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Wisconsin Council on Mental Health

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Minutes of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health Executive Committee

January 9, 2015, 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: Shel Gross, Jackie Baldwin, Rick Immler, Mishelle O'Shasky

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

Minutes

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 October 31, 2014

M. O'Shasky moved to approve the minutes of October 31, 2014.

R. Immler seconded the motion to approve the minutes of October 31, 2014.

Motion carries unanimously.

Announcements

J. Baldwin announced Children Come First will be held Tuesday and Wednesday November 10th-11th at the Wilderness Hotel in Wisconsin Dells. The theme of the conference is "Include Me." R. Immler stated that the National Governors Association healthcare workforce effort will be meeting on January 13th. M. O'Shasky announced that Grassroots Empowerment Project is applying for a SAMHSA grant for the development of forensic peer specialists. GEP is hoping that the Council will be willing to provide a letter of support.

Item 2: Executive Committee Business

Data Request Procedures

S. Gross described the policy for the WCMH to make data requests of the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS). Any WCMH committee can make a request and those requests will first go to the Executive Committee for communication to the DMHSAS. K. Cram stated that she is working on a list of reports which are produced by the DMHSAS. This information will be provided to the WCMH at the January 21st meeting.

Committee Membership Guidelines

S. Gross provided a draft of the Legislative and Policy Committee's membership guidelines and asked if the other WCMH committees were creating something similar. J. Baldwin stated that the Children and Youth Committee has not yet started creating a similar document. M. O'Shasky stated that the Criminal Justice Committee has not started either at this point.

S. Gross stated that creating membership guidelines is something that he would like to see this year, so there is something for each committee to utilize. It will be helpful for people in the future so they know what the committee's membership should be. Each committee's membership should be tailored based on mission of each committee. M. O'Shasky asked if it is appropriate to include in these guidelines a stipulation that new members should attend at least two meetings prior to consideration for membership. S. Gross stated that he felt that it is an appropriate element to include.

S. Gross noted that the WCMH has received an invitation from SAMHSA to provide planning council technical assistance. If there is interest from the committee or the WCMH, the Council could receive support. Support could be something around data, or leadership training, something which may be of interest as S. Gross' term as Chair is ending this year. R. Immler suggested technical assistance around this issue may be beneficial given that mental health policy is so complex. S. Gross stated that he will review the opportunity and follow up with DMHSAS as there needs to be State involvement in the process as well.

Grassroots Empowerment Project Grant Application

M. O'Shasky requested that the Council support GEP in its efforts to seek a statewide consumer network grant from SAMHSA. The statewide consumer network grant would be a way to implement the forensic peer specialist program and expand peer specialist services. At this time GEP is not aware of any other organizations in Wisconsin that are planning to apply for the grant from SAMHSA. GEP has also received support from many other organizations in Wisconsin as well as the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections.

R. Immler moved that S. Gross, as Council Chair, provide a letter of support for GEP in the organization's efforts to apply for the SAMHSA consumer network grant.

J. Baldwin seconded the motion.

Motion carries, M. O'Shasky abstains.

S. Gross stated he will draft a letter for GEP.

Item 3: Committee Updates and Action Items for WCMH Meeting on January 21, 2015

Criminal Justice Committee

M. O'Shasky stated that the Criminal Justice Committee (CJC) met recently with Department of Corrections (DOC) Secretary Ed Wall and had a productive conversation. M. O'Shasky discussed three motions which the CJC approved at the recent CJC meeting.

Motion one is regarding the expansion of the OARS Program. The motion is to recommend that WCMH support expansion of the OARS program by increasing the program budget by \$2.6 million in order to serve additional numbers of inmates and reach additional geographic regions within the State. This funding would be new dollars which the legislature would need to appropriate. The DOC has indicated that would support more money being allocated toward that program. Motion two is to Support recommendations in the Wisconsin Legislative Council Study of Problem Solving Courts. The motion is to recommend that the WCMH support the changes and recommendations included in WLC 0028/2, WLC 0032/1 and WLC 0045/1 of the WI Legislative Council Study on Problem Solving Courts. The third motion is support for a Forensic Peer Specialist Certification by recommending that the WCMH support funding from the 2015-17 state budget for the implementation of forensic peer specialist certification, along with parent peer specialist certification, to be referenced and requested in Section A (1) of the Mental Health 2.0 document. S. Gross asked if this proposal would be to not be

to take money away from the other peer specialist programs but to add funding for the forensic peer specialists. M. O'Shasky confirmed that this proposal is for additional funding to support a forensic peer specialist program.

M. O' Shasky added that the CJC did also discuss medication issues related to release from corrections. Waupun is working to become MA certified so the facility can provide medication after release for those who receive medication via the Affordable Care Act. Consumers can also apply for Medical Assistance benefits prior to release. The goal is to ensure that people will be able to receive 30 days of medication upon release.

Legislative and Policy Committee

S. Gross stated that the bulk of the work being done by the Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC) has been on the Mental Health 2.0 document. The document is intended to be a living document, but the LPC did come to a version which was presented to Jon Hoelter in the governor's office. The conversation with Mr. Hoelter was productive and he asked for some additional information regarding the children and youth elements. The group talked more about the MAPP and some of the discussions via the GCPD on some potential compromise language.

The LPC also had a discussion with the Wisconsin Initiative for Stigma Elimination (WISE) regarding stigma reduction and a discussion with the Wisconsin Anti-Violence Effort (WAVE) regarding gun restraining orders. This is an approach for removing firearms from people who are judged to be a danger to themselves or others. Wisconsin currently has laws regarding domestic violence restraining orders for firearms which could serve as precedent for additional legislation.

Adult Quality Committee

The Adult Quality Committee last met in December and is working to develop a schedule for 2015.

Children and Youth Committee

R. Immler stated that the recent Children and Youth Committee (CYC) meeting focused largely on the school based mental health initiative. S. Gross stated that he received a proposal from the Wisconsin Association of Family and Children's Agencies (WAFCA) regarding school-based mental health. A group of organizations is developing the proposal.

J. Baldwin stated that at the recent meeting Kate McCoy from the Office of Children's Mental Health gave a presentation regarding the data being compiled by the Office. The results illustrated the need for more data to be collected. R. Immler stated that there are significant racial disparities; hospitalization rates are quite a bit higher than neighboring states and the national average. The CYC also discussed the Office of Children's Mental Health, seclusion and restraint, and Coordinated Service Team (CST).

Nominating Committee

S. Gross noted that the Nominating Committee will be bringing two applicants to the WCMH meeting for a vote for recommendation to the Governor's Office. The first applicant is Jean DeDie, an older adult consumer who works at JMH as a peer specialist. The second applicant is Snezana Matic, parent who formed a foundation in memory of her son.

Item 4: Proposed Agenda for January 21, 2015

The Executive Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed agenda for the January 21 WCMH meeting. S. Gross noted with the LPC agenda elements, the WCMH should be provided a list of bills which were supported by the WCMH during the last legislative session.

R. Immler stated that he would like to talk about data. R. Immler offered to provide a presentation, noting that he could do a 30 minute high level informational presentation about public health data and programmatic data. Other areas of discussion are what might be needed to improve access to data, the mental health data infrastructure, possibilities for the future, and outliers.

Item 5: Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.