

CSAM-SMCA Policy Committee Meeting

December 7, 2021 – 6:00pm MST

Minutes

Present: D. Martell A. Hamilton B. Watts S. Elliott P. Leger
 C. Cull S. Dama N. Bootsman V. Primeau P. Bach
 L. Fiorante B. Hebert (recorder)

Regrets: A. Nidumolu S. Dama

Absent: R. Tanguay

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

Adoption of Agenda & Additions:

- No additions to the agenda

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

- Minutes from last meeting have been reviewed - One correction on to “one”
- D. Martell to review December meeting minutes

New Business:

1. Decriminalization Policy Brief - P. Leger
 - Debrief on meeting with A. Safarov from The College of Family Physicians of Canada
 - CFPC will help us disseminate and promote the Decriminalization Policy brief
 - They are to help us decide what our policy goals will be
 - A. Safarov and team will review the op-ed piece and make suggestions/comments on where to improve
 - Identify practical policies that could be targeted and work directly with those policy makers
 - B. Hebert to circulate to op-ed piece to A. Safarov

- A. Safarov has agreed to teach us about the process of disseminating policy pieces

2. Work Assignments & Allocation of Work:

- Choosing Wisely recommendation feedback and submission – S. Elliot
 - There were 6 respondents from the circulation of the recommendations to the CSAM-SMCA membership
 - Most of these comments are very minor and will be accepted into the recommendations
 - There were a few suggestions that needed to be discussed as a group before accepting/declining them:
 - Recommendation 1, 2, 4 & 8 – suggestions were discussed and approved by the committee
 - Next Steps: S. Elliot to integrate the comments made by the CSAM-SMCA membership and send a final copy to Choosing Wisely for review
- CAMH Involuntary treatment working group
 - D. Martell met with V. Stergiopoulos from CAMH regarding partnering with CSAM-SMCA and the policy committee about collaborating on the Involuntary treatment work
 - D. Martell felt that she was looking to connect through a group like CSAM-SMCA
 - CAMH's plan is to develop a small steering group, with one key person from CSAM-SMCA sitting within
 - The consensus of the CSAM-SMCA Policy Committee is that they are interested to join forces with CAMH to see if their work compliments, overlaps, etc. with the work we have already done/plan to do
 - CAMH will let us co-brand whatever work is created

- A. Bahji has been volunteered to sit on the steering committee – D. Martell to email and confirm he would like to volunteer for this role
- B. Watts, S. Dama, A. Nidumolu, P. Leger and A. Bahji are actively working towards screening the remaining articles they have identified from their literature search
- V. Primeau has volunteered to help/support the group if they need it
- Safe Supply working group
 - The CSAM-SMCA Board of Directors have tasked the Policy Committee with completing a safer supply review
 - V. Primeau, N. Bootsman, A. Bahji, A. Hamilton and P. Bach (involved but limited bandwidth) want to be involved in the work of this project
 - D. Martell to email committee and see if anyone not in attendance of this meeting is also interested in joining the working group
 - Working group to be set by the next Policy Committee meeting in January
 - Deliverables: Develop a policy document on safer supply
 - We were not given specifics on what should be included/or not
 - Anything produced will be vetted and approved by the CSAM-SMCA BOD
 - Ideas for the piece:
 - Problems & solutions
 - Include the full spectrum of voices
 - Take a stand as we define it

3. Next Meeting Agenda: Formally add N. Bootsman on the committee as the second CSAM-SMCA BOD representative

Next Meeting: January 4, 2022, at 6:00pm MST

Adjournment: 6:51pm MST – D. Martell