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**MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

**September 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) in Attendance:** Dori Richards, Crystal Hester, Kit Kerschensteiner, Shel Gross, Barbara Beckert, Mike Bachhuber, Mike Lappen, Joanne Juhnke

**Department of Health Services (DHS) Staff in Attendance:** Dan Kiernan, Ryan Stachoviak, Kay Cram, Chris Keenan, Kenya Bright

**Guests in Attendance:** Kris Moelter, Kathy Markland, Elizabeth Hudson

**Minutes**

**Item 1: Call to Order**

*Review and approval of minutes of July 14, 2016*

**M. Bachhuber moved to approve the minutes of July 14, 2016.**

**M. Lappen seconded the motion.**

**Motion carries, minutes of July 14, 2016 approved.**

*Announcements*

C. Hester announced that the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Healing Art Show will be on exhibit October 3 to November 30. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Wisconsin's Annual Conference will be held May 5-6, 2017 in Madison. B. Beckert announced the Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force will present the Karen Avery Award on September 13.

**Item 2: Medicaid Plan for Monitoring Fee for Service Access**

D. Kiernan provided a presentation on Medicaid and the Fee for Service (FFS) Access Monitoring Plan. D. Kiernan noted that there is opportunity for public comment to be made by September 14. There were five metrics which were used for the monitoring plan. D. Kiernan discussed the Behavioral Health Service Utilization by region. The analysis determined that the amount of variation requires further analysis. The evaluators were surprised by the low level of safety net utilization, which will be an area for future investigation. D. Kiernan will look more into a list of Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) and Rural Health Clinics that can be provided to the LPC.

B. Beckert noted the value of comparing Medicaid to commercial rates. D. Kiernan noted that commercial data is not always available. DHS is planning to prioritize dental and behavioral health. Next steps will be to implement

coverage of residential substance abuse treatment through the Medicaid program. DHS plans to implement state legislation passed in 2015 to improve access to mental health treatment in schools. Also, the DHS intends to review the policy for prior authorization and explore the use of TeleHealth as a delivery model for behavioral health services. DHS will also review models for integrated care and identify options to more effectively structure the FFS coverage policy to support integration of behavioral health and primary care services.

Members suggested that other sorts of measures would provide more meaningful information. S. Gross suggested that DHS look at quality and access as it relates to people who are receiving medication plus therapy. M. Bachhuber suggested delving into deeper issues such as hospitalization and medication versus therapy.

Members also commented on the process. B. Beckert suggested that DHS have multiple means to provide feedback, including more listening sessions. It is important to have means to engage people who receive the services in question. D. Richards recommended having a greater window of time for stakeholders to gather information and provide comment.

**M. Bachhuber moved to recommend to the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH) that the Council respond to the draft plan. This response should include an acknowledgement that the DHS should address the areas of concern, an appreciation that behavioral health and dental services are an area of concern. The response should also acknowledge that the recommendations address some concerns that have been made in the past however it doesn't go far enough, and there are certain types of measures that would give a better sense of access. The response should also note that there was not adequate stakeholder input, but there are more opportunities for stakeholder input moving forward.**

**M. Lappen seconded the motion.**

**Motion carries, J. Juhnke abstains.**

### **Item 3: Budget and Policy Priorities**

S. Gross stated that the DHS budget will be sent to the Department of Administration next week. DHS indicated at a meeting earlier in the day that there will not be any new initiatives reflected in their budget request. S. Gross hopes to have a motion regarding the budget that can be brought to the WCMH at the November meeting. S. Gross asked that members of the Committee consider what additional pieces of information would be needed to support the priority areas.

S. Gross discussed the Gannett articles on children's mental health and the 2017-2019 Budget and Policy Priorities document. Members of the Council and committees met with DHS staff recently to discuss the areas of priority. There are plans to follow up with DHS to provide recommendations. Regarding MAPP, there was an encouraging meeting held with DHS this week. DHS is open to including some form of in-kind work, and including some time-limited employment programs. Advocates also noted that the Governor had exempted employment for people with disabilities from his revenue freeze providing an opportunity to consider expanding Individual Placement and Support (IPS). M. Bachhuber suggested including information in the priority document regarding what would be needed for IPS expansion.

M. Bachhuber noted that there have been some discussions with the Office of Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH) regarding the priority areas. D. Richards noted that she hoped to see the ODHH solicit more feedback from the community. D. Richards is open to meeting with the ODHH if her schedule allows. B. Beckert noted that the

release of the Department of Transportation budget may provide an opportunity to advocate for further investment in transportation.

J. Juhnke discussed specific language that was added to the priority document regarding Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake. The recommendation is to convene a group, which includes a broad range of appropriate stakeholders, that is charged with examining the entire Wisconsin juvenile justice system and making recommendations for a redesign that is evidence-based and includes a regional model of small, safe, and treatment-oriented facilities that will replace the current large-facility model. This could be done in a regionalized pilot model.

J. Juhnke discussed the Child Psychiatry Consultation Program (CPCP). Leah Ludlum and Andrea Gromoski visited the Children and Youth Committee (CYC) to discuss the year one report. The presentation emphasized the training and referral support aspects of the program, in addition to the consultation components. John Strauss, the founding director of the MCPAP (Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project), who has been advising the Wisconsin effort, was impressed with the year one report and felt that the productivity numbers are reasonable. J. Juhnke noted, in regards to consultation funding and school mental health, that there was a meeting on August 26<sup>th</sup> between coalition members, the DHS and Department of Public Instruction staff. The group had lots of questions regarding the proposal. Additional discussions will be held in the near future.

S. Gross suggested that the LPC consider including Medicaid expansion and the expansion of Opening Avenues to Reentry Success (OARS) into the budget recommendations.

#### **Item 4: Legislative Updates**

S. Gross noted that there has been a lot of push by advocacy organizations to encourage Senators to bring S. 2680, the Mental Health Reform Act of 2016, to the floor.

#### **Item 5: Division of Care and Treatment Services**

K. Cram announced that the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Crisis Intervention Conference will be held in Wisconsin Dells on September 29-30. The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Mental Health and Substance Use Recovery Training Conference will be held October 26-27 in Wisconsin Dells.

K. Cram discussed the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) site visit of Wisconsin that was held on August 16-18. The SAMHSA will hold a debriefing with the Bureau of Prevention Treatment and Recovery (BPTR) staff and members of the Council on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

K. Bright discussed Certified Peer Specialist (CPS) efforts. The initial timeline for the rollout of the integrated peer specialist program was very ambitious. The BPTR ended up pushing the CPS training moratorium back until June 2017. There were 70 new CPS were certified this summer in Wisconsin. K. Bright will share a list of the new trainers for the integrated peer specialist training in the coming months.

#### **Item 6: Committee Charter and Membership**

S. Gross noted that the Committee did not present questions or concerns regarding the charter.

#### **Item 7: Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 3:05pm.