

# Forensic Mental Health Association of California

Conference Call

Meeting Minutes

June 18 2007

## Opening:

The regular meeting of the FMHAC was called to order at 3:00 PM on June 18, 2007 via conference call by Ken Carabello.

## Members Present:

Ken Carabello, Dave Polak, Molly Willenbring, Jennifer Rossi, Mark Grabau, Munir Sewani

**Members Absent:** Carrie Gustafson

### A. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as distributed.

### B. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting require approval by the board.

### C. Open Issues

## Financial

Budget additions

Conference calls, photography for next conference

## Public Policy

MIOCR: Lost funding support in state budget, Ken wrote letter on behalf of FMHAC encouraging continuing funding.

SB568: Legislation attempt to correct jail overcrowding with waits for hospital admits for IST. Would allow for jails to be deemed treatment facilities for up to six months. Almost no opposition to this bill. Implementation is dependant on the counties and there will be no state funding to provide the facilities upgrades and services needed. Currently in the Senate appropriations committee. How will this bill actually make a positive

impact. How does FMHAC want to participate in this? What are our perception about the issues needed. Do we have strategies and goals for IST

SB851: Public Policy committee monitoring

Prop 63: Public Policy committee monitoring

AB2034: Public Policy committee monitoring

\*Criteria for determining FMHAC support for or against legislation- Bill analysis form??

\*How do we want to express our values and goals in a political forum?

\*Does the bill improve service/tx for a patient? Does it address the need in the system?

\*Values to bring to determining support of legislation:

Patient rights, standard of care, funding, public safety, improved service delivery

### **CMEs**

\*Lost two psychiatrists who were going to be on the CME committee.

\*Napa State Hospital would consider sponsoring FMHAC for next year's conference. They would want all Napa state employee's to be able to attend the conference for free

\*A person who works for Dr. Charles Scott at UCD also potentially willing to sponsor FMHAC for CMEs next year

### **Health Committee Report**

Encouraged to expand focus, dates, times, and places for HC trainings, minutes from HC meetings

### **Logo**

Budget Amount for logo design to be determined. Carrie and Molly to make proposal for approval by the board.

### **Presenter Handouts**

Need to clarify this for the call for papers

If we provide handouts for presenters, this needs to be added to our budget

Options:

1.) Receive handouts prior to conference and compile in a booklet

2.) Place on CD

3.) Have available on line for people to print from home

### **Portola Contract**

#### **Telecare**

\*Newsletter available and it's possible we could provide a link on our website for access to our membership.

\*Corporate membership would entitle a link on the website for member access.....

\*Needs further discussion

#### **E-mail problems**

[FMHAC@FMHAC.net](mailto:FMHAC@FMHAC.net) works and will go to Molly

.org and .com to be researched; need to budget for fmhac.org to pay for the site

#### **Presenters**

John Douglas charges 10K + first class travel

#### **Miscellaneous**

Munir's new e-mail address is: docinpsych@sbcglobal.net

#### **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 by Ken Carabello. The next general meeting TBD.

Minutes submitted by: Jennifer Rossi