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MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

December 8, 2016, 12:30 pm - 3:00 pm

1 West Wilson Street, Conference Room 850A, Madison, Wisconsin and Via Conference Call

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

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

Department of Health Services (DHS) Staff in Attendance: Ryan Stachoviak, Kay Cram, Joyce Allen, Sophie Lee, Dan Kiernan, Chris Keenan

Guests in Attendance: Jolene Plautz, Veronica Thompson, Katy Schmidt, Eve Dicker-Eiseman

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, M. Neubauer, M. Lappen, K. Kerschensteiner, J. Odulana abstain.

Public Comment

J. Plautz noted that the Wisconsin Association for Marriage and Family Therapy is interested in becoming a member on the LPC. S. Gross asked J. Plautz to contact him directly regarding the membership request.

Item 2: Wisconsin Association of the Deaf

K. Schmidt and E. Dicker-Eiseman provided a presentation from the Wisconsin Association of the Deaf regarding mental health and substance abuse services for the deaf and hard of hearing (DHOH). S. Gross asked why a lawsuit had not been utilized in Wisconsin as it has been effective in other states. K. Schmidt noted that as Wisconsin is a county-based system it makes a lawsuit more challenging. K. Schmidt stated that the Association would like to propose an office to address behavioral health services for the DHOH be added to the current DCTS structure. This would be similar to the model in Minnesota. J. Juhnke asked if there was any consideration of adding services for children and families to this office proposal. K. Schmidt noted that it is a sticky issue as it would likely have to be a collaborative effort with DPI. Some resources are available through the schools for children in limited capacities. Adding children to this proposal would be a long-term goal. K. Schmidt noted that their agency has met with the Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH) regarding mental health.

Representatives from the Wisconsin Association of the Deaf (WAD) have also worked with Representative Brostoff regarding this issue. S. Gross suggested that advocates meet with Representative Tittl who will again be chairing the Mental Health Committee. S. Gross noted that there was interest in hearing more about this proposal in the Governor's Office. S. Gross offered to do an email introduction.

M. Bachhuber would like to see more development in the proposal on peer supports and social services. The proposal for the office seems very clinically oriented. Also, as Wisconsin has a county-based system, most people enter services locally, as this office would be a state office, how would this interact with the county-based system? J. Allen suggested that a State contract for a centralized service may be an option.

Item 3: Committee Charter

Members of the committee discussed wording choices around the terms 'clients' and 'consumers.' K. Kerschensteiner suggested not framing the terminology around services, but focus more on people. The members of the LPC agreed to discuss terminology at a future meeting.

M. Bachhuber moved to accept the changes to the committee charter.

W. Parke-Sutherland seconded the motion.

Motion carries, D. Richards abstains.

Item 4: Committee Membership

S. Gross stated there has been some response via the recent membership communication. M. Neubauer noted that she had person in mind who may be interested. B. Beckert noted the importance of the LPC's reaching out to increase diversity of the Committee. S. Gross asked whether the LPC should consider any applicants at the January meeting. B. Beckert suggested an application and interview may be useful steps in any application process. C. Hester asked about requirements for alternates or attendance requirements associated with bringing new members on board. The LPC will follow up on recruitment in January.

Item 5: Budget Priorities

W. Parke-Sutherland provided a briefing on advocates' meeting with the Governor's Office on December 7th. One of the factors to consider for prioritization of the budget priorities is that the Council and Committees will never have enough time to advocate for all the priorities with any level of depth. A theme for consideration from the Governor's office was 'dependence to independence'. J. Juhnke discussed the CYC budget priorities. The Governor's Office expressed interest in the children's consultation program and wanted to receive additional information about the program. Members of the committee suggested providing the entire budget priority document in meetings. K. Kerschensteiner suggested organizing the document by categories of new proposals, areas for which the WCMH is asking for increases for funding or continuing funding, and a third areas of items for which the Council is in general support of. K. Kerschensteiner suggested that new items be prioritized for discussion with policy makers as the Council may be the only group supporting those issues. S. Gross suggested reorganizing the document to reflect this categorization.

Item 6: Legislative Updates (State and Federal)

Members of the LPC discussed the 21st Century Cures Act. M. Bachhuber noted privacy provision in the bill is better than it had been in earlier versions of the legislation. Changes to Medicaid will likely have an impact on a large number of people.

Item 7: Division of Care and Treatment Services (DCTS) Updates

J. Allen provided a briefing, noting that the DCTS is working on end of the year contracts. K. Cram announced that Chris Keenan is working on a report to the Legislature on mental health services. The report on 2014-2015 is being reviewed for being released in January.

J. Allen discussed client satisfaction surveys. Every year the State collects information via the Mental Health Statistics Improvement Program survey. In an effort to have greater program specific information the DCTS is proposing to oversample CSP and CST this year to gather a greater amount of information on those programs. This oversampling could be done on a recurring basis. Members of the LPC voiced support for this proposal.

K. Cram discussed updates on the Trempealeau Healthcare Center. BPTR conducted a site visit of the center and have provided feedback to the agency. The BPTR plans to continue working with the Healthcare Center to improve services. The Bureau also plans to engage counties that have had people with long stays at the center. B. Beckert noted that a concern is the number of young people who have had stays at the Healthcare Center. M. Bachhuber added that the Healthcare Center continues to have a step program for how people gain privileges and getting released. This is concerning as this type of system doesn't really prepare people for the community. The workgroup from the LPC hopes to continue working with DHS to address concerns with the center.

Item 8: Agenda Items for January 2017 Meeting

Future items which were noted:

1. Guiding principles
2. Revisiting budget priorities
3. Committee membership

Item 9: Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.