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**Meeting of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH)**  
**March 28, 2018**  
**10:00 am to 3:30 pm**  
**1801 Aberg Avenue, Madison, WI and via Conference Call**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Members of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health in Attendance:** Barb Buffington, Matt Strittmater, Bonnie MacRitchie, Mark Lausch, Dan Kiernan, Carol Keen, Inshirah Farhoud, Mishelle O'Shasky, Kimberlee Coronado (via teleconference), Amy Polsin (via teleconference), R. Immler (via teleconference)

**Department of Health Services (DHS) Staff in Attendance:** Ryan Stachoviak, Joann Stephens, Holly Audley, Michael Christopherson

**Guests in Attendance:** Jerolynn Scaggs, Joanne Juhnke

**1. Call Meeting to Order**

*Read WCMH guidelines for conduct of meeting*

I. Farhoud read guidelines for conduct of meeting.

*Review and approval of the minutes of January 17, 2018*

**B. MacRitchie moved to approve the minutes of January 17, 2018.**

**C. Keen seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried, minutes of January 17, 2018 approved, R. Immler abstained.**

**C. Keen moved to approve the minutes of November 15, 2017.**

**B. MacRitchie seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried, minutes of November 15, 2017 approved, R. Immler abstained.**

*Announcements: Opportunity for Council members to make general announcements*

M. Strittmater announced La Crosse County discussed bell ringing at a recent mental health awareness walk and the [Mental Health America Mental Health Bell](#).

B. MacRitchie and I. Farhoud discussed the [Fostering Futures](#) through the Department of Children and Families (DCF) and training being provided to counties and tribes.

*Public Comment: The committee will accept comments from the public relating to any WCMH business*

No public comment was made.

## **2. WCMH Strategic Planning**

Members of the WCMH summarized and discussed previous strategic planning discussions. At the previous meeting the Council determined it would focus on Early Intervention and Prevention as a focus area for the coming year. The Council also plans to address WCMH organization and infrastructure as an ongoing area for improvement. An immediate improvement that was recommended was to add a section to each WCMH agenda to provide updates from other partnership organizations such as the State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA) and the Governor's Council for People with Disabilities (GCPD). Areas the Council hopes to focus on this coming year are overall membership, Council orientation, the appointment process and collaborating with the Governor's office on membership. Council members noted their support for the creation of additional white papers or position papers to enable the Council to take action on items with greater efficiency. A. Polsin suggested having a binder of information would be helpful for Council members.

M. Lausch suggested that for purposes of strategic planning and action the Council could utilize an Impact Team Approach. Small teams of Council members could take on various strategic items and then bring those items back to the Council once action has been taken on them.

Council members suggested that the Nominating Committee take the lead on developing the initial plan on action for Council membership and organization. In addition to the core members of the Nominating Committee M. Lausch, M. Strittmater, and C. Keen offered to be involved. A specific topic for the group to address is how to define and delineate the scope of those emergency actions can be taken by the Executive Committee.

Members suggested a presentation on Council limits and opportunities for advocacy and action would be beneficial. Members suggested the Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC) could be a group to take on better defining and organizing WCMH procedures for how rapid responses should occur.

## **3. WCMH Fall Tour Planning**

Members of the WCMH discussed plans for the September fall tour, being held September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The WCMH hopes to plan a visit to the Ashland area. R. Stachoviak noted that at previous meetings the Council determined that members of the Council would take on the responsibility of conducting outreach to those organizations the Council hopes to meet with. Council members could then communicate with each organization to help those organizations better understand the presentation asks from the Council.

Members of the Council suggested the following groups and organizations as potential groups to meet with as part of the fall tour:

- Tribal Nations

- County Agencies, including an overview of the public mental health system
- Medical College of Wisconsin grant funded sites
- Opioid Treatment Centers
- Comprehensive Community Services groups
- Programs conducting early intervention
- North Lakes Federally Qualified Health Center
- Memorial Medical Center
- Ashland School District and the work being done with project Aware

#### **4. Working Lunch**

#### **5. WCMH Committee Reports, Discussion, and Consideration of Motions**

##### *Children and Youth Committee (CYC)*

Joanne Juhnke, co-chair of the Children and Youth Committee, joined the meeting at 12:00pm.

##### ***Motion: Support updates to Wisconsin law on seclusion and restraint in schools***

J. Juhnke provided briefing on the motion to support SB876/AB1048, relating to the seclusion and restraint of pupils. Each of the elements of the bill addresses the shortcomings of Wisconsin's current laws pertaining to seclusion and restraint. The proposed legislation will:

- Require that restraint and seclusion data be reported to DPI as well as school boards (under current law, only school boards receive the data),
- Require schools to convey a written incident report to parents, including the names & titles of covered individuals and law enforcement officers present (current law only requires that parents be notified that the report exists, and does not require law enforcement officer's names to be included),
- Remove the requirement that IEP teams decide whether restraint/seclusion is likely to be used a second time,
- Require that the principal meet with the staff who participated in the incident to discuss the sequence of events and strategies to prevent future incidents,
- Explicitly prohibit prone restraint,
- Clarify that incidents involving law enforcement officers must be reported in a district's data, even though law enforcement officers are not defined as "covered individuals" in the restraint/seclusion statute,
- Specify that the restraint and seclusion law applies also to students who are district-placed into private schools,
- Clarify the definition of "incident" for data reporting purposes,
- Update the training requirements for an increased focus on de-escalation, and remove the requirement (but not prohibit) the teaching of "hands-on" techniques.

