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MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

July 13, 2017, 12:30 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, Kit Kerschensteiner, Tammy Conrad, Shel Gross, Mike Bachhuber, Mary Neubauer, Karen Iverson Riggers, Phil Robinson, Justin Odulana, Mike Lappen (via teleconference), Barbara Beckert (via teleconference)

Department of Health Services (DHS) Staff in Attendance: Ryan Stachoviak, Kay Cram, Joyce Allen, Caroline Crehan, Kenya Bright, Sarah Coyle

Guests in Attendance: Chris Wirth, Marc Herstand, Brenda Wesley, Connor Nicolay, Sierra Worob, Sara Moegenburg

MINUTES

Item 1: Call to Order

Review and approval of minutes of June 8, 2017

J. Juhnke moved to approve the minutes of June 8, 2017.

K. Kerschensteiner seconded the motion.

Motion carries, M. Neubauer and K. Kerschensteiner abstain. Minutes approved.

Announcements

C. Hester announced that NAMI-Wisconsin has will be holding the Healing Art Show, opening September 30th: <http://www.namiwisconsin.org/healing-art-show/>. NAMI-Wisconsin is hiring for a CIT/CIP coordinator. B. Beckert announced that the Milwaukee Mental Health taskforce has an open announcement for nominations for the Karen Avery Award. J. Juhnke announced that conference registration is now open for the Children Come First conference at www.CCFconference.org. M. Neubauer announced the youth production of Pieces: In My Own Voice at 7pm for Mental Health Awareness Week: <http://www.piecesinmyownvoice.com/>.

Public Comment

M. Herstand announced that AB29 did pass the State Assembly and will be addressed next by the Senate. A recent hearing was held regarding Medicaid reimbursement rates. The NASW has concerns over Medicaid reimbursement for in home services. Independent practitioners are not receiving reimbursement via Medicaid. Post- hearing there is hope that legislators will work with DHS to incorporate the rules that were noted in the hearing to rectify this. M. Herstand provided an update on the Child Victims Act and conversion therapy ban legislation.

Item 2: Strategic Planning

K. Iverson Riggers noted that the WCMH provided committees with a draft of the strategic plan. The LPC should plan to revisit the plan at a future LPC meeting. The strategic plan has several key goal areas along with objectives to achieve these goals. K. Iverson Riggers asked that members of the LPC review the document and see if it fits the needs and practices of the LPC. J. Juhnke noted that it is important to ensure the strategic plan can be utilized for the writing of motions. The WCMH has had discussions of the level of detail that the WCMH wants to see in the strategic plan. M. Bachhuber asked whether complimentary services such as housing and transportation should be included. Also, policies impacting quality of life such as discrimination laws should be considered for inclusion. Members of the LPC agreed to discuss the Strategic Plan further at the August meeting.

Item 3: Budget Priorities Status

S. Gross noted that advocates met with DHS leadership. MAPP was discussed; advocates have discussed the importance of restoring DHS positions to support the MAPP program after they were removed by the JFC. B. Beckert discussed Peer Run Respite (PRR). In the Governor's budget there was a proposal for a veteran PRR in Milwaukee. The PRR would have been funded out of program revenue from state institutes, but for only one year. This concerned advocates as this one year of funding would not be viable for a business to initiate a program. There is also some concern from the counties regarding the use of program revenue for this type of project. B. Beckert suggested that advocates reach out to chairs of veterans committees. There is similar concern regarding the Child and Youth Crisis Stabilization facility funding as only one year of funding was approved for that initiative as well. Members of the LPC discussed the possibility of encouraging the WCMH to provide a letter regarding the importance of transportation for people with mental illness.

Item 4: Legislative and Policy Updates and Discussion

S. Gross noted that advocates discussed issues related to prior authorization with DHS leadership.

State Legislation

S. Gross walked through several pieces of legislation.

- **HR 2687/S 1169** Medicaid Coverage for Addiction Recovery Expansion Act

This legislation would provide funding to address the opioid crisis. S. Gross noted his willingness to watch this bill.

The following four bills all are related to safe firearm storage and there is some overlap among the bills.

Regarding suicide prevention and children, do know that children that die by suicide with a firearm typically use a firearm in the home.

- **LRB-0963 relating to:** requiring a gun owner to store firearms in a locked container or have a locking device engaged if there is a child living in the residence or if a child is present in the home.
- **LRB-1660 relating to:** requiring reporting of lost or stolen firearms within 24 hours of discovering they are lost or stolen. This legislation enables law enforcement to trace guns more effectively, and makes for the successful prosecution of users of stolen guns more likely.
- **LRB-1659 relating to:** requiring that at the time of sale or transfer of a firearm, the seller provide the individual receiving the gun with a secure lockable container or trigger lock for the firearm.

