

CSAM-SMCA Policy Committee Meeting

January 04, 2022 – 6:00pm MST

Minutes

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

Regrets: P. Bach

Call to Order: 6:03pm MST – D. Martell

Adoption of Agenda & Additions:

- No additions to the agenda

Review of Minutes from December 07, 2021 (Appendix #1)

- Minutes from last meeting have been reviewed and approved
- D. Martell to review January meeting minutes

New Business:

1. Formal introduction – N. Bootsman
 - N. Bootsman will sit on the Policy committee as the second CSAM-SMCA BOD representative
2. Policy Committee Webinars 2022 – D. Martell
 - Feature a topic for the wider CSAM-SMCA community
3. ISAM Liaison request
 - Looking for one or more representatives from CSAM-SMCA be represented at a couple of social gatherings to share experiences with other affiliated organizations (message D. Martell if interested)
4. Decriminalization Policy Brief - P. Leger
 - Debrief on our interactions with CFPC
 - CFPC Policy

- a) requested for someone to organize and summarize the relevant legislation and identify the appropriate policies we could target to advocate for change with regarding Drug Decriminalization. – (P. Leger shared and summarized document on screen and will send out to everyone after the meeting)
 - b) drafting letters to the appropriate stakeholders which they have identified
 - c) consider whether CSAM-SMCA want to be advocating on Jute Decriminalization or to support on the half measures that have already been proposed
 - d) Identify key legislation and key people
- verify that we have the most up to date version of the op-ed piece with confirmation it was sent to A. Safarov
 - P. Leger offered to draft letters expressing interest to politicians who introduced the Bills
 - S. Elliott will take information back to DocsforDcrim and identify who from CSAM-SMCA should be at the meeting on Monday, January 10, 2022

5. Work Assignments & Allocation of Work:

- Safe Supply
 - V. Primeau, N. Bootsman, A. Bahji, A. Hamilton and P. Bach (involved but limited bandwidth)
 - A. Bahji mentioned that there is a fair amount of work left on Involuntary Treatment review and is taking his time for the Safe Supply
 - Projects can be deferred as there is no hard timelines and the committee can focus on one project at a time
- Ideas for the piece:
 - A. Hamilton suggested to add other people to the committee

- Reach out Community Practice of Safer Supply and try to identify common ground and if there is a difference of opinion.
- Reach out to Rebecca Penn, who runs the Practice of Safer Supply, to see if she would be interested in joining or who in her group that might be interested.
- What tasks can be assigned to P. Bach
- A. Bahji volunteered to do Literature research
- Definition of Safe Supply (language)
- A. Hamilton volunteered to be the intern Chair
 - Set up meetings to discuss further tasks

6. Next Meeting Agenda: Update on CAMH-CSAM Involuntary Treatment Working Group
(V.Primeau)

Next Meeting: February 01, 2022, at 6:00pm MST

Adjournment: 6:48pm MST – D. Martell

Action Items:

D. Martell

- Request for one or more representative from CSAM-SMCA to represent at a couple of social gatherings to share experiences with other affiliated organizations
- Request to verify that we have the most up to date version of the op-ed piece with confirmation it was sent to A. Safarov (L. Fiorante will research and send information to D. Martell)
- Connect with P. Bach to assign specific tasks for Safe Supply

P. Leger

- offered to draft letters expressing interest to politicians who introduced the Bills

S. Elliott

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