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MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY COMMITTEE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

February 9th, 2017, 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

1 West Wilson Street, Conference Room 630, Madison, Wisconsin and via Conference Call

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

Attendance: Joanne Juhnke, Crystal Hester, Justin Odulana, Matt Strittmater, Mike Bachhuber, Barbara Beckert, Shel Gross, Mary Neubauer, William Parke-Sutherland, Dori Richards, Kathie Knoble-Iverson (via Teleconference), Mike Lappen (via teleconference), Britt Cudaback (via teleconference)

Members of the WCMH Criminal Justice Committee (CJC) in Attendance: Mishelle O'Shasky, Norman Briggs, Lori Yach, Lorie Goeser, Joe Scharenbroch, Brian Weidman, Mary Delaney

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

Guests in Attendance via Conference Call: Karen Iverson-Riggers, Jolene Plautz

DRAFT MINUTES

Item 1: Call to Order

Review and approval of minutes of January 12, 2017

M. Bachhuber moved to approve the minutes of January 12, 2017.

J. Odulana seconded.

Motion carries, minutes approved.

Announcements

S. Gross announced that Council member T. Hassinger can no longer attend LPC meetings and her position on the Committee is now vacant.

C. Hester discussed NAMI-Wisconsin's Action on the Square being held May 4. The event kicks off the NAMI-Wisconsin Annual Conference which is being held May 5-6 in Madison. M. Bachhuber announced that there was a resolution passed by the House of Representatives that overturned a rule barring gun ownership by people who have been deemed mentally impaired by the Social Security Administration.

M. Neubauer announced that NAMI of Greater Milwaukee will be providing a presentation of PIECES – In My Own Voice at the State Capitol on February 15th. The event is intended to help train legislators on issues of mental health and stigma.

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Item 2: Budget Priorities

Governor's Budget

Members of the Committee discussed the recently released Governor's State Budget. Members noted, in comparison to the WCMH's budget items, items relate to the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community were not included in the Governor's budget. Also not included are suicide prevention treatment and supports, increased Medicaid rates for outpatient psychotherapy. There is a budget item included for expanding employment, however, there is no increased funding for transit. There was a cost of living increase for the elderly and people with disabilities. The Council may want to continue working to address Budget Item 3 to increase and expand the investment in peer supports. There was an investment of \$450,000 to create a peer run respite for veterans in Milwaukee.

Another area for future discussion is reducing long term stays at the Trempealeau County Health Care Center as there was nothing in the Governor's budget to address this issue.

J. Juhnke provided a briefing on the items in the Governor's budget related to children's mental health. The budget includes funding to expand the child consultation program. No funding was provided for the implementation of the Pyramid Model, school mental health consultation, Trauma Focused CBT, or developing a Trauma Informed system with at risk preschool children. However, there was funding included in the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) budget to provide training for SBIRT and aid for schools to become trauma sensitive schools, school social workers, and collaboration grants.

Members of the committee discussed that there are several different investments for the criminal justice system including additional funding for Copper Lake, Opening Avenues to Reentry Success (OARS) and increased funding for Treatment Alternatives and Diversion (TAD). Related to Juvenile Justice, the budget would now require that all youth under 18 years of age must be placed in juvenile detention facilities. In addition the budget calls for the creation of a new council on offender reentry. The budget includes new provisions for BadgerCare that would require people to work to receive the service. Members of the LPC noted the importance of being sure that there are protections in place for people with mental illness.

J. Juhnke stated that items related to crisis stabilization for children would be an area that the Children and Youth Committee could discuss at their upcoming meeting. If deemed to be of need of further investigation the CYC could also address budget items related to Fostering Futures.

M. Bachhuber made a motion to recommend to the WCMH that they add the following to the Budget Priority document: the BadgerCare work requirement and the importance of adding exemptions and protections comparable to Food Share, and to support the Governor's budget initiatives to reduce homelessness.

M. Neubauer seconded the motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

Meetings with Legislators

S. Gross provided the LPC with a briefing on discussions that were held with members of the Joint Finance Committee (JFC). C. Hester volunteered to assist with setting up meetings with members of the JFC and the Committee on Mental Health.

