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MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE WISCONSIN COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH

January 11, 2018 from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm

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

Members of the Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC) in Attendance: Kit Kerschensteiner, Karen Iverson-Riggers, Crystal Hester, Shel Gross, Phil Robinson, Justin Odulana, Mike Lappen (via Teleconference), Elizabeth Viera (via Teleconference), Barbara Beckert (via Teleconference)

Guests in Attendance: Marc Herstand (National Association of Social Workers – Wisconsin)

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

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC) Meeting to Order

Review and approval of the minutes of December 14, 2017

K. Kerschensteiner moved to approve the minutes of December 14, 2017

P. Robinson seconded the motion.

Motion carried, Shel Gross abstains.

Announcements: Opportunity for committee members to make general announcements

M. Lappen announced that the Milwaukee Mental Health Taskforce voted to move a proposal for a new mental health inpatient provider into formal negotiations.

LPC Roster dialogue and updates

K. Iverson Riggers and C. Hester have been conducting outreach to members of the LPC to ensure they are still interested in participating on the committee. D. Richards has resigned from the LPC and the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH). Britt Cudaback is still interested in being involved on the Committee.

The WCMH has had discussions regarding whether committee rosters should be expanded to accommodate those people who are interested in joining the committees. J. Odulana suggested that the LPC review whether there were any options for providing compensation for people who are volunteering their time to groups such as the LPC. The WCMH has had some discussions regarding means for holding a mentoring process for new people joining the Council and for developing further leaders and chairs.

Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH) Updates

The WCMH will continue to address strategic planning at the upcoming meeting. The Children and Youth Committee is looking to hold a combined meeting with the LPC. S. Gross suggested holding this combined meeting in March or April to provide comment and recommendations on the budget process.

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

2. Legislative and Policy Updates, Discussion, and Action

State Legislation

Members of the LPC discussed AB732, pilot program to provide outreach, support, and mental health and substance abuse services for veterans and making an appropriation. K. Cram provided a briefing on the Veterans Outreach and Recovery Program (LPC), this bill is intended to fund and expand the VORP. Members of the LPC agreed to track this legislation; S. Gross will take the lead.

Members of the LPC discussed AB791/SB651. This legislation requires the Department of Corrections (DOC) to close the Type 1 juvenile correctional facilities currently known as the Lincoln Hills School for boys and Copper Lake School for girls and report to the Joint Committee on Finance on the feasibility of converting these facilities to a correctional treatment facility for adults in the earned release program. If JCF finds that the conversion is feasible, DOC is required to submit plans for the conversion to the Building Commission for approval. The bill also requires DOC to establish and operate between six and ten regional Type 1 juvenile correctional facilities in the state. Members of the LPC also discussed AB802, relating to closing the Lincoln Hills School for Boys and Copper Lake School for Girls and creating a plan to establish regional Type 1 juvenile correctional facilities. The WCMH plans to have discussions regarding how juvenile justice issues should be collaborated on between the CYC and Criminal Justice Committee (CJC).

The members of the LPC discussed AB819, relating to employment of individuals with disabilities enrolled in long-term care programs and making an appropriation. This bill requires the Board for People with Developmental Disabilities (BPDD) to develop a program to provide coaching for the hiring of individuals with disabilities. "Coaching," under this bill, is providing specific, targeted supports to a business, school district, or vocational agency that demonstrates how coworkers can provide internal support to a coworker with a disability, eliminating the need for a job coach or other individual from outside of the employer. BPDD is required to take certain actions specified in the bill for the coaching program. BPDD is required to provide the coaching to private and nonprofit businesses and to schools, care management organizations that administer Family Care or the Family Care Partnership Program, consultant agencies that assist enrollees in the self-directed services option known as IRIS, and other employment services providers for the state's long-term care programs. K. Kerschensteiner agreed to track this legislation.

Members of the LPC discussed LRB-5169, legislation that was introduced by Senator Taylor. This bill requires the Department of Public Instruction to annually provide a grant to the Center for Suicide Awareness, Inc. The

purpose of the grant is to provide funding for staff, training, and expenses related to operating a text-based suicide prevention service. In each of the 2017-18 and 2018-19 fiscal years, the amount of the grant to the Center for Suicide Awareness, Inc., is \$110,000.

S. Gross moved to recommend that the WCMH provide support for LRB-5169.

J. Odulana seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Hester provided a briefing on efforts to create legislation related to Peer Run Respite (PRR) zoning. There is continued advocacy to create legislation to codify the zoning for the PRRs. There is also likely need for ongoing public awareness of the PRRs, who is served by the respites, and the benefits of the PRRs, in including their role as a warm line.

Members of the LPC discussed AB782, relating to limited release of mental health information to out-of-home care providers and child welfare agencies. The intent of the legislation is to provide information to foster parents. Many advocates are concerned that this legislation would force parents to give up too many of their parental rights. It is important to have quick access to mental health information, but it is important, as much as possible, to keep the parents in the loop regarding their children rather than excluding them in the process. The legislation doesn't help reunification and family involvement.

Members of the WCMH and committees are providing testimony regarding AB693, the Teacher Protection Act.

Members of the LPC discussed AB589/SB465 relating to regulation of sign language interpretation services. LPC members noted that there appears to be some conflict between DHS and advocates and members of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community regarding this legislation.

Members discussed AB355/SB280 relating to neglect of a child and providing criminal penalties. There have been some changes to the language of the bill. P. Robinson has had some discussions with K. Moelter of the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board regarding the legislation. Members of the LPC suggested it may be beneficial to invite Kris Moelter to a future LPC meeting to discuss the legislation.

C. Hester provided a briefing on the Lethal Violence Protection Order legislation. The legislation is currently being drafted and was initially drafted by Melissa Sargent's office.

M. Herstand discussed AB660, a bill relating to the age at which a person is subject to juvenile court jurisdiction and making appropriations. Much of the barrier to passing the legislation has been around money. At a recent hearing a number of people spoke in favor of the legislation, however there is need for continued support.

Federal Legislation, Executive Actions or other Federal matters

C. Hester provided a briefing on the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Senator Tammy Baldwin's office is looking to collect stories from families that have used CHIP and how the program has impacted families.

3. Division of Care and Treatment Services Updates

J. Allen discussed updates regarding Certified Peer Specialists (CPS) and ongoing trainings. As of October 2017 there are many CPS across the state. However there still are gaps throughout the state, in particular in rural areas. In 2017 the BPTR recruited new CPS trainers and are taking efforts to ensure there is an infrastructure built to provide ongoing training through the Independent Living Centers (ILC) network. In 2018 trainings are scheduled across the state throughout the year. The DCTS is sponsoring these trainings though there are also opportunities for communities to sponsor other trainings as well. The goal of the DCTS is to provide trainings throughout the state.

The role of the ILC is to be the hub for the training and to ensure there are trainings available. The ILCs also collect data and review the curriculum. B. Beckert recommended that there be more information available online regarding options for training. Members of the LPC requested a means for sharing of information, such as a list-serv.

4. Agenda Items for February 2018 Committee Meeting

Agenda items that were noted:

- Holding a joint meeting with CJC and CYC
- Regulations for associated health plans
- Potential white/position papers
- Creating a conflict of interest statement for the Council and committees
- Updates on IRIS/Managed Care

5. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.