



**Connection Coalition Meeting  
April 9, 2018  
12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
California Endowment  
1414 K Street, Suite 500  
Sacramento, CA 95814**

**NOTES**

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Randall Hagar opened the meeting and welcomed the group.

**Legislation Discussion:**

Priority bills:

1. SB 1021 (\$250 cap) - Support
2. AB 2384 (MATs) - Support
3. AB 315 (PBMs) - Support
4. AB 2863 (PBMs) – Support
5. AB 3087 (Price Controls for Health Care Services) - Oppose

**Coalition for Whole Health Update:**

The Coalition will meet again soon.

**Priorities – Action Planning:**

1. Work with stakeholders to advocate for policies and legislation that is supportive of the Connection Coalition’s mission.

This item is ongoing. The Wellness Fair was success under this priority.

Staff will create action alerts for the priority bills moving forward.

2. Advocate for timely access to, and safe use of, medication; and parity in the delivery of behavioral health care services.

Achieved through leg action alerts.

3. Create opportunities and provide technical assistance for Connection Coalition members and community stakeholders to engage with state and local behavioral health care agencies.  
This item will be taken up later in the year.

4. Stay informed of federal activities.

Carol and Jerry participate in the Coalition for Whole Health call and share their learning with the Coalition.

5. Support AB 315 - Price transparency and oversight of Pharmacy Benefit Managers.

This item will be revised so that the bill number is not noted, only the issue to be addressed.

6. Support measures that address workforce issues.

This item will be revised to read "Advocate for workforce issues."

7. Mental Health First Aid – Outreach to sororities, fraternities, and community colleges.

This item will be taken up in the Summer to roll out for Back to School in Fall.

8. Take action to protect Medical Part D if it should be threatened.

Medicare, not Medical.

Jerry will bring forward recommendation for this item.

9. Support whole person care/health home initiatives and activities.

Zima is working with Tom to book a presentation.

10. Support expansion of county prevention and early intervention/innovations programs.

#### **Membership Update:**

Patricia Alverez will be removed for now and will be invited to come back anytime.

Vincent Wales will be removed.

Zima will connect with Farrah at CSAC.

Caren will connect with Liz Helms.

Jim Bui with Teva will be removed.

#### **Kaiser Discussion:**

The Connection Co. membership will discuss asking Kaiser to attend meetings as a guest speaker in the future.

**Research:**

Randall presented several topic rich reports including one addressing asthma's tie to schizophrenia. The reports will be linked at <http://www.mhac.org/connection-coalition/>.

**The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30 p.m.**