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Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH)
September 5, 2018, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
1 W. Wilson Street, Madison, WI and via Conference Call

MINUTES

Members of the Executive Committee in Attendance Via Conference Call: Mishelle O'Shasky, Crystal Hester, Joanne Juhnke, Bonnie MacRitchie

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

1. Call to Order

Review and approval of the minutes of July 10, 2018

J. Juhnke moved to approve the minutes of July 10, 2018.

C. Hester seconded the motion.

Motion carried.

Announcements

No announcements were made.

Public Comment

No public comments were made.

2. Executive Committee Business

Planning of WCMH Fall Tour to Ashland

R. Stachoviak provided a briefing on the fall tour agenda, the presenters, and details regarding the meeting. Members of the Executive Committee approved the agenda.

Strategic Planning Updates

Members of the Executive Committee recommended that the WCMH workgroups provide updates regarding the strategic planning process at the November meeting. The Committee discussed overall WCMH membership and means to recruit additional members. In addition, the Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC) is currently without a co-chair. C. Hester will continue to effort to recruit a co-chair, or identify a WCMH member who would be interested in joining the LPC.

Integrated Peer Specialist Discussion

Members of the Executive Committee expressed interest in having Independent Living Resources (ILR) present at the November WCMH meeting. The Committee will investigate other organizations that could also present on topics around peer specialists and the information that would be helpful and of interest to the Council.

M. O'Shasky asked whether the Children and Youth Committee (CYC) has spent time to review proposals from the Department of Justice (DOJ) regarding school safety funding. J. Juhnke discussed that the CYC hasn't made an organized stance on the legislation just yet. The CYC may discuss at the October meeting. Other organizations and advocates have provided comment on the proposal. Overall, there are some concerns that decisions are being made about a lot of money, that may be done more appropriately distributed to other efforts. Moreover, branching into the school system is something that traditionally has not been done by the DOJ. Some advocates have expressed concerns that subject matter experts have not been consulted or involved in the process.

Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) Discussion

R. Stachoviak recommended that the WCMH develop a plan for how the WCMH would like to provide input on the MHBG application in the coming year. This could include what involvement the WCMH would like to have and what would be meaningful involvement. Committees are also welcome to reach out for involvement in the process as well. It may be helpful for additional education or training for committees and Council members. This could include discussion about the overall budget process and how the Council and committees can have an impact on legislation, budgets, and block grants. R. Stachoviak recommended that this be discussed at the November meeting.

3. Committee Updates and Action Items for WCMH Meeting on September 12, 2018

Children and Youth Committee

B. MacRitchie stated that the CYC has been working on workforce development. The CYC met most recently in August, after the last Council meeting. Wisconsin Family Ties and other organizations provided presentations to the group. The members of the CYC are hoping future discussions will lead to some recommendations for inclusion in the budget priorities.

Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC)

C. Hester noted that the LPC continues to work on refining the budget priorities. The group has developed a template to better coordinate the process.

Criminal Justice Committee (CJC)

M. O'Shasky provided a briefing on the CJC. The committee approved a motion to recommend the development of a specialty forensic certification for Certified Peer Specialists. The CJC is unsure whether the ask would be for funding through the MHBG or the state budget.

Nominating Committee

No Nominating Committee update was made.

4. Review Agenda for WCMH meeting on September 11 and 12, 2018

Members of the Committee reviewed the overall agenda for the September 11 and 12 meeting. Members discussed options for modifying the time of the Executive Committee meeting. The Committee will meet in the future from 10:00 am-11:30 am on Mondays.

5. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 pm.