The CYC had hoped the legislation would be written so that it would also apply to voucher schools, however as written the legislation does not. The legislation does apply to public schools, special needs voucher students in voucher schools, and students has been placed in a voucher school by a public school district.

B. Buffington provided a briefing on how seclusion and restraint typically occurs in schools. Schools require a child to be in a situation of imminent harm or danger to themselves or others in order for someone to put their hands on a child. Annual training occurs in schools.

**Motion to support SB876/AB1048, relating to the seclusion and restraint of pupils carried, D. Kiernan abstained.**

J. Juhnke provided an update on CYC. Carrie Finkbiner has resigned from the CYC and the CYC would like to appoint Lana Nenide, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Alliance for Infant Mental Health, to the CYC.

**M. O'Shasky appointed Lana Nenide to the Children and Youth Committee.**

The CYC is in the process of working on budget requests for the upcoming state budget process. The committee is also planning to further discuss education policy principles with the hope that this could be developed into a policy paper for the WCMH to review in the near future.

*Criminal Justice Committee (CJC)*

***Motion: Support for AB953 and SB807 regarding Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake***

M. O'Shasky introduced a motion from the CJC. The CJC recommended that the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH) send a letter to members of the Assembly Committee on Corrections and Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety supporting the concepts and direction of the reforms laid out in AB 953 and SB 807 to bring changes to existing juvenile corrections and detention system, including; closing Lincoln Hills and Copper Lakes and replacing them with smaller regionally-based facilities and new expanded roles DCF and county detention facilities.

Members of the Council noted that the legislation had been approved by the Legislature at this time. Members of the Council discussed means to modify the motion to provide support for the legislation given the current state of the bill.

**Motion introduced to modify the CJC motion to read that the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH) send a letter to Governor supporting the closure of Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake and that any Juvenile Corrections Study Committee be inclusive of various stakeholders, including counties, people with behavioral health lived experience, families, and subject matter experts. Motion to modify the CJC motion carried.**

**Motion to support the closure of Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake, as amended above, carried. B. MacRitchie abstained.**

### *Executive Committee*

M. O'Shasky provided an update on the Executive Committee. At the most recent meeting the committee discussed ongoing WCMH planning, and plans for the fall tour.

### *Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC)*

R. Stachoviak provided a briefing on the LPC. At the most recent LPC meeting the committee conducted a summary discussion of state legislation, including reviewing those bills that were brought to the governor, and those bills which appear to have had no action taken. The committee also spent time discussing the Parkland shooting, and how the LPC and WCMH could respond to such events. The LPC plans to discuss the state budget at upcoming meetings and has invited representatives from the CYC and CJC to participate in those discussions.

## **6. Division of Care and Treatment Services (DCTS) Briefing and Updates**

H. Audley provided a DCTS update. Staff members in DCTS are spending a good amount of time working on administrative rules. The DCTS is close to being ready for a public hearing on the draft of the Children's Day Treatment Rule. The Youth Crisis Stabilization statement of scope has moved over to the Governor's Office for approval. Regarding DHS 75, the Substance Abuse Rule, a statement of scope has been provided to that rule's advisory committee and will be reviewed. Staff members also continue to develop a framework for a single Psychosocial Rehab Rule. This would be an umbrella rule that would cover Community Support Programs (CSP), Coordinated Service Teams (CST), Comprehensive Community Services (CCS), and Community Recovery Services (CRS).

The DCTS has also been coordinating learning collaborative with several counties, looking at those counties that have been utilizing the Winnebago Mental Health Institute (WMHI) with frequent, short term stays. The collaborative is looking at identifying means to divert people from Winnebago through crisis stabilization and other best practices. The WMHI is also in the process of hiring a new director.

On April 4<sup>th</sup> the DCTS will host a statewide CCS meeting. The DCTS also will have follow up meetings with the Trempealeau County Health Care Center to continue working on quality improvement strategies.

J. Stephens announced that the Certified Parent Peer Specialist curriculum is in the process of being finalized. A train the trainer event will likely occur in the summer or autumn of 2018.

## **7. Call for future WCMH agenda items**

M. Strittmater suggested that if it is not included as part of the fall tour, the Council invite someone from the Medical College of Wisconsin to provide an update on their community mental health efforts.

## **8. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.