- **LRB-1658 relating to:** requiring a gun owner to store firearms in a locked container or have a locking device engaged if a person who cannot legally possess a firearm lives in the residence.

S. Gross will follow up on the following several bills regarding use of force.

- **LRB-1260/7 relating to:** law enforcement agency policies on the use of force
- **LRB-1454/5 relating to:** law enforcement training on use-of-force options and making an appropriation
- **LRB-3192/1 relating to:** public access to policies regarding the use of force by law enforcement

The remaining bills that were discussed by the LPC were related to housing and providing funding for the programs.

- **AB 376/SB 316 relating to:** eviction prevention grants
- **AB 377/SB 317 relating to:** transitional housing grants and making an appropriation
- **AB 378/SB 315 relating to:** a study of affordable housing financing.
- **AB 379/SB 314 relating to:** case management services for recipients of federal housing choice vouchers.
- **AB 380/SB 313 relating to:** providing housing vouchers to individuals and families on a waiting list under the federal Housing Choice Voucher Program.

M. Bachhuber noted the importance of housing for people with mental illness, noting, however, that housing legislation is not likely to gain traction.

- **SB288/AB369**, regarding deregulation of licensure, was referred to as Regulatory Licensing Reform.

Members of the LPC noted their concerns that this legislation could be refined without public input. This commission would discuss a large number of professions at once without expertise. There is concern that if enacted this commission could in the future address licensures related to mental health and substance use service provision. T. Conrad will take the lead on tracking SB288.

P. Robinson noted it would be good to have more information regarding workforce and how insurance companies view these types of legislation. Members of the Committee would like more information.

S. Gross discussed AB57/SB19 regarding child support compliance. The LPC did make a motion at the April meeting to oppose this legislation; however the LPC would need a formal motion introduction to be provided to the WCMH for the motion to be considered by the WCMH. A motion to support AB29, as approved at the April LPC meeting, will be presented at the July 19th WCMH meeting.

Federal Legislation

Members of the LPC discussed HR1628, the American Health Care Act of 2017. The Wisconsin Medicaid Waiver has now been posted for comment. New health bill has now been released.

Item 5: Division of Care and Treatment Services Updates

J. Allen provided a briefing on the 2018-2019 Mental Health and Substance Abuse Block Grant Application. States have been instructed to develop a MHBG plan utilizing the President's budget. The federal proposed Wisconsin MHBG allocation for FFY 2018 is \$6,386,701, a reduction of \$2,346,187 from FFY 2017. As a result of this reduction in funding several allocations will be reduced or eliminated. Funding for Family and Consumer

Self-Help and Peer to Peer Supports will be reduced by \$241,848 to an annual amount of \$874,000, the minimum required by State law. Funding for Systems Change activities, previously an annual amount of \$54,287, will be eliminated. Under the category of Recovery and Early Intervention an allocation of \$124,991 for Suicide Prevention will be eliminated. Under the same category, funding for Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) for Early Intervention for First Episode Psychosis (FEP) will be reduced by \$468,330 to an annual amount of \$638,760. Funding for Transformation, a previous allocation of \$545,090, will be eliminated. Funding for Training, a previous allocation of \$181,808, will be eliminated. Lastly, funding for State Operations for program development and administrative support will be reduced by \$250,869, to an annual amount of \$459,131.

Integrated Placement and Support (IPS) Update

K. Bright provided a briefing on IPS. IPS is a collaborative program between the DHS and Department of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR). Jobs can be full or part time, the consumer decides what they are looking for.

Wisconsin's capacity to provide IPS training is limited. Ideally Wisconsin would have five state trainers. As such the State can only support a certain number of counties each year due to staff limitations. P. Robinson asked whether the collaborative is looking at opioid impacted populations. K. Bright noted that Dartmouth has been looking at those impacted by alcohol use. Wisconsin programs have not found that IPS is contraindicated for those with co-occurring disorders. K. Kerschensteiner asked whether there are other services involved in IPS other than employment. K. Bright noted that the program also works to address a person's mental health and how work impacts mental health. IPS staff will talk through those types of barriers or concerns with their participants. IPS can also serve someone with only a substance use disorder. Participants are typically involved in IPS for 3-9 months, depending on each person's needs and wants. K. Bright will look into providing the LPC with the number of people served by IPS by county.

Item 6: Agenda Items for July 2017 Meeting

The following future agenda items were noted:

- Reimbursement for in-home services. J. Allen suggested the LPC reach out to the Division of Medicaid services for more information.
- The WCMH draft strategic plan
- 105/107 rules
- SB288

Item 7: Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:55pm.