

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Wisconsin Council on Mental Health		Attending: Members: Sheryl Smith, Mark Eisner, Rick Immler, Ana Winton, Dennis Hanson, Lynn Harrigan, Kevin Kallas, Tim Peerenboon, Crystal Hester, Kimberlee Coronado, May Yer Zao, Holly Audley, Jessicam Barrickman. Dawn Shelton-Williams
Date: 7/21/2021	Time Started: 10:00AM	Time Ended: 3:30PM
Location: Zoom		DHS Staff: Maddie Johnson, Teresa Steinmetz, Tonya Evans, Abraham Morris, Kenya Bright, Andrea Jacobson, Ryan Stachowiak, Langeston Hughes, Jason Cram, HG Young, Jamie McCarville, Sarah Coyle, Joannette Robertson
		Guests: Chrissy Bernard, Amy Polsin, Alexa Nobis, Marina Navarro, Matt MacLean, Mary Kay Battaglia (NAMI WI)
		Presiding Officer: Rick Immler

Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order

The meeting attendees introduced themselves.

Announcements

C. Hester announced she is leaving NAMI Wisconsin and this is the last Council meeting she is attending. C. Hester mentioned she is willing to mentor anyone interested in serving as the chair of the LPC committee. K. Coronado mentioned that her tribe was honored in Superior and the graves of the tribe members lost were honored.

K. Coronado shared in the zoom chat "Public Announcement 1: Black students with disabilities represented 18% of all students provided services under IDEA but 32% of those who were referred to law enforcement. Has your child been subjected to discriminatory discipline? Make your voice heard and provide feedback to the Office of Civil Rights. Tell them it is time to stop violating our children's rights. Tell OCR what you think: <http://bit.ly/tellOCR> #endseclusion"

K. Coronado shared in the zoom chat: "HISTORY made TODAY July 20, 2021 in the State of Wisconsin and in the City of Superior today!! The City of Superior and Common Council voted to honor over 200 decimated graves of my ancestors which were moved from our tribal burial grounds generations ago to make room for docks for the steel industry. At today's City of Superior Common Council meeting, they accepted our tribal flag, allowed our native language to be spoken, we heard the heartbeat of our drum and our tobacco to be used in ceremony and most importantly voted to accept responsibility to acknowledge the past and move forward together! Tears of joy! https://superior-wi.granicus.com/player/clip/746?view_id=5&redirect=true&fbclid=IwAR0sslguY9mt3DxGMNiuGRZaSd7n9eww_d35Sv3kvqllNACNYRvrVmtev4bg"

K. Coronado shared in the zoom chat: "Announcement 3: Advancing FASD Research, Services, and Prevention Act (a.k.a. the FASD Respect Act), a bill in the United States Congress that will bring FASD into the forefront of our health, education, social welfare, and justice systems. The FASD Respect Act (Senate Bill S.2238 and House Bill H.R.4151). You can find a summary of important parts of the bill at the end of this email. And you can read more about the bill on the NOFAS website [HERE](#)
Join the 90 Days/ 90 Ways email campaign [HERE](#) and receive ideas each day for actions you can take to support this bill. Register [HERE](#) for the September 9-16 Virtual 5K Run to support the bill and the work of

NOFAS, the National Organization for Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

Ask any organization you are a part of, including your church, your workplace, your professional organization, your doctor...to sign the letter of support for this bill [HERE](#)

Thank you for helping to increase awareness of FASD and support for those living with it. Jackie Wille Orchids, FASD Services”

K. Coronado shared in the zoom chat: “Announcement 4: The Counseling Not Criminalization in Schools legislation was re-introduced on June 17 by Senator Chris Murphy and co-led by Senator Elizabeth Warren, Senator Tina Smith, Representative Ilhan Omar, Representative Jamaal Bowman, and Representative Ayanna Pressley.

The Counseling Not Criminalization in Schools Act will help reduce the over policing and criminalization of our nation’s students by:

- Prohibiting federal funds to support the hiring, recruitment, and placement of police officers on K-12 school campuses.
- Establishing a \$5 billion grant program to support school districts seeking to replace law enforcement officers with adequately trained personnel like counselors, social workers, nurses, mental health practitioners and trauma informed personnel, which have been proven to create safer and more inclusive learning environments in schools.

