



State of Wisconsin

**Wisconsin Council on Mental Health**

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**Meeting Minutes of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health Executive Committee**

**June 27, 2014, 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, Karen Herro, Jackie Baldwin, Rick Immler, Joann Stephens, Mary Neubauer.

**Department of Health Services Staff in Attendance:** Ryan Stachoviak.

**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 May 2, 2014*

The following edits to the meeting minutes of May 2, 2014 were noted:

1. Page 1 – "...presentation at a recent Council meeting has become taken..." to "...presentation at a recent Council meeting has taken..."
2. Page 1 – "There has been on ..." to "There has been one ..."
3. Page 2 – "... attend the NGA work force meeting ..." to "... attend a meeting about putting together a grant for a National Governor's Association Policy Academy on Healthcare Workforce."
4. Page 2 – "S. Gross stated there was discussion regarding the child psychiatric access line and parent peer specialists." to "S. Gross stated that there was discussion regarding the child psychiatric consultation line and peer and parent-peer specialists."
5. Page 3 – "... the problem solving committee as well." to "the Legislative Council Problem Solving Committee as well."

**J. Baldwin motioned to approve the meeting minutes of the WCMH Executive Committee meeting of May 2, 2014 as amended.**

**K. Herro seconded motioned to approve the meeting minutes of the WCMH Executive Committee meeting of May 2, 2014 as amended.**

**Motion carries unanimously.**

*Announcements*

The Office of Children's Mental Health will have an open house on July 16; a formal announcement is forthcoming.

Joann Stephens will remain on the Criminal Justice Committee, but will be unable to continue participating on the Adult Quality Committee.

## **Item 2: Updates from the Chair**

S. Gross discussed the National Governor's Association workforce policy academy. Wisconsin was accepted into the academy and sent a small group out for a meeting on the topic. Last week another small group met with the Governor's staff to discuss next steps. There was a decision to make behavioral health one of the core areas. Other core areas are coordination, data, work redesign, and pipeline (training). The next step will be for people who are interested in the core areas to develop a working paper to identify goals and strategies, and identify stakeholders who need to be involved in the process. An initial draft must be provided to the Governor's office on Monday.

S. Gross discussed the Disability Rights Wisconsin review by the DHS Legal Counsel. The Council has previously talked about the complaint against DRW from Milwaukee County regarding reports and communications. The County alleged that DRW's actions were violations of HIPAA. There will be a press release going out stating that the DHS had not found fault in DRW's actions and will not remove DRW as the protection and advocacy. R. Stachowiak will share the document with the Council once it is public.

Regarding House Resolution 3717, there was a decision in Washington not to move the bill forward as many portions were controversial. Rep. Barber has introduced a bill, House Resolution 4574, which contains many elements that mental health advocates favor, but does not include the controversial elements of the Murphy bill. Barber and Murphy are working together to compromise.

## **Item 3: Executive Committee Business**

### *Process for Election of Second Vice-Chair*

The Council must elect a second vice chair. J. Stephens stated that in the past nominations were put forth and then the Council had voted at the Council meeting. Put something in the body of WCMH meeting email to think about whether they would want to be 2<sup>nd</sup> vice chair, if interested contact S. Gross.

### *Fall Tour Status*

R. Stachowiak will check with Matt Strittmater to see if he can share tentative plans for the fall tour with the Council at the coming meeting. R. Stachowiak will work with M. Strittmater to refine the fall tour plan.

### *Appointments to WCMH*

S. Gross announced that Masood Wasiullah was appointed to the Council. The Committee noted some concern over the lack of communication from the Governor's Office regarding the Nominating Committee's role in the nomination process. The Council expressed interest in meeting with the Governor's Office staff to discuss and would like more feedback on what the Governor's Office would like from the Council.

### *Participation in DHS/Advocates Meeting*

There are monthly meetings with K. Moore, meetings which evolved organically out of a group of people that were meeting frequently and advocating for behavioral health issues. Everyone who is part of these meetings is associated with the Council but never has the Council looked at who should be involved. This current group is very heavily represented by members of the Legislative and Policy Committee. Meetings are held once a month for about 60-90 minutes. The group discusses multiple topics and receives updates from Kevin Moore. For example most recently the group began started looking at next budget. R. Immler stated that it would be beneficial to have the CYC agenda represented at the meetings. J. Stephens stated that might be beneficial for

committees to request that those representatives from each committee provide reports back from the meeting with Kevin Moore. J. Baldwin suggested the committee could look at whether another representative from the CYC could attend. S. Gross will provide a list of attendees. The Executive Committee will revisit this topic at the next meeting.

#### **Item 4: Committee Updates and Action Items for WCMH Meeting on July 16, 2014**

##### *Criminal Justice Committee*

M. O'Shasky provided an update write up for the Executive Committee. The CJC will provide an update from the Eau Claire meeting at the upcoming Council meeting. The CJC will not have motions.

J. Stephens stated that she attended the Legislative Council Study Committee on Specialty Courts. People on the Council were very supportive of the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) program. The group had a good overview of problem solving courts. 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. TAD funding could be compromised if the program were to accept someone with a violent offense in the past, but there are studies which show that people with violent offense do no worse in TAD. These rules particularly exclude veterans as the individual cannot have a firearm to be in TAD and many veterans own a firearm.

##### *Legislative and Policy Committee*

S. Gross stated that the LPC has been working on budget recommendations for the coming year. The committee has also been discussing meaningful consumer involvement; a sub group has been convening to discuss the topic.

In the committee's strategic planning efforts interfacing with providers and provider groups was identified as a goal. The group discussed how to do this; most likely the LPC will invite a handful of providers which are similar in terms of their concerns and issues. The LPC would like to facilitate discussions of priorities and to start this dialogue and increase communication.

M. Neubauer announced the Milwaukee Mental Health Board will meet on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

##### *Adult Quality Committee*

K. Herro provided an update, the Adult Quality Committee (AQC) met June 26th. The AQC had only one member and one chair attend the meeting. R. Stachoviak and Kay Cram presented on 5% set aside for First Episode Psychosis. The AQC may meet again in a month to get additional input on the new 5% Mental Health Block Grant set-aside if people are able to come. The AQC also reviewed the peer review tool at the previous meeting. The county reviews will be done again this year. The committee also plans to review stigma reduction and CCS in the near future. Discussed the WISE program and will look more into the program.

##### *Children and Youth Committee*

J. Baldwin stated that the Children's Mental Health Awareness day was a success. The DMHSAS may take over the organization of the event in the future. The Children Come First Conference is November 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. CST update and the new money which was approved, six counties did not apply for the money at this time. All other counties and tribes have applied for the funding at this time. At the most recent CYC meeting the new Mental Health Block Grant 5% set-aside was discussed. The CYC will be reviewing funding and policy recommendations.

*Nominating Committee*

S. Gross discussed his conversation with new Council member M. Wasiullah. There were no other updates from the Nominating Committee.

**Item 5: Review of Proposed Agenda for July 16, 2014 WCMH Meeting**

The Committee added the Independent Living Resources presentation under the DMHSAS update.

**Item 6: Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm.