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Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH)
January 7, 2019, 10:00 am to 11:30 am
1 W. Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin, Conference Room 951 and via Conference Call

MINUTES

Members of the Executive Committee in Attendance via Conference Call: Crystal Hester, Mishelle O'Shasky, Joanne Juhnke

Department of Health Services (DHS) Staff in Attendance: Ryan Stachoviak

1. Call to Order

Review and approval of the minutes of October 29, 2018

J. Juhnke moved to approve the minutes of October 29, 2018.

C. Hester seconded the motion.

Motion carried, minutes approved.

Announcements

C. Hester announced that NAMI Wisconsin has opened registration for Action on the Square. R. Stachoviak announced that Joannette Robertson is the new Mental Health section chief in the Bureau of Prevention Treatment and Recovery.

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

2. Executive Committee Business

Members of the committee discussed Council membership and vacancies. There are currently 14 vacancies on the Council and there are a few members who have not attended the meetings with consistency over the past two years which has led to issues of quorum. The Council should set a goal to increase its exposure and recruit new members. The Executive Committee discussed doing outreach with Governor Evers' office to discuss the need for new members. The Governor has a website devoted to applying to serve. C. Hester discussed the need for a co-chair on the Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC). C. Hester may also be interested in applying to serve on the Council. R. Stachoviak will update materials online to reflect these new changes in the process for applying to serve on the Council.

3. Committee Updates and Action Items for WCMH Meeting on January 16, 2019

Children and Youth Committee (CYC)

J. Juhnke provided an update regarding the CYC. At the most recent meeting the CYC had an update on the system of care work being done by the Bureau of Prevention Treatment and Recovery (BPTR). It was helpful for the committee gain a better understanding of the scope of the work, and in particular the amount that of work that is being done on the project with very limited resources in the BPTR. The group at BPTR working on these efforts is also focusing on Coordinated Services Teams (CST) and Comprehensive Community Services (CCS).

There are SAMHSA system of care grants that are available on a periodic basis that the State may be able to apply for to support this effort. The grant is four years at roughly 3 million dollars a year with a requirement for State match. The CYC plans to continue talking about this effort in February. The group hopes that it can support a State effort to apply for these funds at the next funding opportunity.

The CYC also continues to discuss its workforce development plans with a goal of developing a policy paper on the topic that can be introduced to the WCMH. The group also had a presentation from R. Stachoviak on the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant at its most recent meeting.

Legislative and Policy Committee

C. Hester briefed the group on the LPC. The Committee has continued to address budget priorities and plans to bring a new draft of the priorities to the upcoming Council meeting. The group continues to discuss membership and opportunities for new leaders in the group. Two members, Barbara Beckert and Mary Neubauer had also briefed the LPC on their participation on Governor Evers' health policy workgroup.

Criminal Justice Committee (CJC)

M. O'Shasky briefed the members of the Executive Committee on three budget priorities that the CJC plans to bring to the LPC and the WCMH for inclusion in the budget priorities document. The first priority area is to provide funding to enable the systematic screening of trauma among Wisconsin inmates and implement of evidence-based, trauma-focused treatment groups throughout adult prisons in Wisconsin. The second priority area is to provide funding for five full-time Certified Forensic Peer Specialist positions to expand service availability to clients not enrolled/eligible for CCS. The third priority area is to allocate funding to increase release medications from a two-week to a four-week supply for people leaving the corrections system.

4. Review Agenda for WCMH meeting on January 16, 2019

Members of the WCMH discussed the proposed agenda. Representatives from Independent Living Resources will provide a presentation at the start of the meeting. R. Stachoviak will provide a presentation on the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant and the 2019 Block Grant report.

5. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.