



State of Wisconsin

Wisconsin Council on Mental Health

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Meeting Minutes of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health Executive Committee

August 22, 2014 from 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

1 West Wilson Street, Conference Room 850-A, Madison, Wisconsin and Via Conference Call

Members of the Committee in Attendance: Shel Gross, Jackie Baldwin, Karen Herro, Mishelle O'Shasky, Joann Stephens, Rick Immler

Department of Health Services Staff in Attendance: Ryan Stachoviak

Guests in Attendance: Matt Strittmater

Item 1: Call to Order

Welcome and Introductions

Review and Approval of Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH) of June 27, 2014

The following corrections to the Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of June 27, 2014 were recorded:

1. Note under announcements that Joann Stephens will remain on the Criminal Justice Committee, but will be unable to continue participating on the Adult Quality Committee.
2. Page 2: added detail to information about the Barber bill, "House Resolution 4574, which contains many elements that mental health advocates favor, but does not include the controversial elements of the Murphy bill."
3. Page 3: Change "Identified barriers were non-violent criteria which were a federal law which had nothing regarding problem solving courts" to "An identified barrier was non-violent offender criteria which was a federal law which had nothing to do with problem solving courts, but this law disqualifies people for past, even minor, violent offenses."
4. Minor typos were noted.

J. Stephens moved to approve the minutes of June 27th, 2014 as amended.

M. O'Shasky seconded the motion to approve the minutes of June 27th, 2014 as amended.

Motion carries unanimously.

Announcements

No announcements were made.

Item 2: Executive Committee Business

Member status and attendance

S. Gross discussed WCMH attendance stating the majority of Council members have good attendance. Hugh Johnston has been appointed by Secretary Wall and the Governor to represent the Department of Corrections.

Sister Anne Catherine Veierstahler has missed several meetings over the past year. S. Gross will try to contact her to discuss her ability to continue to participate on the Council.

The Governor appointed Tracey Hassinger to replace Mary Neubauer as a Consumer representative to the Council. The Council continues to be out of compliance with federal statutes regarding Council membership. Recently the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS) learned that Wisconsin was selected for a mental health block grant site visit and review in Fiscal Year 2015. As such ensuring Council compliance remains evermore so important. J. Baldwin stated looking at the last report from the block grant site visit may be helpful. The report would likely be from 2011-2012.

Vice Chair Election

The Council will need to hold an election for Vice-Chair at the upcoming Council meeting provided the Council has quorum. R. Stachoviak will make a note in announcements for the next Council meeting. The Vice-Chair will be responsible for the Nominating Committee, serving as a representative to the Governor's Council on People with Disabilities. J. Stephens stated that initial intent was that the Second Vice-Chair would do the internal Council work and the Vice-Chair would be responsible for the external responsibilities.

2015 Council Schedule

S. Gross discussed meeting dates for the Executive Committee and Council for 2015. S. Gross presented the option of holding four or five Council meetings annually as opposed to six. This would require more action by the committees and the Executive Committee if immediate action would need to be taken. Members of the Committee stated their support for maintaining six Council meetings annually. The number of meetings can be challenging, but the Council has full agendas and with the amount of work to be done, keeping six meetings is important. J. Stephens stated that other Council members would also voice their support for six Council meetings a year.

Follow-up on monthly meetings with Kevin Moore

S. Gross stated that the regular attendees of meetings with DHS Deputy Secretary Kevin Moore are representatives from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), Mental Health America, Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW), the Wisconsin County Health Services Association (WCHSA), Wisconsin Family Ties, and the Grassroots Empowerment Project. The majority of the Council committees are represented at these meetings. However, it would be beneficial to have a representative from the Adult Quality Committee. S. Gross will discuss representation with Mr. Moore.

Plan for coordinating data process

At the July WCMH meeting the Council received a presentation from Dave Stepien and Tim Connor from DHS regarding mental health data. The Council would like to coordinate efforts for data requests among the council and the committees. S. Gross discussed how to coordinate this process with Joyce Allen from DMHSAS. The Division will work to develop a plan to coordinate how the Council should make data requests and coordinate these efforts with the Executive Committee. Ms. Allen will bring additional information to the Executive Committee meeting in October.

R. Immler asked if there are reports and publications which are available for the Council to utilize based on the data collected and reported by DMHSAS. In particular reports which allow for a comparative examination of how Wisconsin is performing in comparison to other states. Medicaid expenditures would be helpful. R. Stachoviak stated the DMHSAS will be producing a FY 2014 Block Grant report which the Division should be able to share with the Council in November. R. Stachoviak will identify other reports which may be of use for the Council.

