



State of Wisconsin

Wisconsin Council on Mental Health

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**Meeting Minutes of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH) Executive Committee
May 2, 2014, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
1 West Wilson Street, Conference Room 850-A, Madison, Wisconsin and via conference call**

Members of the WCMH Executive Committee in attendance: Shel Gross, Karen Herro, Mary Neubauer, Jackie Baldwin, Joann Stephens, Kim Eithun-Harshner, Rick Immler.

Department of Health Services Staff in Attendance: Kay Cram, Joyce Allen, Ryan Stachowiak.

Item 1: Call to Order

Review and Approval of Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH) of February 28, 2014

The following edits to the minutes of February 28, 2014 were noted:

1. Clarification is needed on page 2 regarding expanded funding for the Comprehensive Community Services.
2. On page 2 "...willing to take action..." should be expanded to "...willing to take action in a timely manner to better provide comment on bills."
3. On page 3 "S. Gross stated..." should be changed to "K. Herro stated."
4. Minor typos were also noted for correction.

J. Stephens motioned to approve the minutes of February 28, 2014 as amended.

M. Neubauer seconded the motion to approve the minutes of February 28, 2014 as amended.

Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

J. Baldwin announced that Kim Eithun-Harshner has taken a position in the Office of Children's Mental Health. As such she will no longer be the representative on the Council from the Department of Children and Families. The Children and Youth Committee (CYC) will now be co-chaired by R. Immler with J. Baldwin. K. Eithun-Harshner stated she will be working on systems reforms and innovations in her new position, and will be officially transitioning to the Office in the coming week.

J. Stephens stated that as a result of the Wisconsin Stories of Empowerment (WISE) presentation at a recent Council meeting she has taken trainings from WISE, the WISE basic training and Honest, Open, and Proud training. Efforts are currently underway to address stigma in Marquette County using the WISE programs. WISE is very excited about the county collaborative and there could be ongoing involvement in the County. There has been one WISE basic training held in the county and more are planned. M. Neubauer stated that she had also taken the Honest, Open and Proud training and hopes to work with children and youth and working on early intervention and prevention.

Item 2: Updates from the Chair

National Governors Association (NGA) Work Force Grant

S. Gross and Michael Waupoose from the State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA) were invited to attend a meeting about putting together a grant for a National Governor's Association Policy Academy on Healthcare Workforce. S. Gross stated that there was discussion regarding the child psychiatric consultation line and peer and parent-peer specialists. With the expansion of CST and CCS there will be more parent peer specialists needed. Mr. Waupoose discussed Screening, Brief Intervention and referral to Treatment (SBIRT) and the need for additional personnel to implement SBIRT. An update regarding the grant is expected soon.

Legislative Council Study Committee on Treatment and Diversion (TAD)

S. Gross recommended Joann Stephens to serve on the TAD committee. The Committee is directed to review all non-traditional courts and to review effectiveness, best practices, training and coordination. S. Gross also recommended candidates beyond the Council. There is hope that this committee will be a good opportunity to support the problem solving courts.

HR3717- Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2013

S. Gross stated that he was on a call with Mental Health America and there is an effort to continue working with Representative Murphy on the bill. Mental Health America is withdrawing from that effort currently, but next week a Democratic alternative to the bill will be offered. This bill is referred to as the Strengthening Mental Health in our Communities Act.

Other Updates from the Chair

S. Gross noted that the Governor has appointed Charles Szafir to the Council. The Council has not received any word on any other applicants the Council recommended as candidates to the Governor's Office.

On May 21 the WCMH Executive Committee met with the SCAODA Executive Committee. The group developed a list of next steps. Duncan Shroul will attend the July WCMH meeting to discuss the SCAODA.

Regarding Milwaukee County's concerns with Disability Rights Wisconsin, the Department of Health Services is reviewing the situation. S. Gross talked with DHS Deputy Secretary K. Moore and there is no role of the Council on this matter at this time. J. Allen stated that the Governor's decision, and would have to make a request Health and Human Services to make a change in Disability Rights Wisconsin's designation.

