



State of Wisconsin

**Wisconsin Council on Mental Health**

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

**May 1, 2017, 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**1 West Wilson Street, Conference Room 1050B, Madison, Wisconsin and Via Conference Call**

**Members of the Executive Committee in Attendance via Conference Call:** Shel Gross, Bonnie MacRitchie, Joanne Juhnke, Matt Strittmater, Julie-Anne Braun

**Division of Care and Treatment Services (DCTS) Staff in Attendance:** Ryan Stachowiak

**Minutes**

**Item 1: Call to Order**

*Review and Approval of Minutes of February 27, 2017*

**S. Gross moved to approve the minutes of February 27, 2017.**

**J. Braun seconded the motion.**

**Motion carries, minutes approved.**

**Item 2: Executive Committee Business**

M. Strittmater discussed the guiding principle documentation. S. Gross noted that the Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC) provided an update that grouped certain principles together and expand on a few of the principles. Members of the Committee voiced support for the changes made to the Guiding Principles document and suggested moving forward with sending the document to the full Council. B. MacRitchie and J. Juhnke voiced support for including cultural responsiveness under Guiding Principle C.

**B. MacRitchie moved to approve the LPC version of the Guiding Principles and bring the modified version to the WCMH.**

**S. Gross seconded the motion.**

**Motion carries.**

Members of the Committee discussed the upcoming officer election. M. Strittmater noted that he will not be seeking reappointment. J. Braun and M. O'Shasky have both noted that they are open to staying on in their current roles. M. Strittmater will reach out to Council members to gauge interest in taking on a leadership role. M. Strittmater noted that there were two new members appointed to the Council, Jacqueline Borthwick, a provider, and Beth Clay, an advocate, who is taking S. Gross' spot on the Council.

R. Stachowiak provided a briefing on the development of the Needs Assessment and the Block Grant plan. The DCTS plans to have a draft of the Needs Assessment to provide the Council prior to the upcoming meeting. The

DCTS hopes to gather initial feedback from the Council at the May meeting. The DCTS will then provide a draft of the Block Grant plan in early July for review and then collect feedback from the Council at the July 19 meeting.

### **Item 3: Committee Updates and Action Items for WCMH Meeting on May 17, 2017**

#### *Criminal Justice Committee (CJC)*

M. Strittmater provided a briefing. R. Stachoviak provided a MHBG presentation at the recent CJC meeting. M. Strittmater attended the meeting to discuss the WCMH and how the CJC fits into the Council structure.

#### *Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC)*

**M. Strittmater appointed Karen Iverson Riggers as LPC Co-Chair. M. Strittmater appointed Tammy Conrad and Phil Robinson to the LPC.**

S. Gross discussed LPC membership changes. Karen Iverson Riggers will serve as Co-Chair with S. Gross and William Parke-Sutherland. W. Parke-Sutherland may need to switch roles on the committee as he will no longer be working at Grassroots Empowerment Project. The LPC may need to expand the committee membership to greater than 15 members. M. Strittmater suggested that language be added to the Council charter regarding allowing a greater membership than 15 with Executive Committee approval. The LPC plans to continue discussions on the State budget. S. Gross provided a briefing on the budget process. The LPC will likely be bringing a few motions on legislation to the upcoming Council meeting.

#### *Adult Quality Committee (AQC)*

R. Stachoviak provided a briefing on the AQC. The AQC discussed initial Block Grant advocacy at the 5/1/17 meeting. The AQC made two motions that will be brought to the May WCMH meeting. One is to encourage the WCMH to support the inclusion of a peer support priority area in the Block Grant plan. The second is to encourage the use of Evidence Based Practices through programs funded by the block grants.

#### *Children and Youth Committee (CYC)*

B. MacRitchie and J. Juhnke provided a CYC briefing. The CYC had recently held discussions regarding a priority area of workforce development and how the block grant could be used for this effort. The CYC plans to continue reviewing this area and other priority areas. The CYC voted not to take action on AB102 related to the use of the Missouri model in the juvenile justice system. The CYC will be bringing at least two motions to the WCMH meeting regarding AB87 and AB90.

### **Item 4: Proposed Agenda for May 17, 2017**

Members of the Committee discussed and refined the agenda for the May 17 WCMH meeting. The Council will spend time reviewing the Needs Assessment and begin providing input on the block grant. M. Strittmater will discuss having Rick Immler provide a brief presentation in the afternoon.

### **Item 5: Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 3:39pm.