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**Wisconsin Council on Mental Health**

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

**February 29, 2016**

**2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

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

**Members of the Executive Committee in Attendance:** Bonnie MacRitchie

**Members of the Executive Committee Attending via Teleconference:** Shel Gross, Matt Strittmater,  
Karen Herro, Joanne Juhnke

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

**Minutes**

**Item 1: Call to Order**

*Review and Approval of Draft Executive Committee Minutes of January 4, 2016*

**S. Gross moved to approve the minutes of January 4, 2016.**

**K. Herro seconded the motion.**

**Motion carries, minutes approved.**

*Announcements*

S. Gross announced that registration is open for the Prevent Suicide Wisconsin conference which will be held April 27<sup>th</sup> in Stevens Point.

*Public Comment*

No public comment was made.

**Item 2: Executive Committee Business**

*Update on Leadership Academy*

M. Strittmater discussed the technical assistance opportunity Learning Academy for Planning Councils which Mishelle O'Shasky, Julie-Anne Braun, M. Strittmater, and R. Stachoviak are participating in. The group will work with other states and have state-specific calls. A component of the academy is addressing co-occurring disorders and working with other groups such as the State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA).

*Next steps to clarify committee authority*

M. Strittmater discussed the ambiguity regarding the WCMH bylaws delegation of authority to the Committees. M. Strittmater asked if it would be worth making changes to the bylaws to clarify the language. S. Gross suggested that that be done if there is a time the Council is revisiting the bylaws. Committee members discussed the need to develop documents of committee scopes and responsibilities. S. Gross suggested that there could be a renewing of mission statements as well. M. Strittmater suggested discussing committee scopes, responsibilities, and missions at the next Executive Committee.

**M. Strittmater appointed Kristin Scholnik to the Adult Quality Committee.**

**M. Strittmater appointed Tamra Oman as the Co-Chair of the Criminal Justice Committee.**

**Item 3: Committee Updates and Action Items for WCMH Meeting on March 16, 2016**

*Criminal Justice Committee (CJC)*

No CJC update was made.

*Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC)*

S. Gross stated that as of now there are no expected motions to be brought to the WCMH meeting. S. Gross will provide a legislative update at the WCMH meeting. The LPC will be looking at committee membership at upcoming meetings. P. Buege will not be able to continue as co-chair of the LPC. S. Gross does not plan to apply for reappointment. S. Gross noted that there is ambiguity in the WCMH bylaws regarding whether someone who is not planning on seeking reappointment can continue to serve as a committee chair after the conclusion of their term. S. Gross suggests the bylaws could be updated to clarify this situation. S. Gross stated he would be willing to stay on as co-chair of the LPC in collaboration with someone who is interested in working towards taking on a permanent LPC chair role. The LPC plans to continue discussing the LPC chair position at an upcoming meeting.

*Adult Quality Committee (AQC)*

K. Herro stated that the AQC has been conducting strategic planning and has been focusing on access to services. Currently the committee is working on analyzing the common barriers experienced by consumers. The AQC plans to narrow down the list and begin working on recommendations to increase access to services. The AQC may have some motions to bring forth to a Council meeting after the next meeting.

*Children and Youth Committee (CYC)*

J. Juhnke stated that the CYC met recently and there were no motions made for the WCMH meeting. The CYC received informational presentations on school mental health from multiple programs and agencies, both from Wisconsin and Minnesota. Multiple models of school-based mental health were discussed. There will be a future action meeting to discuss how to move forward with this information. These efforts may be to address funding issues related to collaboration between providers and schools. B. MacRitchie added that the CYC plans to focus on two questions as committee members: what is the

most striking thing to you as an individual and what would you like to know more about to create action? These questions are intended to help focus the CYC's efforts into more of an action focus. The CYC is looking into having future discussions with representatives from Medicaid.

The CYC will confirm with B. Buffington that she feels a good fit with the LPC and would like to be appointed as a CYC member.

#### *Nominating Committee*

S. Gross announced that he conducted a phone interview with an interested candidate and the committee will hold a meeting prior to the WCMH meeting. This individual has a strong background in substance abuse as well which could help bring new perspectives to the WCMH.

#### **Item 4: Proposed Agenda for March 16, 2016**

Members of the Committee discussed and modified the March 16, 2016 WCMH meeting agenda.

#### **Item 5: Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm.