

## MENTAL HEALTH CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health

### MINUTES – February 11, 2016 Meeting

Attendees: *Committee Members:* Committee Chair Mishelle O'Shasky (MHC/GEP); Ron Jansen (citizen – by phone); Bob Dore (consumer); Kristi Dietz (DOC, Office of Detention Facilities); Lorie Goeser (DHS/DMHSAS); Norman Briggs (ARC); Tamra Oman (DHS/WI Resource Center).

*Advisors:* Brian Weidman (DOC).

*Others:* Mike Derr (DHS/DMHSAS – Committee staff person); Karen Breit (Lac Courtes Oreilles – by phone); James Kilgore (Tellurian); Lori Yach (consumer).

**Meeting called to order at 10:03 a.m.** by Mishelle O'Shasky, Committee Chair.

- Roll call of attendees who were present at DOC and who introduced themselves, and of those who called in by phone. James Kilgore and Lori Yach were guests; both gave some background information on their involvement in mental health and substance abuse services.
- M. O'Shasky announced that Tamra Oman is a new member of the committee, and that she is now the co-chair.
- Mike Derr read the *Review of Meeting Guidelines* handout.
- No one suggested any additions to the meeting agenda. Several committee members suggested that a "Public Comment" line should be included for all agendas moving forward.
- 12/10/15 meeting minutes were reviewed. Revisions needed included correcting the date of the minutes reviewed at the 12/10 meeting, and correcting who seconded the motion to approve the 10/8/15 minutes. **Ron Jansen moved to accept the minutes, Lorie Goeser seconded the motion. Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes, with K. Dietz, T. Oman and Norm Briggs abstaining.** (Mike Derr clarified that "corrected" versions of the minutes will be posted on the Committee's website.)

#### Announcements:

1. M. O'Shasky mentioned upcoming Empowerment Days on May 10-11<sup>th</sup> in Madison. Three types of training will be offered. Tamra Oman is keynote speaker.
2. Discussion regarding the Crisis Intervention International Conference in Chicago. It is pricey to attend (\$425). Kristi Dietz suggests that conference announcements be routed through county sheriffs and jail administrators to encourage local teams to attend, preferably persons from different disciplines. Tamra Oman thought there might be some grants available to help cover costs.
3. An upcoming listening session will be held on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> in Milwaukee, sponsored by Grassroots Empowerment Project under a grant, focusing on certification requirements for new Re-entry Peer Specialists. M. O'Shasky clarified that GEP grant is targeting persons who in the state prison. Project is looking for workgroups in 3 regions to work with core competencies, and which types of persons might be excluded due to type of crimes committed. GEO will work with DOC in this effort. 15-20 persons will be selected in each workgroup, should consist of former incarcerated and family members, plus staff from police, line staff and supervisors from jails and prisons, court representative, DHS and DIC officials. Bob Dore, K. Dietz, T. Oman, M. O'Shasky and Ron Jansen all offered further comments and suggestions.

### **Committee Membership Considerations:**

Committee members reviewed updated committee roster dated 2/4/16. T. Oman is the newest member and has accepted M. O'Shasky's request to serve as Co-Chair. Lori Yach was an invited guest; she's from central Wisconsin, which isn't heavily represented on current committee. M. O'Shasky summarized the application and committee selection process. K. Dietz noted that the committee is underrepresented in several areas; DOC and other parties need to continue reaching out to those underrepresented communities. T. Oman agreed, stating that bringing in new persons will help move the committee along. James Kilgore asked how does the committee solicit African Americans and others to serve? Kilgore and Lorie Goeser responded they knew of several African Americans who would be good candidates. M. O'Shasky believes this issue should be a topic for discussion when developing the new Strategic Plan. Shel Gross has suggested that membership should probably not exceed 15 persons.