Letter of Support for Mishelle O'Shasky

S. Gross presented a letter of support for Mishelle O'Shasky to receive a SAMHSA scholarship to the Alternatives Conference. S. Gross asked if sending out these types of letters is appropriate for the Chair to do or if the Committee would like to vote on this. Committee voiced support for the Chair providing letters of recommendation. R. Stachowiak will format letter and send to Mishelle O'Shasky.

Committee member stipends

S. Gross stated the Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC) discussed the availability of stipends. This was previously supported as part of the proposals given to the Speaker's Taskforce. The hope is that stipends would increase consumer or family member involvement. However in order to allow stipends state statute would need to be changed and there are barriers from the IRS regulations. Joyce Allen will bring the issue to the legal staff at DHS to see if there is any way to make stipends work and will try to have more information at the September WCMH meeting. This issue was also included in the *Mental Health 2.0* document.

Treatment Alternatives and Diversion

J. Stephens stated that the Legislative Committee on problem solving courts had a meeting on Wednesday and developed a varied list of recommendations that came out of testimony. J. Stephens requested support from Council on this issue. A key piece is violent offender ineligibility for Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD), as every TAD testimony detailed this being a barrier. However, research indicates people with a history of violent crimes are still successful; perhaps the council can weigh in on this issue. S. Gross stated that he could prepare something on behalf of the Council for components of TAD that the Council has specifically endorsed. This would include allowing people with a mental illness only to participate but the violent offender piece is not something the Council has discussed. S. Gross recommended communicating with advocacy organizations directly for support regarding this issue if it is necessary before the Council can take a position.

Item 3: Committee Updates and Action Items for WCMH Meeting on September 17, 2014

Criminal Justice Committee

M. O'Shasky stated at the April meeting the Committee discussed the Prisoner Reentry Employment Program. Kathleen Enders discussed the program and there have since been ongoing discussions, working on a statewide MOU to expand the program to all community correction centers. Some questions were raised among the pilot projects, will look into further. There was also suggestion that there be a pilot in a jail as well. Lila Schmidt gave an overview of the MHBG planning process criminal justice priority for SAMHSA. A survey was sent out regarding TAD program, looking at needs. The Committee also had an update on the Jail Administrative codes, looking at revision of old codes which have been worked on for several years. Much of the original proposal from the CJC has been changed or dropped and many of the people who worked on it have since left the CJC. May be cause for concern with such a big change from the original draft. M. O'Shasky stated that Mike Derr from DMHSAS has been a great addition as the new Committee staff person.

Legislative and Policy Committee

S. Gross stated that the Committee has been conducting ongoing work to improve consumer and family involvement. The Committee has been looking at meeting at a larger room and adding Committee practices to make the meetings less intimidating and more inviting. The Committee is also working on the *Mental Health 2.0* document. This document was presented to Kevin Moore and staff from the Governor's Office and Representative Vos' office. It was conceptually supported but they would like more info regarding the cost. Members of LPC, CJC and C & Y committee will be working on these. The Committee has also been having discussions about provider involvement and meetings.

Adult Quality Committee

K. Herro stated that the Committee had a discussion on the new 5% Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) set-aside with R. Stachoviak and Kay Cram from DMHSAS. The group also provided feedback on the MHBG peer review tool. S. Gross asked whether there is enough active participation on the Committee. K. Herro stated that membership would need to be looked into more and she plans to meet with the co-chair and staff to try to coordinate Committee efforts better. The committee will be doing strategic planning at their next meeting.

Children and Youth Committee

R. Immler stated at the last meeting there were two motions and formal drafts are in work for the upcoming Council meeting. In regard to the *Mental Health 2.0* document, the group discussed infant mental health. The group discussed means to fix the pyramid model and create the supports which could go state wide. One significant challenge is that the expulsion rate in pre-schools is higher than k-12. The belief is that applying the Pyramid Model in Wisconsin could be of great benefit. The estimated cost to implement this is 1.5 million annually. The Pyramid Model is currently widely supported, but this funding would support training statewide, using part time training. Another area of focus is regarding the Birth to 3 Program. The Trauma Informed System with At Risk Preschool Children has been implemented in Waukesha County, serving as a pilot program. More detail will follow, and the Committee hopes to present these motions at the September Council meeting.

Nominating Committee

S. Gross and R. Stachoviak had a meeting with Eric Esser, Director of Gubernatorial Appointments. The Governor's Office still welcomes input from the Council and will work to better communicate with the Council regarding applicants and appointments. S. Gross stated he communicated the importance of making sure people understand the responsibility associated with serving on the Council. The Council will provide more information regarding the skills and types of representatives the Council needs to maintain a balance of membership in line with federal statute. New members of the Council are Tracey Hassinger and Hugh Johnston.

Item 4: Proposed Agenda for September 16-17, 2014 Tour and Meeting

The Committee reviewed the agenda for the fall tour and WCMH meeting. The group had no edits or modifications.

Item 5: Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.