Item 3: Division of Care and Treatment Services Updates

J. Allen provided the LPC a written Division of Care and Treatment Services Annual Report: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/publications/p00568-16.pdf>.

Item 4: Adjourn Legislative and Policy Committee Meeting

Solo meeting of the LPC adjourned at 1:00pm.

Combined Legislative and Policy Committee and Criminal Justice Committee

Item 1: Call to Order

S. Gross, W. Parke-Sutherland, and M. O'Shasky called to order the members of the LPC and the CYC.

Announcements

B. Beckert announced that the Milwaukee Mental Health Taskforce is holding a listening session for people who have a mental illness who have been in the Milwaukee jail on February 27th.

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

Item 2: Overview of CJC and LPC Committees

Committee Charters

Members of the two committees reviewed their charters and discussed the role each committee plays in the WCMH structure. S. Gross discussed the origins of the LPC. The committee was formed as a means to bring together various advocacy groups and to allow for discussion and to work with a unified voice. The LPC expressed the group's hope that the LPC can work with the CJC to assist the CJC and to better understand those issues which the CJC is addressing.

M. O'Shasky and M. Delany discussed a draft of a CJC charter and strategic priorities that had been developed by the CJC. A few top priorities are related to continuity of care upon release, and to ensure people receive necessary medical treatment. Trauma Informed Care is also of particular concern to the CJC, not only for individuals in prison, but also for those who work in prisons. Peer specialists and peer support programming is also viewed by the CJC as a key area to address to support people as they return to the community. Currently many people leaving prisons not able to connect with psychiatric services despite their best efforts upon

release. It is important to have consistent practice for people upon release, ensuring that people receive a prescription for their medications. N. Briggs noted this is especially important for people who are addicted to opiates. Many people will return to the amount of opiates they were using prior to incarceration causing an overdose.

Item 3: Committee Member Sharing

Why We're Here and What Value Do We Get From Our Committees

Members of the two committees discussed their backgrounds, what brought them to the committee, and what value they get from participating on that committee.

Item 4: Collaboration on Budget and Policy Issues

S. Gross discussed Criminal Justice related budget items. Additional money was provided in the budget for Treatment alternatives & Diversion (TAD). Governor did include money for a veterans peer run respite in Milwaukee. Additional funding was provided for Copper Lake. The LPC had been hoping to see more language around a redesign for the Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake but there isn't anything in the budget that addresses this. OARS is also expanded in the budget.

N. Briggs noted concerns over the SBIRT projects. In most cases primary care physicians identify AODA concerns and provide treatment which can have success reducing AODA consumption. A failure of SBIRT can often be the referral to treatment component; this is a concern as it relates to opiate treatment. J. Allen noted that the proposal was to create a toolkit for emergency rooms to use that was a more evidence based response for people who are coming in for opiate use.

S. Gross suggested that the CJC further review the criminal justice components of the budget in combination with the WCMH budget priority document. Any additional feedback that the CJC can provide the WCMH would be valuable. M. Bachhuber suggested it would be good to hear comments from CJC regarding Juvenile Justice at Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake. In particular does the CJC feel a more robust review of the two facilities is important to advocate for? M. O'Shasky noted that the CJC has infrequently addressed issues related to juvenile justice but there is an increased interest given the issues and Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake. This is an area for the CJC to discuss in the near future. Members of the committee discussed providing thanks and support for TAD expansion.

B. Beckert moved to recommend to the WCMH that the Council support the Governor's budget item to remove young adults under the age of 18 from adult facilities.

M. Bachhuber seconded the motion.

Motion carries unanimously.

Item 5: Process for Ongoing Collaboration

S. Gross voiced his support for future collaborative meetings between the LPC and the CJC. M. O'Shasky noted the benefit of meeting with the LPC for the CJC. Members of the committees agreed to tentatively plan on holding another combined meeting in the second half of 2017.

Item 6: Adjourn Combined Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.