



State of Wisconsin

Wisconsin Council on Mental Health

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

June 29, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

1 West Wilson Street, Conference Room 850-B, Madison, Wisconsin

Minutes

Members of the Executive Committee in Attendance: Shel Gross, Julie-Anne Braun, Mishelle O'Shasky, Karen Herro, Rick Immler, Matt Strittmater

Department of Health Services Staff in Attendance: Ryan Stachoviak

Item 1: Call to Order

Review and Approval of Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting of March 6, 2015

R. Immler moved to approve the minutes of March 6, 2015.

M. O'Shasky seconded the motion approve the minutes.

Motion carries.

Review and Approval of Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the WCMH of May 8, 2015

M. O'Shasky moved to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2013.

K. Herro seconded the motion to approve the minutes.

Motion carries.

Review and Approval of Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the WCMH of May 18, 2015

M. O'Shasky moved to approve the minutes of May 18, 2015.

K. Herro seconded the motion to approve the minutes.

Motion carries, R. Immler abstains.

Announcements

No announcements were made.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Item 2: Executive Committee Business

Mental Health and Substance Abuse Block Grant

R. Stachoviak stated that the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS) will be providing the Council with a copy of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse Block Grant plan around July 1st. Staff from the DMHSAS will be presenting the block grant to both the WCMH and the State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA) and committees of each council. The DMHSAS also welcomes feedback via email which can be sent to Ryan.Stachoviak@wisconsin.gov.

Fall Tour Planning

S. Gross noted the most recent WCMH fall tours were held in Green Bay, Milwaukee, and La Crosse. S. Gross stated that there are several areas where the Council could tour in central Wisconsin (Portage, Wood, and Marathon Counties). Options for the tour are: the six county central Wisconsin partnership which are working in parallel with public health departments, however this effort may not be mature enough to showcase. CCS programs are another option; White Pine is the coordinator for this program. Counties in this region have also participated in several efforts regarding suicide prevention.

R. Immler noted that North Central Healthcare may be another option for the visit, as is the new medical school which is opening in that region.

M. O'Shasky recommended that there are several Stevens Point justice programs, including a pre-trial program which the Council could learn about.

Regarding the six county collaborative, Phil Robinson would be the point person.

M. Strittmater stated he could get in touch with representatives from Portage and Wood County, let them know the WMCH is interested in what they are doing, and see what would like to present to us.

WCMH Membership

S. Gross announced that Masood Wasiullah has resigned from the Council.

Item 3: DMHSAS Staff Updates

Council Orientation

Members of the Executive Committee discussed ideas for a WCMH and committee orientation. J. Braun stated that when she joined it was very overwhelming. It is important to not overwhelm new members with too much information and data. It would be welcome to have simple information presented at a big picture approach, and then provide more information provided and available to people as they become more versed in the language. Having information regarding acronyms is also quite beneficial. It is also helpful to have information regarding behavioral health programs and services throughout the state as well as what departments oversee these programs and what their responsibilities are.

R. Immler stated that some might benefit from availability of additional higher level information as well given the complexity of public mental health. Additionally, the assignment of a mentor would be beneficial. S. Gross suggested a PowerPoint presentation which could be put online would be beneficial

for new members. M. O'Shasky suggested that new members could come to a meeting early for a presentation. M. O. suggested also working with people during breaks when you can see that a person is struggling. J. Braun noted that there could be a way to designate mentors during meetings, perhaps with a different colored name tag. S. Gross recommended that new committee members also receive the orientation information.

WCMH Website

R. Stachoviak announced that the new WCMH website is now live. The new format will allow for additional features in the future and should make it easier to update the site. If there are any specific updates which are needed chairs should communicate it with WCMH staff.

Item 4: Committee Updates and Action Items for WCMH Meeting on July 15, 2015

Criminal Justice Committee (CJC)

M. O'Shasky stated that R. Stachoviak discussed the Needs Assessment at the most recent CJC meeting. The committee also developed and discussed a new application form for the CJC. J. Stephens requested that we use first person language. The CJC is also asking people who are interested to attend two meetings prior to being considered for appointment to the committee. The CJC received an update from the Wisconsin County Human Service Association (WCHSA) on the budget process. The CJC was informed of upcoming Department of Corrections staff cuts. There is concern about the current situation of adding inmates but reducing staff. The CJC also discussed the recent grant received by Grassroots Empowerment Project to implement the forensic peer specialist program.

S. Gross recommended that the CJC discuss juvenile justice with the Children and Youth Committee. R. Immler suggested this could be a way to collaborate across the committees.

Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC)

S. Gross stated that the LPC has had some committee changes and there were several new members which were interested in joining the committee.

S. Gross appointed Dori Richards to the Legislative and Policy Committee as an at-large member.

S. Gross appointed Britt Cudaback to the Legislative and Policy Committee as an at-large member.

S. Gross appointed Crystal Hester to the Legislative and Policy Committee as the NAMI-Wisconsin representative.

S. Gross stated that the LPC will bring a motion regarding Senate Bill 181 to the Council meeting. Under this bill, if a court at a competency hearing determines that the defendant is not competent but is likely to become competent and the defendant was charged with a serious felony or a serious child sex offense, the court must commit the defendant for treatment until the defendant becomes competent or for the duration of the maximum sentence for the most serious offense with which he or she is charged, whichever is shorter.

S. Gross noted that Representative Tim Murphy has introduced a version of his bill from the previous legislative session, HR 2646, the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2015. There are some

improvements over the previous bill, but many advocates still have concerns about the bill. The LPC may have a motion regarding this bill for the Council meeting.

Adult Quality Committee (AQC)

K. Herro stated that the June 8th meeting was canceled. The AQC will next be meeting on 7/2/15. At this meeting the committee will be discussing consumer satisfaction and R. Stachoviak will talk about the block grant.

Children and Youth Committee (CYC)

R. Immler stated that the CYC most recently had a strategic planning day. The committee also discussed the mental health needs assessment update. The CYC had a lot of questions and hopes to hear back from staff regarding the questions. The CYC may postpone strategic planning until later in this year, the committee is planning on looking at the next steps.

S. Gross appointed Therese Ahlers to the Children and Youth Committee.

Nominating Committee

M. O'Shasky noted that there was one applicant which was interviewed by J. Braun. R. Stachoviak will schedule a meeting of the committee.

Item 5: Proposed Agenda for July 15, 2015

The DMHSAS will provide a presentation on the block grant plan, to be followed by a public comment period for members of the public who want to provide feedback. In the afternoon the DMHSAS will provide updates on the CCS program, peer run respite response from DHS, and budget updates.

Item 6: Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:40pm