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Honorable John Moorlach  
State Capitol, Room 2048  
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**SB 1273 (Moorlach) – Neutral as to April 19, 2016 Amendment – An act to amend Section 5813.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Mental Illness**

The California Association of Mental Health Peer-Run Organizations (CAMHPRO) is a nonprofit statewide organization consisting of consumer-run organizations and programs. CAMHPRO's mission is to transform communities and the mental health system throughout California to empower, support, and ensure the rights of consumers, eliminate stigma, and advance self-determination for all those affected by mental health issues by championing the work of consumers and consumer-run organizations.

Senate Bill 1273 was amended on April 19, 2016. The amended bill **removes** the language CAMHPRO opposed in Section 1(3)(b) "... counties may use funds provided under the MHSA to provide services to individuals who are being **temporarily evaluated for mental health reasons...**" We opposed the prior language, "being temporarily evaluated for mental health reasons" because those words are synonymous with involuntary holds. The April 19, 2016 amendment clarifies that the Legislature finds and declares that counties may use funds provided under the MHSA to provide services to individuals who are "**voluntarily receiving services...**" With the above-quoted language removed, CAMHPRO is neutral to Section 1.

Additionally, the April 19, 2016 amendment removes and clarifies further language CAMHPRO opposed in Section 2(f)(2). The new amendment states "...funds may be used for the provision of outpatient crisis stabilization services to individuals who are **voluntarily receiving those services...**" CAMHPRO is now neutral to Section 2.

CAMHPRO is neutral SB 1273 as amended April 19, 2016. We cannot support SB 1273 due to our concerns with facilities co-locating services to individuals who are receiving voluntary and involuntary services.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 415-341-9460, or Heidi Strunk, CAMHPRO Advocacy Coordinator, at 916-212-3685.



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Sincerely,

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