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MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

October 8, 2015, 11:45 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Wisconsin Department of Health Services

1 W. Wilson Street, Conference Room 630, Madison, Wisconsin

Conference Call: Toll Free: 1-877-820-7831, Meeting Access Passcode: 458043

Members of the Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC) and Children and Youth Committee (CYC) in

Attendance: Shel Gross, Snezana Matic, Paula Buege, Joanne Juhnke, Phyllis Greenberger, Kathryn Bush, Barbara Beckert, Bonnie MacRitchie, Dan Naylor, Justin Odulana, Rick Immler, Kit Kerschensteiner, William Parke-Sutherland, Mike Bachhuber, Kim Eithun, Mike Lappen, Peggy Helm-Quest, Mary Neubauer

Members of the LPC Attending Via Conference Call: Mike Lappen, Crystal Hester

Department of Health Services Staff in Attendance: Kay Cram, Sarah Coyle, Ryan Stachoviak, Lucas Moore, Teresa Steinmetz, Maura Klein, Joyce Allen

Guests in Attendance: Kayla Schiesser, Andrew Crone, Todd Pieper, Kate McCoy (Office of Children's Mental Health)

MINUTES

Joint Meeting of the Children and Youth Committee and the Legislative and Policy Committee

Item 1: Call to Order

Welcome and Introductions

R. Immler announced that the CYC has some leadership changes; B. MacRitchie will serve as co-chair replacing R. Immler. Joanne Juhnke will continue to serve as co-chair.

Item 2: SAMHSA Data Presentation

K. McCoy discussed rates of youth mental health needs and high rates of youth psychiatric hospitalization. Medical hospitalization has gone down but high rates of hospital use for mental health admissions. Admissions are generally short. Many people hear anecdotally that not many kids coming out of hospitalization receive quality care post-discharge. The vast majority of children receive outpatient therapy, but the overall amount of services received is less. P. Buege noted that it would be beneficial to see what services are being provided under the broader Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) category.

R. Immler provided a presentation regarding Mental Health Data, Policy and Improving Outcomes. R. Immler noted that it appears Wisconsin is spending more in county revenue than other states. Wisconsin appears to be spending a higher amount on hospitalization versus other states based on NASMHPD data. What is significant about Wisconsin is that the state spends a lot more of county tax dollars on mental health. R. Immler discussed length of stay noting that it appears that state hospitals and county hospitals are being used as acute care facilities. R. Immler suggested that there are opportunities for improvement such as conducting a gaps analysis. A scorecard would be beneficial, to allow for the comparison of counties. R. Immler stated that it is important to have Medicaid at the table for data discussions. Moreover it is important to integrate mental health and other health care. R. Immler noted that the Pew Charitable Trusts has made itself available to provide technical assistance.

Item 3: Legislative Updates

Principles for Education Policy

The CYC passed a motion recommending council support AB294/SB216 bringing special education reimbursement rate to 33%.

J. Juhnke noted that the CYC has developed an educational policy document, which grew out of the a LPC request. The CYC put together an ad hoc committee to look at what areas such a document should cover. J. Juhnke described the document. S. Gross noted that this document would empower the council to act swiftly upon legislation in accordance with these principles. J. Odulana thought it would be good to have a provision to provide support teachers. K. Bush noted that this is envisioned as a living document. S. Gross recommended that J. Juhnke collect feedback and that the document be brought to the Council.

17 Year Olds in the Criminal Justice System

Mike Lappen noted that there are counties that are very concerned about changes to 17 year olds in the criminal justice system, but overall the loss of funding is concerning. S. Gross suggested that something be presented at a future meeting. The Children and Youth Committee (CYC) passed a motion to support this bill. The CYC also passed a motion to support special education bill.

Partisan Considerations

J. Juhnke discussed the special education funding bill. This bill is something that is heavily partisan, given this, there are certain considerations the Council and committees should take into account. M. Bachhuber stated that the motion with the document could be for the WCMH to act in accordance with these principles but allow for consideration of other factors. B. Beckert supported the importance of the WCMH to provide education to decision makers. S. Gross stated that the council has taken a position on partisan issues before, and is the role of the Council.