Committee members asked whether a membership sub-committee be developed. T. Oman is interested in serving on that sub-committee, as is L. Goeser, K. Dietz, and Bob Dore. T. Oman stated that the group will bring suggestions on membership for discussion at the next Committee meeting. K. Dietz suggested at a policy on "succession" be developed to define how if one person from a specific agency departs the committee due to leaving the agency, would that person's replacement automatically fill a seat on the Committee? Or would that new person have to apply? M. O'Shasky mentioned that one obstacle for consumers serving is the lack of stipends or reimbursements that they can currently receive; this is presently being worked on by the Legislative and Policy Committee. L. Goeser and K. Dietz agreed that the current selection process is too long, and that it shouldn't be continued just because it's always been done that way.

T. Oman proposed that the committee membership discussion be tabled until the next meeting so that the new sub-committee can meet to discuss the above issues, and then report out. The main goal of this sub-committee is to establish a process for selecting new committee members in a manner promoting greater diversity. **T. Oman moved that a sub-committee/workshop be created to define and develop the committee member recruitment and selection process. K. Dietz seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, no abstentions.** K. Dietz noted that the sub-committee needs to define the difference between "committee members" and "committee advisors." M. O'Shasky suggested that the sub-committee also look into member removal policies, and how they would be informed of this.

[Note: The Juvenile Justice Policy Academy Statewide Plan discussion was tabled, because Joann Stephens could not attend. This discussion will occur at the April meeting.]

### **DHS Update:**

Lorie Goeser gave an overview of the three new Opiate Treatment Programs funded in DHS, Division of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS) that will serve populations in northern Wisconsin. She referenced DMHSAS Fact Sheets and offered to make those available to interested parties.

L. Goeser mentioned that Wisconsin was not selected for a Trauma Informed Care (TIC) grant from the most-recent competition, but there are other options for state agencies and stakeholders to explore. For example, TIC may be included as an evidence-based treatment in upcoming diversion grants to be awarded by WI Dept. of Justice. L. Goeser gave a brief overview of the TIC model, and noted that she and M. O'Shasky are TIC trainers.

L. Goeser also noted that DHS and DOC are together working on a Vivitrol project. Also, she referenced the First Episode Incarceration slides from the Vera Institute of Justice. T. Oman noted that the first predictors of inmates who recidivate and return to corrections is the *nature/identity of their associates*. Also, L. Goeser briefly discussed the mental health risk assessment tools.

T. Oman urged Mike Derr and other staff to post resources and information on model programs and best practices on the committee's website.

#### **Committee's 2016-19 Strategic Plan:**

M. O'Shasky noted that the above discussions took more time than expected, leaving little remaining time during the current meeting. She asked committee members and advisors to look at the 2013-16 Strategic Plan on their own and come to the April meeting prepared to discuss ideas and suggestions. She asked Ron Jansen to assist with facilitating the upcoming discussion, given that he was also on the committee when the 2013-16 Plan was developed. T. Oman suggested that one approach for developing the new Strategic Plan is to first look at and develop policies and priorities regarding Committee membership, along with first looking at the various mental health/criminal justice issues, data, work plan reports and similar documentation.

#### **Miscellaneous:**

M. O'Shasky alluded to some policies at specific DOC facilities with resulting consequence of demoralizing inmates (e.g., no signatures allowed on cards). Brian Weidman noted that implementation of many rules and policies are up to the discretion of the unit leader. Several attendees agreed with Bob Dore's statement that the goal should be to "normalize life through recovery." Norm Briggs alluded to the problem of inconsistent application of a policy; that can be very disturbing to inmates or others. Similar to what occurs in an alcoholic-ridden family. T. Oman, B. Weidman and M. O'Shasky noted that activities permitted at one facility may not be permitted at another. Small things can have a big impact on inmates.

For future meetings, T. Oman recommended that we start by discussing something exciting and fun that has recently happened. Karen Breit stated that she would be very excited to be on the Committee, and is following TIC training and peer specialist training. Mike Derr briefly summarized the 2015 Mental Health Block Grant Annual Report that was handed out.

**Meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.,** upon consensus of the Committee.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Mike Derr, DHS/DMHSAS. Next meeting is Thursday, April 14, 2016 in Madison at DOC, beginning at 10 a.m.