writer

P. Bach

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