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

**February 27, 2017 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**1 West Wilson Street, Conference Room 850B, Madison, Wisconsin and Via Conference Call**

**Members of the WCMH Executive Committee in Attendance via Conference Call:** Mishelle O'Shasky, Matt Strittmater, Joanne Juhnke, Bonnie MacRitchie, Shel Gross, Julie-Anne Braun, William Parke-Sutherland

**Department of Health Services Staff in Attendance:** Kay Cram, Ryan Stachoviak

**Minutes**

**Item 1: Call to Order**

*Review and Approval of Minutes of January 9, 2017*

**S. Gross moved to approve the minutes of January 9, 2017.**

**M. O'Shasky seconded the motion.**

**Motion carries, minutes approved.**

*Announcements*

No announcements were made.

*Public Comment*

No public comment.

**Item 2: Executive Committee Business**

*Mandatory Public Records Training*

R. Stachoviak provided a briefing on public records training which all councils are being asked to complete by July 1, 2017. The Committee agreed to provide this training at an upcoming Council meeting.

*Committee Appointments*

**M. Strittmater appointed Brian Weidman to the Criminal Justice Committee.**

**M. Strittmater appointed Phil Robinson to replace Dan Naylor on the Children and Youth Committee effective April 1, 2017.**

## *Strategic Planning*

M. Strittmater discussed strategic planning, noting that the Council discussed the importance of including the strategic plans of the committees when planning the WCMH strategic plan. It would be valuable for the chairs of the committees to attend an upcoming WCMH meeting to discuss each committee's strategic plan. B. MacRitchie noted that the CYC has several strategic areas that the CYC is still working on, some areas that have been addressed and some which require additional work. S. Gross noted that he is in favor of this approach. The Committee members agreed to hold this discussion at the March 18 WCMH meeting.

Members of the Committee discussed options for gathering public input in the strategic planning process. J. Braun noted that might be hard to get consensus on priorities as each group will bring their own input and have their own focus. W. Parke-Sutherland suggested that any input gathering be done in a manner so that the role of the strategic plan and the process for developing it is clearly defined. Members of the committee agreed to revisit public comment on the strategic plan at a later date once a draft is developed. Members of the public can be asked to reflect and comment on what is developed. W. Parke-Sutherland suggested that the WCMH plan ahead for the next strategic plan to look at how the Council can bring in more ongoing consumer engagement that would help inform the next plan.

### **Item 3: Committee Updates and Action Items for WCMH Meeting on March 15, 2017**

#### *Criminal Justice Committee (CJC)*

M. O'Shasky provided a CJC briefing. The CJC most recently held a joint meeting with the LPC. The two committees spent a good deal of time getting to know one another and discussing how the two committees operated. Members of the CJC found the meeting to be beneficial.

#### *Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC)*

W. Parke-Sutherland discussed the most recent LPC meeting with the CJC. In addition to the joint session the LPC devoted time to discussing the budget priorities. The LPC reviewed the Governor's budget. Members of the LPC have scheduled meetings with legislators for later this week. As such there are two motions that the LPC brought to the Executive Committee meeting in lieu of Council meeting.

#### ***Motion: Additions to WCMH Budget Priorities***

S. Gross introduced the motions from the LPC. The LPC made this motion in response to the Governor's budget. The motion is to recommend to the WCMH that they add the following to the Budget Priority document: the BadgerCare work requirement and the importance of adding exemptions and protections comparable to Food Share, and to support the Governor's budget initiatives to reduce homelessness. There have been work requirements added to other public benefits. However, when this language has been added it has always included language regarding able bodied adults. This language was not included in this legislation. This population many have mental health or substance use disorders. The motion is not to support the work requirement legislation, but to be sure if this legislation is passed that the able bodied language be included. The second component of the motion is to support efforts in the Governor's budget to reduce homelessness.

**Motion from the LPC is to add the following priorities to the Budget Priority document: stress the importance of adding exemptions and protections comparable to Food Share to the BadgerCare work requirement legislation and to support the Governor's budget initiatives to reduce homelessness.**

**Motion carries, B. MacRitchie abstains.**

***Motion: Support for changes to Juvenile Justice age policies***

S. Gross provided a briefing on the motion. The Governor included budget language that would remove young adults (under the age of 18) in the criminal justice system from adult facilities. The language states that if a young adult is sentenced as an adult, but is under 18 years of age, they must still be placed in youth facilities.

**Motion from the LPC to support the Governor's budget item to remove young adults under the age of 18 from adult facilities.**

**Motion carries.**

*Adult Quality Committee (AQC)*

R. Stachoviak provided a brief update on the AQC. The most recent AQC meeting was canceled. The Committee will next be meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup> and will spend time discussing the block grant and needs assessment process.

*Children and Youth Committee (CYC)*

J. Juhnke provided a briefing. The CYC has spent time looking at prioritization of the budget priorities. The group is looking to be more intentional about what items would be the top asks among the priorities. The CYC also has some additional budget priority related items to discuss at the upcoming CYC meeting. The Committee will likely have some items to bring to the upcoming WCMH meeting.

*Nominating Committee*

R. Stachoviak will send a recent applicant's information to Julie-Anne Braun who will conduct a phone interview.

Members of the Executive Committee agreed to discuss changes to the committee charters at an upcoming meeting for final presentation to the WCMH.

**Item 4: Proposed Agenda for March 15, 2017**

Members of the Committee discussed and developed an agenda for the March 15<sup>th</sup> WCMH meeting.

**Item 5: Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned 3:21pm.