



State of Wisconsin

Wisconsin Council on Mental Health

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**Meeting of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH) Executive Committee
May 15, 2017, 10:30 am-11:00 am, Via Conference Call**

Members of the Executive Committee in Attendance via Conference Call: Karen Iverson Riggers, Shel Gross, Joanne Juhnke, Bonnie MacRitchie, Matt Strittmater. **Department of Health Services Staff (DHS) in Attendance:** Ryan Stachowiak

MINUTES

Item 1: Legislative Discussion

Members of the Executive Committee called a meeting to act in accordance with the WCMH rapid response procedures. Members of the Executive Committee agreed the legislation that was to be discussed met the requirements for a rapid response.

Motion to Oppose AB87

J. Juhnke discussed AB87, relating to time limits on a restrictive custody sanction under the Serious Juvenile Offender Program. AB87 would lengthen the cap on how long a youth could be confined. The majority of residents in these facilities have mental health needs. Longer confinement has not been shown to improve safety or improve outcomes and makes community reintegration more difficult.

Motion to oppose AB87 carries, B. MacRitchie abstains.

Motion to Oppose AB90

J. Juhnke discussed AB90, relating to acts for which a juvenile may be placed in correctional placement or the Serious Juvenile Offender Program. The list would be expanded to all felonies whereas the current list is only the most serious felonies. This legislation could lead to much higher rates of incarceration. S. Gross noted that advocacy should reference previous Council recommendations that the criminal justice system should be conducting a larger process review and system overhaul.

Motion to oppose AB90 carries, B. MacRitchie abstains.

J. Juhnke will provide written testimony.

AB112: Relating to grants for Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD)

Members of the Committee determined that the Council has already provided support for TAD and as such could continue to advocate for legislation in support of TAD. S. Gross will develop testimony.

Item 2: Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 10:58am.