



State of Wisconsin

**Wisconsin Council on Mental Health**

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**Meeting of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH) Executive Committee**

**October 31, 2016, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**1 West Wilson Street, Conference Room 951, Madison, Wisconsin and Via Conference Call**

**Members of the Executive Committee in Attendance via Conference Call:** William Parke-Sutherland, Bonnie MacRitchie, Shel Gross, Matt Strittmater, Joanne Juhnke

**Department of Health Services (DHS) Staff in Attendance:** Ryan Stachoviak

**Minutes**

**Item 1: Call to Order**

*Review and Approval of Minutes of June 27, 2016*

**S. Gross moved to approve the minutes of June 27, 2016.**

**B. MacRitchie seconded the motion.**

**Motion carries, J. Juhnke abstained.**

*Review and Approval of Minutes of August 29, 2016*

**B. MacRitchie moved to approve the minutes of August 29, 2016.**

**S. Gross seconded the motion**

**Motion carries, J. Juhnke and W. Parke-Sutherland abstained.**

*Announcements*

No announcements were made.

*Public Comment*

No public comment was made.

**Item 2: Executive Committee Business**

*Children and Youth Committee and Adult Quality Committee Appointments*

J. Juhnke noted that the recommended new members of the Children and Youth Committee are both experienced advocates, are current members of the Council and parents. Both have attended meetings in the past.

**M. Strittmater appointed Amy Polsin and Kimberlee Coronado to the Children and Youth Committee.**

**M. Strittmater appointed Mary Madden, Val Neff, and Sarah Lim to the Adult Quality Committee.**

*Committee Charter Language Changes as suggested by the Children and Youth Committee*

M. Strittmater introduced a change to the committee charter language as suggested by the Children and Youth Committee. The first suggestion is that the principles would read more compellingly if they were framed in active terms, for example “Improving outcomes for clients and their families” rather than “improved outcomes.” The second suggestion is to change the item on “cultural and linguistic competence.” It would be more in line with the current evolution of thinking if it read “cultural and linguistic responsiveness”. W. Parke Sutherland noted that the Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC) had some suggested changes around broadening the language around parents as there may be language that would be more current. The LPC also noted concern around language related to client, family, and consumer involvement. Peer may be a more current term to use. Members of the committee suggested adding a guiding principle around incorporating meaningful family and consumer involvement. S. Gross noted that there may be ongoing language changes to the document but it may be worth revisiting this at a future Council meeting. S. Gross suggested that this be talked about with the Council in the context of strategic planning. The committee agreed to address these suggested changes at a future meeting once the WCMH committees are further along in the process.

*Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Site Visit Verbal Summary*

S. Gross noted that an overall impression from the meeting with SAMHSA was that the state’s county-based system created inequity. Other points of concern were waiting lists and access to services for children. M. Strittmater noted that staff from SAMHSA was impressed with the high level of peer involvement in the state.

W. Parke-Sutherland noted inconsistency with data collection in the state. This inconsistency could impact evaluation. SAMHSA also noted the quality consumer and family involvement on the call. SAMHSA also noted their concern over the Governor’s social media vetting process for appointments. M. Strittmater asked if there was interest in asking for any Technical Assistance (TA) from SAMHSA. Members of the Committee expressed interest in TA around facilitating strategic planning. M. Strittmater suggested that the Council could reach out to SAMHSA and ask how they recommend addressing their concerns regarding the Governor’s appointment process.

*WCMH Strategic Planning*

M. Strittmater asked the committee for suggestions related to strategic planning. S. Gross noted a first step would be for the Council to walk through the previous strategic plan and review if the plan had been achieved. The Council could then move to brain storming new priorities. It may also be helpful to have someone facilitate a strategic planning process.

**Item 3: Committee Updates and Action Items for WCMH Meeting on November 16, 2016**

*Criminal Justice Committee (CJC)*

No CJC update was provided.

*Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC)*

S. Gross noted that the bulk of the committee's time has been spent on budget priorities. The LPC plans to bring an updated document to the November Council meeting. The Committee is currently working to narrow down the list of priorities and provide strong documentation for the priorities. At the upcoming LPC meeting the committee will meet regarding Treatment Alternatives and Diversion. The LPC will also meet with Linda Hall from WAFCA to discuss a proposal for enhanced school based mental health and increased Medicaid reimbursement.

*Adult Quality Committee (AQC)*

No AQC update was provided.

*Children and Youth Committee (CYC)*

B. MacRitchie noted that the CYC reviewed funding streams for infant mental health consultation. There have been some other groups looking at funding as well. In November the CYC plans to revisit topics such as juvenile justice, school mental health, and review the Committee's new meeting structure. The CYC wants to evaluate how the meeting process has been working and if improvements are needed. The Committee has also been looking ahead to strategic planning for this coming year. The Committee plans to spend time reviewing the Mental Health Block Grant.

*Nominating Committee*

No Nominating Committee update was made.

**Item 4: Proposed Agenda for November 16, 2016**

Members of the Committee noted that the WCMH should establish a clearer Council protocol for transition of committee co-chairs and developing future leaders. This may be an area to include in the strategic plan.

Several topics related to strategic planning efforts were noted:

- Looking at the Council's internal structure/logistics
- Council succession planning
- Review of the focus of recruitment efforts
- Development of a physical health subcommittee
- Developing an annual report to the Governor's office
- Cross collaboration with the State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA)
- Big picture plans for the Council

**Item 5: Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.