Combined meeting adjourned at 1:00pm.

Meeting of the Legislative and Policy Committee

Item 1: Call to Order

Review and Approval of the meeting minutes of September 10, 2015

J. Odulana moved to approve the minutes of September 10, 2015.

W. Parke-Sutherland seconded the motion.

Motion carries, P. Buege and K. Kerschensteiner.

Announcements

J. Odulana stated that he attended a public hearing on Act 55 in La Crosse. The hearing was well attended. Attendees made many requests including keeping services local, increasing the number of group homes, providing support and training for peer specialists and family care providers.

Item 2: Family Care Discussion

S. Gross noted that DHS needs to have feedback by 10/30. The current plan is that the Executive Committee will set up a time to meet with representatives from DLTC before the 30th. Unfortunately given this time frame the WCMH will not have a chance to discuss the changes as a Council, but members of the Council will be invited to this meeting have a discussion with DHS.

S. Gross introduced the questions which the DHS has provided to stakeholders. B. Beckert has put together a document listing the feedback which was collected from various advocates. M. Bachhuber stated that one area that should be noted is that DHS is talking about behavioral health in a very broad term. S. Gross noted that many of the points which are included in B. Beckert's document are values and practices which the LPC has discussed in the past.

Stakeholder involvement should be a critical part of the planning process. Counties should also be involved. The screening process should also be addressed. Moreover, the program should ensure that behavioral health staff operates in a trauma informed way. B. Beckert noted the proposal would benefit by additional language regarding recovery coaches.

S. Gross stated that there was a long term coalition meeting to review various positions on Family Care. A key outcome of those discussions was that stakeholder involvement is very important. There is a general feeling that there is need for an ongoing stakeholder group.

S. Gross suggested Family Care comments and feedback be provided to B. Beckert who can then provide a revised paper to WCMH Chair Matt Strittmater. P. Buege suggested the paper emphasize the importance of trauma informed care in all facets of the behavioral health system. A full range of transportation services should also be critical. M. Bachhuber will send bullet points to B. Beckert.

Members of the committee noted that the language regarding a mental health professional should be more clearly defined. All clients should be offered the services of a qualified mental health professional. The value of peer support services should also be emphasized. Many people don't have a choice regarding accessing quality assessments. R. Immler stated his hope that the group be mindful that increases in administrative rules can have a negative impact by increasing barriers to access.

J. Odulana noted that the document should be reviewed to ensure all organizations are noted which should be included. K. Kerschensteiner suggested adding a more overt reference over concerns of a medical model for mental health and substance abuse services. K. Kerschensteiner will provide B. Beckert with information.

Members of the committee noted the importance of including a formal stakeholder advisory group as part of the plan. This advisory group should include people with lived experience. Stakeholders could also have a role in readiness review criteria and deciding what those readiness markers are.

B. Beckert asked comments be sent to her by 10/13.

Item 3: Mental Health Reform Committee

S. Gross announced that Representative Czaja's bill will have a hearing this coming week. Members of the committee discussed the proposed bed tracking bill.

S. Gross and W. Parker-Sutherland met with Representative Tittl. He is working on several mental health bills and S. Gross and W. Parke-Sutherland provided feedback. The bills have to do with tax exemption, emergency room information in the community, and a bill which would provide mental health stipends.

Item 4: Bill Tracking and Other Legislative Updates

C. Hester suggested coming up with a process to coordinate the bills the LPC is discussing. P. Buege suggested categorizing the legislation. M. Bachhuber suggested a legislative tracking meeting. R. Stachowiak will setup a meeting next week at 11:30am for this group.

Item 5: DMHSAS Updates

Trempealeau County IMD Funding

J. Allen stated that \$1.2 million goes to Trempealeau County to provide funding for 22-65 who need active treatment. Any county sending an individual to this facility is responsible for the costs. This funding is a statutory requirement. B. Beckert requested that the LPC be provided more data on this topic and that it be included as future agenda item. K. Cram asked if there are specific questions or data the LPC would like to see to inform DMHSAS so this information can be provided at a future meeting. J. Allen suggested that the LP may want the DLTC or DQA to attend the meeting as well.

Item 6: Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.