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MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

June 9, 2016

12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

1 West Wilson Street, Conference Room 630, Madison, Wisconsin

MINUTES

Members of the Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC) in Attendance: Mary Neubauer, Mike Bachhuber, William Parke-Sutherland, Crystal Hester, Joanne Juhnke, Justin Odulana, Kit Kerschensteiner, Britt Cudaback

Members of the LPC in Attendance via Teleconference: Barbara Beckert, Mike Lappen

Department of Health Services (DHS) Staff in Attendance: Ryan Stachoviak, Dan Kiernan, Kenya Bright, Kay Cram, Joyce Allen

Item 1: Call to Order

W. Parke-Sutherland called meeting to order.

Review and approval of minutes of May 12, 2016

M. Neubauer moved to approve the minutes of May 12, 2016 as amended.

J. Juhnke seconded the motion.

Motion carries, K. Kerschensteiner abstains.

Announcements

M. Neubauer announced that Mike Lappen is now the Director of the Milwaukee Behavioral Health Division. C. Hester presented the NAMI-Wisconsin resource guide.

Item 2: Committee Task List

W. Parke-Sutherland stated that there has been discussion regarding LPC operations and responsibilities. W. Parke-Sutherland introduced the LPC Tasks document. W. Parke-Sutherland stated that would be cleaner to have one person setting up meetings with legislators around the budget issues. M. Bachhuber suggested that Membership and Stakeholder Diversity should be a group effort. Members of the LPC decided to make edits to the document and bring the document back for approval at the next LPC meeting.

Item 3: Mental Health Peer Reviews

R. Stachowiak provided a presentation on DMHSAS site visits which have occurred from 2013-2015.

Item 4: Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services Updates

Medicaid State Plan Amendment

J. Allen stated the DHS has been working for several years regarding the Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA). The DHS has been working with partners in DHCAA to discuss SPA. D. Kiernan discussed the SPA. Efforts were made to revise the existing language to ensure the Community Recovery Services (CRS) program can be funded via the SPA as well. The SPA was restructured to be in compliance with Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) guidance. In April Wisconsin received SPA approval. CCS, CRS, CSP will continue to be funded under the SPA and efforts were made to ensure that as few changes as possible were made that would impact the behavioral health programs. The DHS continues to work with CMS to ensure all of CMS's questions are answered.

Item 5: Budget and Policy Priorities

W. Parke-Sutherland discussed the 2017-2019 Budget and Policy Priorities document. W. Parke-Sutherland noted areas where changes were made by the WCMH. Members of the LPC volunteered to serve as leads for the various propriety areas. The following assignments were made:

1. Data – S. Gross
2. MAPP and Competitive Employment - M. Neubauer
3. Deaf and Hard of Hearing – D. Richards
4. IMD Transition – K. Kerschensteiner
5. Suicide Prevention – S. Gross
6. Peer Supports – W. Parke-Sutherland and J. Juhnke
7. Housing – B. Beckert with support from B. Cudaback
8. Transportation – M. Bachhuber with support from J. Odulana
9. Criminal Justice – C. Hester with support from K. Kerschensteiner
10. Children and Youth Priorities – J. Juhnke

J. Juhnke and K. Kerschensteiner will have further discussions regarding a response to the issues at Lincoln Hills. J. Juhnke discussed funding for school based mental health and provided the following statement approved by the Children and Youth Committee.

Best practice in working with children with behavioral health challenges necessitates consultation among all individuals involved in children's lives, including professionals and parents/caregivers. Since shared discussions are critical, we recommend that Medicaid authorize reimbursement to treatment providers licensed by the Department of Safety and Professional Services and/or the Department of Public Instruction for medically necessary behavioral health consultation services, either in person or by phone, with parents/caregivers, educators, and others whose input improves care and outcomes.

J. Juhnke discussed the CYC's priority regarding seclusion and restraint in Wisconsin schools. The CYC endorses the following changes to statutes:

- Require districts to report seclusion and restraint data to the Department of Public Instruction, including data on age, gender, race/ethnicity, and disability-type.
- Require that a written incident report be provided within 3 business days to the pupil's parent/guardian, and that the report include a description of staff actions.
- Offer or require a debriefing session after incidents of seclusion or restraint.
- Focus training requirements on prevention of the need for physical restraint.
- Clarify the terminology used to specify the conditions for using seclusion and restraint, and regarding the term "emergency."
- Expand the scope of the seclusion and restraint law to cover private schools participating in parental choice programs.

M. Bachhuber discussed the priority area regarding Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHOH). Medicaid reimbursement rates for people who are DHOH receiving interpretation services are inadequate. C. Hester added other barriers for people who are DHOH are DHOH clinicians receiving their license, and provider availability and fluency in ASL and deaf culture.

W. Parke-Sutherland will continue to work with S. Gross to revise the document. The LPC can address the priorities further at subsequent meetings.

Item 6: Legislative Update

W. Parke-Sutherland discussed HR 2646 the Helping Families in Mental Health Crisis Act of 2015. Advocates have been informed that there will soon be a markup of the bill. It is expected that the revisions will remove the majority of elements of the legislation to which many advocates have objected.

Item 7: Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Item 8: Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.