

## **CSAM-SMCA Executive Meeting**

Thursday, May 6, 2021

6:00pm – 7:00pm (MST)

### **Minutes**

Present: J. Brasch    M. Willows    P. Sobey    D. Martell    B. Hebert (recorder)

1. Call to Order: 6:00pm MST – J. Brasch
2. Additions to the agenda
  - Safe Supply
3. Review Meeting Minutes From February 24, 2021 (Appendix #1)
  - No edits to the last meeting minutes
  - Action Items:
    - i. J. Brasch – Review CSAM-SMCA partnerships pushed to June
    - ii. P. Sobey – Still need to complete 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the membership classification policy
    - iii. M. Willows – still need to send Standard committee TOR to J. Brasch
4. Safe Supply
  - M. Willows met with Health Canada and involved drug companies
  - Meeting was not very well organized, took a different turn than M. Willows had hoped
  - M. Willows reported that it appears most funding for new services will be allocated to safe supply
  - M. Willows met with representatives of government of Alberta
    - i. Host meeting with a decision to support or not support safe supply
  - Discussion that that is most pertinent issue in addiction medicine today
  - Better term is “pandemic supply”
  - P. Sobey proposed creating a small group of addiction medicine professionals to look at this issue
    - i. P. Sobey will manage/lead this group
    - ii. Examines the research evidence regarding safe supply
    - iii. CSAM-SMCA will support this document and with hopes to publish it in the CJA and possibly CMAJ
    - iv. CSAM-SMCA is the national voice
    - v. Short timeline
    - vi. Project may need funding

- J. Brasch supports preparing a document that examines the issues of safe supply
  - i. Would like CSAM-SMCA to express concerns and question the assumptions
- D. Martell supports the idea
  - i. Like the idea of doing the deep dive and come up with some authority standards
  - ii. Critical Appraisal – make it known that if this has merit, we will support it
- M. Willows
  - i. Federal government has already funded 20-30 projects surrounding safe supply
  - ii. US will never do this
- Consensus for CSAM-SMCA to produce a current critical appraisal
  - i. P. Sobey to bring it up at the next BOD meeting

#### 5. CSAM-SMCA Foundation

- CSAM-SMCA Executive have reviewed the pros and cons of starting a charitable foundation and currently are not in favour of creating a foundation. Several issues including:
  - i. Development and maintenance costs
  - ii. Tax implications for CSAM-SMCA
  - iii. A separate BOD would be needed, generally Directors of Foundations receive an honorarium
  - iv. Overall, CSAM-SMCA does not yet have the resources to create a charitable foundation for addiction research and related projects at this time. Revisit the idea in a few years.

#### 6. CSAM-SMCA Financials

- P. Sobey & B. Hebert to look at the best options for investing
- J. Brasch to propose a GIC for \$100,000 at the next BOD meeting

#### 7. CSAM-SMCA Logo Trademark

- Funding committee needs to meet to look at the requested submitted by P. Sobey
- B. Hebert to set a funding committee meeting

#### 8. Byelection Manitoba/ Saskatchewan Representative

- P. Sobey to send out candidate letters to SK and MB members
- Look at specific skills when filling these positions
  - i. Erin Wright – D. Martell to reach out
  - ii. Peter Butt – P. Sobey to reach out
  - iii. Rohit Lohdi – P. Sobey to reach out
- Both the SK and MB positions will be a 4-year term
- B. Hebert to send list of current members in each list

9. Kadian Shortage

- Drug companies didn't anticipate the demand would be so high
  - i. At this point there is nothing we can do
- M. Willows was given statements she can use regarding the shortage
- M. Willows will reach out to Health Canada to communicate that the meeting was not very well structured
- Current information from pharmaceutical companies is that more supply will be available in May and again in September

10. Conference Committee

- Conference planning has been very smooth
- Reimbursement for extra hours worked for the conference will be paid to B. Hebert
- Use BOD members academic institutions to circulate the call for abstracts submission
  - i. B. Hebert to provide copy to the BOD

11. Adjournment: 7:00pm MST – J. Brasch

**Action Items:**

J. Brasch

- Propose a GIC for \$100,000 at the next BOD meeting (CSAM-SMCA financials)

P. Sobey

- Complete 1<sup>st</sup> draft of the membership classification policy
- Lead and propose a small group of addiction medicine professionals to look at safe supply
- Send out candidate letters to SK and MB members

M. Willows

- Send standard committee TOR to J. Brasch

B. Hebert

- Provide call for abstracts copy to BOD Members to circulate
- Send out candidate letters to SK and MB members
- Send list of SK members and MB members to CSAM-SMCA Executive
- Set meeting for Funding Committee