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Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH)
October 30, 2017 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
1 West Wilson Street, Conference Room 951, Madison, Wisconsin and via Conference Call

MINUTES

Members of the WCMH Executive Committee in Attendance via Teleconference: Mishelle O'Shasky, Shel Gross, Joanne Juhnke, Karen Iverson Riggers, Bonnie MacRitchie

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

1. Call to Order

M. O'Shasky called meeting to order at 2:00pm. Members of the Committee conducted introductions.

Review and approval of the minutes of August 28, 2017

K. Iverson Riggers moved to approve the minutes of August 28, 2017.

J. Juhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carries unanimously, minutes approved.

Announcements

No announcements were made.

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

2. Executive Committee Business

Discussion of new State of Wisconsin public notice procedures

R. Stachoviak provided an update regarding the new State of Wisconsin public notice website and the procedures DHS has implemented for the posting of agendas and minutes.

Review and approve the 2018 WCMH schedule

Members of the Committee reviewed and approved the 2018 meeting schedule for the WCMH. The WCMH will continue to meet at the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation in 2018. The 2018 Council schedule will be made available on the Council's website at: <https://mhc.wisconsin.gov/mhcmeetings.htm>.

Identifying a new Second Vice-Chair of the WCMH

Members of the Committee discussed the current vacancy of Second Vice-Chair. No member of the Council has volunteered for the position as of yet. Members of the Executive Committee will continue reaching out to the Council to identify someone to take on this role.

Discussion and planning of the 2018 WCMH Fall Tour

The Council has suggested a 2018 visit to the Ashland, Wisconsin area for the Council's fall tour in September of 2018. Members of the Council will conduct outreach and one on one contact with presenters this coming year in order to help coordinate presentations and provide more information to the presenters. S. Gross suggested reaching out to DHS Area Administration for suggestions on what organizations or agencies would be options for visiting as part of this tour. R. Stachowiak will reach out to Area Administration. Meeting with representatives from the Healthier Wisconsin Partnership Program in the Washburn County area could be one option for this visit.

3. Committee Updates and Action Items for WCMH Meeting on November 15, 2017

Children and Youth Committee (CYC)

B. MacRitchie announced that the members of the CYC have been engaged in preparation for the upcoming WCMH strategic planning. The CYC would be willing to present their strategic initiatives, perhaps at the January meeting. The most recent CYC meeting was canceled due to a light agenda.

The CYC will likely discuss the Teacher Protection Act that is currently being discussed in the Legislature at the next CYC meeting. There appears to be opposition to the bill and the CYC may take action as well. This may require convening a rapid action meeting of the Executive Committee as the legislation may have a hearing prior to the next Council meeting. Those in opposition to the bill have concerns that the bill is a primarily a punishment approach with suspension and law enforcement involvement. The concern is that suspension is often not effective and children are removed from the school environment. Children with disabilities are suspended at a rate much higher than other children; as such this bill could have a disparate impact on children with disabilities. There are also concerns regarding how the legislation would impact the inclusion of criminal records in student records.

Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC)

K. Iverson Riggers announced that S. Gross has submitted his letter of resignation as co-chair of the LPC. S. Gross will remain as a member of the LPC; however the LPC will need a new co-chair to serve with K. Iverson Riggers.

S. Gross discussed recent LPC meetings, discussions, and actions. The Wisconsin Legislature has been active and the LPC has been monitoring the legislation that is moving forward. The LPC discussed a LRB draft of a bill that would allow Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) trained officers to conduct an assessment for an Emergency Detention. Many stakeholders have expressed concern regarding this change as a CIT trained officer may not have the level of expertise to conduct such an assessment. Additional concerns were raised regarding how this legislation could impact safety, medically appropriate transfer, and confidentiality.

The LPC has also had discussions regarding the development of a statement on firearm legislation that the Council could approve and adopt. This statement would address legislation that could have an impact on suicide. By adopting this statement the Council could have statement on record that could be used to respond to a variety of legislation that may be introduced that could impact suicide or people with mental illness.

Criminal Justice Committee (CJC)

M. O'Shasky provided a CJC briefing. The CJC is working on Committee membership. Attendance has been an issue with many people who are on the committee not attending with regularity. The Committee chairs will continue to do outreach.

Adult Quality Committee (AQC)

R. Stachoviak provided an update from the WCMH staff members. The last three meetings of the AQC have needed to be canceled due to lack of attendance. Without a co-chair and active participation the WCMH staff members feel it would be best to put the AQC on hold for the time being until there is enough leadership and participation to make the committee viable and functioning. Members of the Executive Committee expressed their support for the proposal. M. O'Shasky will raise the proposal at the upcoming WCMH meeting for Council discussion and approval.

Nominating Committee

K. Iverson Riggers noted the Committee plans to conduct interviews with people who have applied to join the Council. The Committee will also review membership in an attempt to address members of the WCMH who have not been in attendance and identify recruitment needs.

4. Review proposed Agenda for WCMH meeting on November 15, 2017

Members of the Executive Committee reviewed and approved the agenda for the November 15 WCMH meeting.

5. Adjourn

M. O'Shasky adjourned the meeting at 3:30pm.