

**Wisconsin Council on Mental Health's
Children and Youth Committee**

Thursday, February 7, 2013, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.
Home Savings Bank, Madison, Wisconsin

Attendance in person:

1. Therese Ahlers
2. Nic Dibble
3. Kim Eithun-Harshner
4. Mark Allen

Attendance by phone:

1. Jackie Baldwin
2. Phil Robinson
3. Peggy Helm-Quest
4. Dan Naylor

Staff

Marie Danforth
Mai Zong Vue

Item 1: Call to order

Meeting was called to order by Kim.

Jackie read the meeting guidelines.

The December 6 Meeting Minutes was approved with one correction: Nic's term will end June 30, 2013.

The January 3 Meeting Minutes was approved as submitted.

No public comment

Item 2: Special Needs Voucher – Jackie

There was no new information to report. Nic shared that DPI opposed to the previous bill.

Item 3: Updates on Legislative and Policy Committee –Jackie

Speaker's Taskforce on Mental Health (Speaker Robin Vos)

It is important that the work of this taskforce represents children's mental health. The big question is: Should the C & Y Committee be part of this taskforce? If so, this Committee needs to know the MH Taskforce's meeting dates in order to participate. Someone will find the meeting dates and send to everyone. The task force is made up of legislators so we can't have representation on the task force but we can attend meetings and offer to provide information. Here is the list of committee members:

Rep. Severson	Rep. Tittl
Rep. Pasch	Rep. Sanfelippo
Rep. Ballweg	Rep. Zepnick
Rep. Steineke	Rep. Danou
Rep. Jagler	Rep. Kolste
Rep. Petersen	

The web site does not have the meeting dates posted yet, however, a press release indicates the first meeting will be Wednesday, February 27th.

Position Paper

It was suggested that the position paper be sent to L & P again. If L & P does not react or take any action at their next meeting, the letter should be sent directly to the Council.

Thank You Letter

It was discussed and agreed that a thank you letter be drafted and sent from the Committee to the Governor for his expansion of mental health program. Kim and Jackie will draft and send to everyone for comments before sending it out.

Item 4: Budget Request & WI Response to Connecticut Tragedy – Kim/Jackie

The Committee should express an interest to work closely with the Governor's office regarding the new Children's Mental Health Office. This could be incorporated in the thank you letter to the Governor.

Item 5: CST Updates – Dan Naylor

CESA 12 held a meeting in February to review mental health concerns of students in the school system. A follow-up meeting has been scheduled in March, which they will come up with recommendations.

As a result of the RFP posted in September, 5 new sites will be joining CST. They are: Ho-Chunk Nations, Menominee Indian and Sokaogon Chippewa, Jackson county and Pepin county.

Statewide CST Director's meeting for 2013 will be April 23 and October 8, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Best Western hotel in Wausau.

Item 6: Review revised Vision/Mission changes – Kim & Jackie

The words infants and toddlers should be included in the definition of children. What is the difference between number 3 and 4? Is there a better way to write #4 to reflect a holistic approach instead of wraparound?

Kim will make the changes using track changes so everyone can see the changes made each time.

Item 7: Strategic Plan Goals -- deferred to April meeting

Item 8: MH Council By-Laws regarding committee

Kim shared that the MH Council has several areas that they would like the C & Y MH committee to react and give feedbacks as the MH Council is revising its by-law. Below are brief discussions on each area.

1. By-law—is there a need to limit the number of voting members in each committee? There was no agreement to limit the number of voting members at this time. Later on, however, if there is a voting cap, we need to have policy in place regarding removal of inactive members. A brief discussion was held regarding mentorship for new Council members.
2. Does the committee want the same membership standard as the MH Council? For example, as of now, half of the Council’s members are not providers. No suggestion was made.
3. Should the Council allow an alternative or replacement member the right to vote? At times, if Council members cannot attend and send a replacement to the Council meeting, can this person vote?
4. Should we require any Council member to serve on a certain committee? This question was initially raised by the Children and Youth committee.

Item 9: Child Welfare Council Update -- deferred to April meeting

Item 10: Public Health Workgroup Update—Peggy Helm-Quest

Peggy is looking for members from this committee to sit on a new workgroup that she is developing in the next few weeks. The purpose of this workgroup is to develop a prevention paper to address mental health, public health and chronic disease. This is part of the Mental Health People 2020 program.

Item 11: Future Agenda Items

March

MH Block Grant Application Review

April

Strategic Plan

Child Welfare Council Update

Infant MH

Meeting Adjourn

Minutes by: Mai Zong Vue, 266-0907