



State of Wisconsin

**Wisconsin Council on Mental Health**

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**Meeting of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health Executive Committee**

**May 8, 2015 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**1 West Wilson Street, Conference Room 850-A, Madison, Wisconsin and via Conference Call**

**Members of the Executive Committee in Attendance:** Karen Herro, Rick Immler, Shel Gross

**Department of Health Services Staff in Attendance:** Joyce Allen, Ryan Stachoviak

**Item 1: Call to Order**

*Review and Approval of Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH) of March 6, 2015*

The committee did not have quorum, as such approval of the meeting minutes of March 6<sup>th</sup> 2015 is postponed to the June 26 meeting.

*Announcements*

S. Gross reported that the Suicide Prevention Conference in Stevens Point had record attendance. S. Gross will bring copies of the recently released Suicide Prevention Strategy to the WCMH Meeting.

*Public Comment*

No public comment was made.

**Item 2: Executive Committee Business**

*Officer Elections*

S. Gross announced that at the May 20 WCMH meeting the Council will elect new Council officers. At this time Matt Strittmater has agreed to be the next Chair, Julie-Anne Braun has agreed to be Vice-Chair, and Mishelle O'Shasky is willing to stay on as the Second Vice-Chair. The Council will vote to approve these new chairs.

*Mental Health and Substance Abuse Needs Assessment*

R. Stachoviak stated that the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS) plans on having a copy of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Needs Assessment Update prior to the upcoming Council meeting.

S. Gross asked about the process of setting benchmarks, where would this fit into the Needs Assessment review process? Does Wisconsin have examples of what other states are using as benchmarks? J. Allen stated that the DMHSAS sets many internal benchmarks. J. Allen recommended that there be a discussion regarding this after the needs assessment is presented.

R. Immler stated that it would be beneficial if there were Wisconsin data available to compare to other states. J. Allen stated that the DMHSAS would like to know how these benchmarks would be used. This would assist in the development of a benchmark process. R. Stachowiak will also research SAMHSA indicators. R. Immler recommended in the future a discussion of a Needs Assessment four months prior to the block grant plan being developed would be beneficial. This would allow time for the committees and Council to review and discuss the Needs Assessment.

### **Item 3: Committee Updates and Action Items for WCMH Meeting on May 20, 2015**

#### *Criminal Justice Committee*

No action items will be presented at the Council meeting from the Criminal Justice Committee.

#### *Legislative and Policy Committee*

S. Gross stated that the update from the Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC) will primarily focus on the State budget, the Legislative Mental Health Committee, and Peer Run Respite. The legislature will address emergency detention bills next week. S. Gross anticipates that a Legislative Fiscal Bureau paper will be released next week as well.

S. Gross informed the committee regarding Peer Run Respite, at this time Grassroots Empowerment Project (GEP) is looking for a new site. SOAR case management in Madison is also working on zoning issues they are encountering. One of the things that advocates can do at this time is trying to inform legislature about the issue and the need for defining Peer Run Respite in statutes. Most likely there will be a motion made regarding this at the upcoming LPC meeting.

#### *Adult Quality Committee*

K. Herro stated that the Adult Quality Committee (AQC) had a productive meeting. The AQC reviewed the Functional Screen and found several areas to recommend changing. This feedback was provided to DMHSAS staff. The AQC is planning on addressing consumer satisfaction in the coming meetings.

#### *Children and Youth Committee*

R. Immler stated that the Children and Youth Committee (CYC) had one meeting since the last Council meeting as the most recent meeting was postponed. The last CYC meeting was a joint meeting with the LPC. The CYC portion of the meeting was spent preparing for strategic planning which will be occurring in June. This included a discussion on how to set priorities for the CYC. The CYC is hoping to have K. Bright facilitate the planning process. The CYC also hopes to address committee guidelines and committee membership in the near future. Of concern in this discussion regarding membership are the challenges faced by parents, and there are a number of organizations which would be good fits with the

CYC but it is important to ensure the committee does not remain imbalanced. S. Gross noted that as per the request of the CYC, Teresa Steinmetz of the DMHSAS will be appointed to the CYC at the May 20 WCMH meeting.

*Nominating Committee*

R. Stachowiak informed the Committee that the WCMH recently received one application. Julie-Anne Braun has agreed to conduct an interview.

**Item 4: Proposed Agenda for May 20, 2015**

The Committee discussed and finalized the agenda for the May 20<sup>th</sup> WCMH meeting.

**Item 5: Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.