Information about the legislation:

<https://livesinthebalance.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=91b5b805a5e43eb0098f8987b&id=9e02615aa4&e=ed4fe887a5> “

“Announcement 5: From DPI's Deaf and Hard of Hearing Families outreach. WESP-DHH Outreach provides a variety of programs and services to students, ages 3 to 21, who are deaf, hard of hearing and deaf-blind, their families and the educational teams and school districts that serve them, regardless of the student's educational placement or communication modality. Most of these programs are free-of-charge. For more information, visit the WESP-DHH outreach website

We're excited to announce our in person Family Gatherings for August and September! We've planned these events in five different locations across the state and hope that you can join us. RSVP here:

<https://bit.ly/familygatherings2021> “

Approval of the minutes of May 19, 2021

D. Hanson made a motion to approve the minutes.

K. Coronado seconded the motion.

S. Smith added some edits to the minutes. R. Immler suggested a couple changes.

The minutes passed unanimously.

Public comment

There was no public comment.

2. Presentation on Department of Health Services (DHS) Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives

A. Morris, L. Hughes, and T. Evans shared information on the DHS DEI efforts across the department. The group shared information about creating an Office of Health Equity in the department. T. Evans stated that there will be a director of the Office of Health Equity and that this Office will be in the Secretary’s Office. T. Evans described the hiring process for the director including sharing that a promotional video was created and that partnerships were created with historically black colleges. L. Hughes shared information on the Health Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Council (HEDI). L. Hughes stated that HEDI will oversee the creation on the Equity and Inclusion Plan as well as oversee budget proposals and other equity initiatives. A. Morris shared an organizational chart highlighting DEI work across the Department. A. Morris also shared there is now an Equity Pillar in the Department.

S. Smith asked if the LGBTQIA community is represented on HEDI and L. Hughes stated he is not sure. C. Hester asked how diversity is defined and L. Hughes stated that this definition will be considered. K. Coronado mentioned that the Governor's Office is excited to work with the Governor's Office of People with Disabilities and K. Coronado asked if this group would be willing to hear from individuals with disabilities. L. Hughes stated yes and likely this will fall under one of the five charges. T. Evans stated that one of the Office of Health Equity positions is looking externally to create partnerships.

R. Immler stated that the Council prioritized Access and Equity related to communities of color around a year ago. R. Immler stated some of the focus areas are around data, funding, a diverse workforce, and education. R. Immler asked about the timeline for when the Council can provide recommendations and T. Evans stated to wait until the Director is hired in the Office of Health Equity. R. Immler stated that there were 13 hours of zoom meetings and that the Council learned that the Minority Health Program had no staff and that a mandated report was not created. T. Evans stated that the Minority Health Program transferred to the Office of Health Equity.

J. Cram asked how tribes are involved and L. Hughes stated that D. Dick will be serving on HEDI to represent the tribe. A. Morris stated that there may be opportunities for leaders of HEDI to meet with the tribes. A. Winton stated there is a Tribal State Collaborative for Positive Change meeting that meets every month which may be a good opportunity to gain feedback. S. Coyle asked if the slides can be shared and A. Morris stated he will connect with M. Johnson.

R. Immler stated that the Council will be considering future informational zoom meetings related to access and equity issues.

L. Hughes stated that future HEDI meetings will be open to the public.

The Council took a 10 minute break.

3. Discussion of Access and Equity Next Steps

R. Immler stated that the Access and Equity next steps overlap with the discussion of the fall tour. R. Immler explained that historically, the Council has had an in-person fall tour. R. Immler stated there could be an option to visit the Winnebago institute. R. Immler stated another option is to have fall zoom presentations again like last fall. M. Johnson mentioned that it might make sense to have the zoom presentations throughout the course of one day rather than over the course of 3 months. K. Coronado and S. Smith stated that the zoom platform makes it difficult to focus so this type of zoom presentation structure should include a lot of breaks. K. Coronado also requested that the zoom presentations be recorded.

R. Immler asked again if an in-person or zoom platform makes sense for the fall tour especially considering the COVID-19 delta variant. T. Steinmetz mentioned she is not sure if Winnebago could allow an in-person visit. H. Audley stated that in-person visits at institutes may be a challenge given the delta variant and that G. Steele is the administrative assistant for Winnebago may need to make a decision. M. Johnson stated the held meeting dates for the fall tour are currently September 14th and 15th. The Council decided to have fall presentations virtually. H. Audley asked if the Council would still like to hear via the institutions in a zoom meeting. R. Immler stated the Council will discuss the potential speakers for the fall and then address this question.