Item 3: WCMH Fall Tour

S. Gross stated that the Council is moving ahead with plans to hold the Council fall tour in La Crosse County. S. Gross presented the results from the online survey to poll the Council members of their tour preferences. S. Gross presented results from online voting which was conducted. Topics with at least 50% support as must haves are: challenges of a small county, the Individualized Placement and Support model in La Crosse County, and mental health in schools. Multiple other topics received interest. A suicide prevention walk could also be included as an option event. The Council and R. Stachowiak can continue to work with M. Strittmater on the plans.

Item 4: Committee Updates and Action Items for WCMH Meeting on March 19, 2014

Criminal Justice Committee

J. Stephens stated the Criminal Justice Committee (CJC) last met in April. Council member Kathleen Enders came and talked about the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and Department of Corrections memorandum of understanding. There was a pilot program to connect offenders with work via the DVR. These services would be provided prior to release and then those services would follow the person out into the community to provide a bridge.

The CJC is holding a meeting in June in Eau Claire. Staff from Eau Claire County are very excited about the CJC is meeting up there. The CJC will be learning more about the TAD program and how it works in the community. The CJC will be sitting in on a mental health court meeting where they triage and will get an inside view of how the process works and how people are picked to be in that court. The Committee will be inviting the Legislative Council Problem Solving Committee as well. Mishelle O'Shasky has agreed to be co-chair of the committee, pending appointment by S. Gross at the May 21 WCMH meeting. The CJC will not have any decision items for the Council meeting.

Legislative and Policy Committee

The Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC) has been mainly working on budget and policy recommendations. At a recent meeting the LPC met with the CYC to begin this discussion and will continue to discuss at the recommendations at the upcoming LPC meeting. Prior to the meeting members of the LPC will attend a Children's Mental Health Day event at the Overture Center. The Committee will likely be bringing forth a decision item for the WCMH meeting of May 21st.

Adult Quality Committee

At the most recent Adult Quality Committee (AQC) meeting R. Stachowiak gave a presentation regarding the Mental Health Block Grant, and grant application cycle. The AQC identified several areas to become involved with including the block grant reporting process, an updated needs assessment, AQC will working on getting involved. The AQC identified a list of priority areas including many expansion and quality issues. The committee discussed who they would like to add to expand the committee and who needs to be represented. Strategic planning will be conducted this year. The AQC also identified peer run respite as an area the committee would like to provide ongoing input on, including the request for proposal (RFP) process. J. Allen stated that the committee would be able to provide input into the process prior to the RFP process. AQC meetings were rescheduled to the fourth Thursday of the month, and from a four hour meeting to a three hour meeting, likely 12-3pm.

Children and Youth Committee

K. Eithun-Harshner stated that the CYC had a combined meeting with the LPC and discussed budget and policy priorities legislative issues, which were then discussed more at most recent meeting. The CYC plans on having something on this for the Council to discuss. The CYC also had a discussion regarding the parent peer specialists and received updates from K. Bright regarding the parent peer specialists group recommendations. A letter will be forthcoming in a week or so providing a formal update. The DHS would like to have ongoing training for Parent Peer Specialists, with the process being similar to current peer specialist system. Next steps would be to identify training and funding.

Nominating Committee

R. Stachoviak stated that the Council has not received any updates from the Governor's Office beyond the appointment of Mr. Szafir. The Council received one application from a provider, however the Nominating Committee opted not to interview that candidate currently due to a lack of provider openings and the recent recommendation of Mr. Thrasher to Governor's Office. A letter was sent informing the candidate of his on-hold status.

Item 5: Review of Proposed Agenda for May 21, 2014 WCMH Meeting

DMHSAS staff will be able to facilitate a discussion of the Program Participation System (PPS) at the July WCMH meeting. R. Immler asked is there a data catalogue available. K. Cram stated that the DMHSAS is currently working on a webpage which will contain reports and that page will be ready in a few months. S. Gross stated that it would be beneficial if the Council could learn more about the data that is available from Medicaid, and suggested that Dave Stepien provide more information.

At the upcoming May 21 WCMH meeting the Council will have a presentation regarding a preview of the upcoming burden of suicide report.

R. Immler stated that there are so many new initiatives, but few DMHSAS staff and suggested the Council receive more information regarding how the DMHSAS plans to support these programs with the limited staff. R. Immler stated that would be important to know if the DMHSAS has the capacity. J. Allen stated that she could provide an update of capacity and how the Division operates within the limitations.

Item 6: Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:50pm.