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MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

October 13, 2016, 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

1 West Wilson Street, Conference Room 630, Madison, Wisconsin and Via Teleconference

Members of the Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC) in Attendance: Barbara Beckert, Dori Richards, Justin Odulana, Shel Gross, Mike Bachhuber, Joanne Juhnke, William Parke-Sutherland, Mary Neubauer, Crystal Hester, Britt Cudaback, Mike Lappen (via Teleconference)

Department of Health Services (DHS) Staff in Attendance: Ryan Stachoviak, Joyce Allen, Sarah Coyle

Guests in Attendance: Veronica Thompson, Leah Rolando

Minutes

Item 1: Call to Order

Review and approval of minutes of September 8, 2016

M. Bachhuber moved to approve the minutes of September 8, 2016.

D. Richards seconded the motion.

Motion carries, minutes approved. B. Cudaback, M. Neubauer, J. Odulana, and W. Parke-Sutherland abstained.

Announcements

M. Bachhuber announced that a study regarding Peer Run Respite's provided some outcome information regarding the program's effectiveness. The information can be accessed online: <http://www.peerrespite.net/research/>. B. Beckert announced a new initiative to reach out to African American families with children with disabilities. The initiative is intended to address concerns regarding access to services. Any materials or information regarding efforts in line with this initiative would be welcome. S. Gross announced that a motion made at the September 8 LPC meeting to provide comment on the Medicaid Plan for Monitoring Fee for Service Access was presented at the September 14 Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH) meeting. However, the motion did not receive a vote at that meeting due to a lack of quorum. The feedback included in the motion was previously provided to Dan Kiernan at the September 8 LPC meeting.

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Item 2: Committee Charter; second review

M. Bachhuber discussed the committee charter's principles of cultural and linguistic competence and to promote a client/family/parent driven system. M. Bachhuber noted that the LPC has made efforts to go beyond these practices. M. Bachhuber recommended adding an additional guiding principle, model meaningful involvement of consumer and family members and members of diverse communities in mental health policy making. S. Gross will make a recommendation to the WCMH that the guiding principles may need continued revision. J. Odulana suggested including clearer language in the charter to indicate that the section refers to the LPC specifically rather than the broader WCMH committees.

B. Cudaback recommended including language in the charter regarding the Committee's role in making recommendations to the WCMH in regard to positions on LPC matters. This could include bills which have not already been introduced. In addition, the language should also include federal legislation and matters that impact Wisconsin. S. Gross suggested adding this language to Objective 1.

M. Bachhuber recommended including language regarding policy items and budget items and areas where other committees have not taken action.

Item 3: Committee membership: status of next steps

S. Gross noted that the LPC currently has three vacancies. J. Juhnke noted that there is a member of the Children and Youth Committee (CYC) who is considering joining the LPC. S. Gross will also reach out to Danielle Summers to see if she is still interested in participating on the LPC. S. Gross encouraged people to provide recruitment information to people who may be interested in participating. M. Bachhuber recommended adding language, racial and ethnic minorities to the recruitment populations and to move that line to the top of the list.

M. Lappen excused himself from the meeting.

Item 4: Budget Priorities

W. Parke-Sutherland presented a pared down list of priorities. B. Beckert noted that since there has been support for IPS in the past adding IPS under the community supports section would be in line with LPC recommendations. S. Gross pointed out that support for IPS funding is included within the language reforming the MAPP program.

M. Bachhuber noted that the IMD proposals should include some restriction on the funding after a certain amount of time that people are placed at an IMD. As there are still people who end up being placed long-term at the Trempealeau IMD a financial incentive for community placement may be warranted. Funding ought to be utilized to encourage that people be transitioned to community based services. B. Beckert noted that the people who are kept at the IMD are disproportionately younger people.

S. Gross noted that the Committee will receive a presentation from the Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD) program at an upcoming meeting. C. Hester stated that it would be beneficial to have more contact with the Criminal Justice Committee to have discussions around issues such as TAD. S. Gross indicated he would follow up with the Chair of the CJC about this.

B. Beckert discussed the MacArthur Initiative, Safety and Justice Challenge which has a goal to implement reforms and address racial and ethnic disparities. A large focus is diverting people with mental illness from the criminal justice system. B. Beckert will share more information with the Committee.

S. Gross suggested adding an item regarding increasing the Medicaid Reimbursement rates. B. Beckert voiced her support for this concept.

M. Bachhuber asked if additional dollars should be requested to support Peer Run Respite or is it premature. Would it be valuable to ask for dollars to support an evaluation of the program? C. Hester noted that evaluation of the program may be beneficial to increase public awareness of Peer Run Respite. W. Parke-Sutherland said he would follow up with individuals who have been doing evaluations of Peer Run Respite to try to get a cost estimate.

Item 5: Legislative Updates (State and Federal)

C. Hester stated that there has not been movement on Federal mental health legislation although there is an expectation that the Senate will take some action on comprehensive mental health reform in the lame duck session.

Item 6: Division of Care and Treatment Services Updates

J. Allen stated the Early Intervention for First Episode Psychosis RFP received two applicants. The BPTR is in the process of negotiating with the applicants and can likely provide additional information at the next LPC meeting.

J. Allen discussed the SAMHSA site visit; all three SAMHSA centers attended the visit. S. Gross added that strengths were suicide prevention, peer supports, integration with primary care, quality assurance, employment initiatives. In addition, the Wisconsin first episode psychosis program was in compliance, and the state is working hard to address young homeless. Limitations that SAMHSA noted was the county based system. SAMHSA noted the issues around appointments and the Governor's Office asking for social media accounts. SAMHSA was also noted concerns regarding access for kids and waiting times, and a lack of inpatient services for youth.

Item 7: Agenda Items for November 2016 Meeting

Items which were noted for future meetings:

1. Presentation on TAD
2. Focus on Budget Priorities

Item 8: Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:42pm.