



State of Wisconsin

Wisconsin Council on Mental Health

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**Meeting minutes of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health Executive Committee
January 3, 2014, 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
1 West Wilson Street, Conference Room 850-A, Madison, Wisconsin**

Members of the Committee in attendance: Jackie Baldwin, Kim Eithun-Harshner, Shel Gross, Karen Herro

Members of the Department of Health Services in Attendance: Joyce Allen, Kay Cram, Kate McCoy, Ryan Stachoviak

Member of the Public in attendance: Mark Flood

Item 1: Call to Order

Welcome and Introductions

Review and Approval of Draft Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH) of November 1, 2013.

K. Herro provided R. Stachoviak with a list of typos to correct on the meeting minutes of November 1, 2013.

J. Baldwin motioned to approve minutes of November 1, 2013 as amended.

K. Herro seconded motion to approve minutes of November 1, 2013 as amended.

Aye: J. Baldwin, K. Herro, S. Gross (3)

Nay: (0)

Abstention: K. Eithun-Harshner (1)

Motion to approve minutes of November 1, 2013 carries.

Announcements

J. Baldwin announced Wisconsin Family Ties has hired some new members to fill current vacancies.

K. McCoy announced that the Bureau of Prevention, Treatment and Recovery is working on improving data systems and will be making revisions over the next six months. The Bureau would like to get feedback from the Council regarding the types of data that would be beneficial for the Council.

Item 2: Committee Updates and Action Items for WCMH Meeting on January 15, 2014

Criminal Justice Committee

R. Stachoviak stated that the December meeting of the Criminal Justice Committee (CJC) was canceled. The CJC had most recently been discussing strategic planning, and CJC Chair Joann Stephens had presented an update on this planning at the most recent Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH) meeting.

Legislative and Policy Committee

S. Gross accounted that several bills of importance to the WCMH with fiscals attached to them will soon go to the Joint Finance Committee (JFC). Members of the Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC) have been trying to get into contact with members of JFC. S. Gross plans to send a letter to the JFC presenting the stance of the WCMH for those bills which the Council has voted on.

Assembly Bill 500, which pertains to a pilot emergency detention bill in Milwaukee, will be brought to the Executive Session on January 9th, 2014. The Council voted to oppose at the last meeting of the WCMH. Shel will send letter to the members of the committee regarding the Councils position on this.

S. Gross stated the LPC will likely have at least one motion to bring to the WCMH at the January 15th meeting. A bill introduced in congress from Representative Murphy makes several changes including reducing funding to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), reduces protection and advocacy, and reduces funding for consumer support centers. In addition, this legislation would change some of the requirements of the block grants. S. Gross stated that the legislation contains some good things, but most of those positive aspects are in other bills. This legislation will be discussed at the upcoming meeting of the LPC. S. Gross noted that the LPC had some planning efforts regarding the LPC's relationship with other provider groups.

Adult Quality Committee

K. Herro stated that the Adult Quality Committee (AQC) recently received a presentation from the State Community Recovery Services (CRS) program. The AQC has also discussed topics of interest which the Committee would like to focus on over the coming year or two as part of an overall education effort for the members of the AQC. These discussions will involve strategic planning. In particular, the Committee has discussed Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) and CRS. Members of the AQC also expressed an interest in peer run recovery centers, something to be discussed in the near future. The AQC plans to do a survey for committee members to identify five of the most important topics. K. Herro noted that Lalena Lampe of the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS) is staffing the AQC now.

Children and Youth Committee

K. Eithun-Harshner stated that the Children and Youth Committee (CYC) has continued strategic planning efforts and discussions of the Coordinated Services Team (CST) expansion initiative. The CYC has made larger strategic goals are currently working on action items for the goals. The CYC will likely have motions to vote on at the January 15th WCMH meeting. J. Baldwin stated she will prepare items for the agenda and will provide any motions and associated documentations to R. Stachoviak by January 10. Pieces of legislation which the CYC plans to discuss and potentially make a motion regarding are AB554 which pertains to suicide prevention and AB570 which pertains to extending foster care to age 21 for kids with individualized education plans (IEP).

Nominating Committee

S. Gross noted that David Sommers, a provider representative on the Council, has resigned. Currently have three applications, Tony Thrasher, and Mary Tulinnye, and Karen Herro. The Nominating Committee has scheduled a meeting for January 9. The Nominating Committee may bring recommended applicants to the January 15th Council meeting for the Council to vote on to recommend to the Governor for appointment.

Item 3: Review of Proposed Agenda for January 15, 2014 WCMH Meeting

S. Gross stated that the Council will try to schedule Duncan Shrouf for the March WCMH meeting to discuss the State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA).

S. Gross stated that the Council would like to hold a discussion regarding the criteria and process the DMHSAS will utilize for making any cuts as a result in any future reduction in Mental Health Block Grant funding. This would include a discussion of how the decisions would be made, any state or federal statutory requirements associated with block grant funding, what is currently funded and why, other funding streams used to help support the block grant. This discussion would then lead into a decision making process where the Council can recommend criteria for the DMHSAS to utilize when making these types of decisions.

J. Allen recommended the discussion involve a brief review of the Needs Assessment document, the previously ranked list of priorities, and the block grant 2014-2015 plan summary. It will also be important for the discussion to include a review of the currently funded priority areas, and guidance and priorities the State receives from SAMHSA. S. Gross suggested a list of criteria can be brainstormed at this Council meeting, and voted on at a later time once the members have had time to review the criteria. Council committees should also have an opportunity to review the list, discuss, and provide feedback to the Council for the March WCMH meeting.

The DMHSAS performance report is an additional item which the Council could discuss at a future meeting. This report includes priority areas, information regarding the institutions and community programs. This performance report could be part of a larger data presentation down the road by the DMHSAS.

Item 6: Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm.