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Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH)
March 5, 2018 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
1 West Wilson Street, Conference Room 951, Madison, Wisconsin and Via Conference Call

Members of the WCMH Executive Committee in Attendance via Teleconference: Mishelle O'Shasky, Crystal Hester, Joanne Juhnke, Bonnie MacRitchie

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

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Review and approval of the minutes of January 8, 2018

B. MacRitchie moved to approve the minutes of January 8, 2018.

J. Juhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carried, M. O'Shasky abstained.

Announcements: Opportunity for committee members to make announcements

No announcements were made.

Public Comment: The committee will accept comments from the public relating to any committee business

No public comment was made.

2. Executive Committee Business

Strategic Planning: Next steps and moving from ideas to planning and action

B. MacRitchie noted concern that wasn't a lot of participation in the strategic planning process. In addition there were many members of the WCMH not in attendance. Overall there were several members of the Council who expressed appreciation for the process. Members of the Executive Committee agreed to approach strategic planning at the upcoming Council meeting by summarizing and ensuring buy-in for the plan by the members of the Council.

2018 Fall Tour Planning

Members of the Executive Committee discussed plans for the fall tour. The goal is to hold a meeting in the Ashland area. Area Administration has offered assistance with outreach to the County agencies in that area. The WCMH will continue discussion at the next Council meeting.

3. Committee Updates and Action Items for WCMH Meeting on March 28, 2018

Children and Youth Committee

J. Juhnke discussed the new CYC every other month meeting schedule. The CYC is looking to put together ideas for budget recommendations. A workforce group has been developing a broad proposal around a Legislative Council Study, in collaboration with C. Hester of the LPC. The group is waiting to hear if the study is taken up.

The CYC will be meeting next in April, and will be working on budget recommendations. The CYC did make a motion around seclusion and restraint at the previous meeting. The legislation will not be having a hearing. The CYC plans to bring a formal motion to the Council meeting to ask the Council to go on record regarding seclusion and restraint in preparation for future legislation.

Legislative and Policy Committee

C. Hester provided a briefing on recent LPC meetings. With the legislative session wrapping up there is a lot of work being done to monitor bills. The LPC is looking at how to address any areas requiring immediate action by the Council and the LPC. The LPC has worked to remain mindful of the capacity of the committee. The Committee also hopes to have continued discussion on the development of white papers. It is hoped these papers could provide clarity for the Council's positions, establish values and principles, and allow for more rapid responses.

Members of the Executive Committee discussed the need for clarity regarding how past Council positions inform current issues and legislation. Additional time was devoted to a discussion regarding procedures for bringing items to the Executive Committee for rapid response. Members noted their support for the current methodology that the request must come directly from a committee, not a member of the public. If the WCMH has taken a firm position on a topic in the past that would empower the Chair and the Executive Committee to take action such as writing a letter of support.

The LPC is hoping to have members of the other committees attend an upcoming LPC meeting to hold a combined discussion on budget priorities.

Criminal Justice Committee (CJC)

M. O'Shasky provided a briefing on the CJC. The CJC continues to make efforts to improve membership. Attendance continues to be a problem as many appointees do not attend with frequency.

Nominating Committee

No update was made from the Nominating Committee.

4. Review proposed Agenda for WCMH meeting on March 28, 2018

Members of the Executive Committee reviewed and discussed the agenda for the March 28th WCMH meeting. The Council will continue strategic planning and discuss plans for the fall tour.

5. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:10pm.