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MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

January 12, 2017, 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

1 West Wilson Street, Conference Room 850A, Madison, Wisconsin

Members of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH) Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC) in

Attendance: Mike Lappen, Dori Richards, Shel Gross, William Parke-Sutherland, Crystal Hester, Mike Bachhuber, Joanne Juhnke, Barbara Beckert, Mary Neubauer, Kit Kerschensteiner, Justin Odulana

Members of the LPC in Attendance via Conference Call: Kathie Knoble-Iverson, Britt Cudaback

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

Guests in Attendance: Karen Iverson-Riggers (WCMH) (via Teleconference), Kris Moelter (Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board), Leah Rolando (NAMI-Wisconsin), Jack O'Meara (WI School Social Workers Association)

MINUTES

Item 1: Call to Order

Review and approval of minutes of November 10, 2016

J. Juhnke moved to approve the minutes of November 10, 2016.

M. Bachhuber seconded the motion.

Motion carries, minutes approved.

Announcements

M. Lappen announced that the report from a State Legislative Audit Bureau's audit of the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division will be presented to the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board on January 26. C. Hester announced NAMI is developing a report on Medicaid. NAMI is looking for stories of recovery from people who have been served via Medicaid.

Public Comment

Jack O'Meara, representing the Wisconsin School Social Workers Association provided public comment in support of the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) budget request for mental health initiatives. Mr. O'Meara noted that the initiative provides \$6.3 million for categorical aid to hire and retain school social workers in the school setting. The proposal would fund roughly 80 new social workers across the state. J. Juhnke noted that the

Children and Youth Committee (CYC) of the WCMH did vote to ask the WCMH to support this proposal and other areas of the DPI budget proposals.

Item 2: Committee Membership

S. Gross discussed that there was someone who expressed interested in joining the LPC but has since withdrawn their request for consideration in deference to the LPC working towards increased diversity. The Association of Marriage and Family Counselors has also expressed interest in joining the LPC. K. Knoble-Iverson noted that she is planning to apply to the WCMH.

Item 3: Prioritizing the Budget Priorities

S. Gross discussed methodologies by which the LPC may prioritize the identified Budget Priority Document. The primary reason for reducing the number of budget items is the limited time advocates typically have to present the priorities in meetings legislators. These meetings often require a tailoring of the priorities based on time and interests of the audience. The LPC may also apply a certain criteria to the items and bring certain areas to the forefront of the documentations and discussions. S. Gross asked if the committee was willing to ask the WCMH for approval on an organized and prioritized version of the document. The WCMH added trauma focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Trauma Informed Systems for youth to the priorities at the most recent WCMH meeting. B. Beckert voiced support for including a comprehensive list. M. Lappen suggested reprioritizing some of the Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) items. An additional area for consideration is potential legislation regarding involuntary treatment for AODA services.

J. Odulana moved to allow for the addition to the Budget Priority Document those items which were previously removed: Children’s Mental Health Items, Peer Supports, and Data.

M. Bachhuber seconded the motion.

Motion carries.

M. Lappen suggested reimbursement for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment is an additional area for the LPC to address. Members of the committee discussed involuntary SUD treatment and the Heroin, Opioid Prevention and Education (HOPE) agenda. S. Gross recommended that M. Lappen discuss this topic with Assistant Deputy Secretary Jenny Malcore. Members of the LPC discussed the importance of addressing both AODA and mental health as there is so often overlap. S. Gross noted that a priority of the WCMH strategic plan was to look at better working with the State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA). M. Lappen will follow up with Duncan Shrout, Chair of SCAODA, regarding AODA Legislation.

W. Parke-Sutherland recommended that K. Iverson, J. Juhnke and he have a discussion to further develop a peer support area for inclusion among the budget priorities. K. Kerschensteiner agreed to discuss the Trempealeau Health Care Center Institute for Mental Disease priority at the upcoming WCMH meeting.

S. Gross provided an update regarding discussions with the Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH) and representatives from the LPC. DHS is in the process of forming an internal group to address how to better address services for people who are deaf or hard of hearing. D. Richards noted that a priority should be developing deaf providers, not necessarily just increased interpretation services.

Members of the committee discussed Medicaid and potential of a Medicaid block grant. DHS is doing some educational efforts with policy makers around Medicaid.

S. Gross moved to recommend that the Council send a letter to the Wisconsin congressional delegation noting the importance of Medicaid for mental health services. The letter ought also to note the structure of the mental health component of Medicaid, the differences among the various Medicaid programs and the impact of a reduction to Medicaid.

M. Lappen seconded the motion.

Motion carries.

M. Bachhuber suggested that the data from BadgerCare be noted as people with mental illness are overrepresented in the non-EBD sections of Medicaid. B. Beckert suggested that the letter also discuss the ACA, and how people fall through cracks without these services.

Item 4: Legislative and Policy Updates (State and Federal)

S. Gross facilitated a brief discussion of the 21st Century Cures Act. S. Gross recommended that any legislative summaries be shared with the LPC.

Item 5: Division of Care and Treatment Services (DCTS) Updates

K. Cram discussed federal dollars that were authorized via the 21st Cures Act for addressing the opiate crisis. Wisconsin is eligible to apply for 7.6 million for two years. An internal team has been pulled together to write the proposal which is due in February and to be awarded in May. Treatment must start within four month. The two regional shared pilots in the La Crosse area and Chippewa area have concluded and the DCTS is meeting the two groups to discuss outcomes. Data and evaluation points will be included in reports. M. Bachhuber stated that the conclusion of these two pilots is a good opportunity to look at what the State has done over time to improve mental health care. M. Lappen noted the importance of these pilots in helping inform CCS expansion, which has been a success.

Item 6: Agenda Items for February 2017 Meeting

Future agenda items that were noted:

1. Ask K. Bright from DCTS to discuss Certified Peer Specialists
2. A joint meeting with the Criminal Justice Committee
3. Further budget discussion

Item 7: Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.