The Council viewed the draft zoom presentation plan and considered future zoom presentation. R. Immler stated that the Council mandate is different in two part of state legislation, one piece highlighting that the Council should review all mental health plans and the other stating the Council should review all Department mental health plans. R. Immler stated that a presentation on Medicaid or from Minnesota could be helpful. R. Immler asked if there were any questions about data. T. Steinmetz mentioned that the reports could be talked about from multiple divisions as divisions work across the department. R. Immler stated that the Council heard from two different Federally Qualified Health Care Providers. R. Immler also discussed the Canadian model of serving indigenous people.

R. Immler mentioned hearing from a clinic in Milwaukee as well. D. Shelton Williams mentioned that the Milwaukee Clinic is Milwaukee Center for Independence. T. Steinmetz mentioned that we do not have CCBHC

certification in Wisconsin. R. Immler moved on to the discussion of workforce and specifically CLAS Standards. R. Immler then mentioned Area Health Education Centers. Finally, R. Immler mentioned considering presentations on Systems Improvement. R. Immler mentioned that NAMI Minnesota is funded differently than NAMI in Wisconsin.

R. Immler asked if the facilities could be available on September 14th and 15th and H. Audley stated most likely. H. Audley asked if the Council would like to hear from all seven facilities. The Council discussed if they would like to hear from all of the facilities. Many Council members stated they would like an overview of all of the facilities. H. Audley proposed sharing the PowerPoint earlier so Council members could formulate questions. R. Immler asked if the presentation could focus on Access and Equity. H. Audley stated this is not included in the standard presentation, but could likely be collected and included. H. Audley asked how much time the Council would like to spend on this presentation.

R. Immler mentioned that perhaps the zoom meeting minutes will be 6-8 hours.

The Council took a 30 minute lunch break.

4. Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) Application – Discussion

M. Johnson provided an overview of the recent MHBG application that the department just received from SAMHSA. R. Stachoviak mentioned that the Department is open to ongoing feedback about the MHBG. R. Immler referenced the letter he sent to SAMHSA last year related to the MHBG application. R. Stachoviak shared in the zoom chat: Here is a link to the application in case anyone would like to take a look, states are instructed to follow the FY 2020-2021 Block Grant Application and Plan <https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/block-grants>

K. Coronado asked if the block grant funding is separate from current needs and COVID-19 needs. K. Coronado also asked about one time funding vs. sustainable funding. T. Steinmetz discussed the current application and R. Stachoviak mentioned that the guidance used this year is the same as last year.

R. Immler asked if progress has been made related to the combined outcome-related priority areas. R. Stachoviak mentioned that the Department is open to feedback. C. Hester asked about the specific goals within the broader priorities and M. Johnson mentioned those priorities were shared with the Council when the MHBG application was shared. R. Stachoviak mentioned that creating outcome related priorities is challenging as it can be hard to have the available data at the time reporting is needed.

R. Immler mentioned that Wisconsin is focused on the County PPS data and this makes it challenging to focus on access to care. R. Immler stated that the use of outpatient counseling and medication management is going down while the use of crisis services is going up. S. Smith mentioned that there was a report highlighting that people of color are more likely to use crisis services rather than other services. L. Harrihan mentioned that many individuals are accessing services through crisis. T. Steinmetz mentioned that it is challenging to get a full picture of Wisconsin with the available data. T. Steinmetz mentioned that individuals may be getting public health treatment through other systems. R. Stachoviak mentioned that getting Medicaid data from Medicaid can be challenging.

H. Audley mentioned that the Crisis Workgroup has focused on the idea that your county of residence should not impact who can access services. H. Audley also mentioned some initiatives were not funded by the state budget, but these may be funded by ARPA funds. R. Immler stated that the first or second slide in the deck focuses on highlighting the good work of the Bureau and also that the outcomes are not good and not necessarily the fault of the Bureau. R. Immler mentioned that the state mental health authority is focused on the counties. R. Immler stated that there were two private psychiatric units in central Wisconsin that closed.

T. Steinmetz said this conversation is focused not just on block grant funding, but the bigger state of Wisconsin. T. Steinmetz mentioned that R. Immler is focused on the larger system and the Council's ability to advocate to other groups. R. Immler mentioned the importance of supporting the community health arm of the department and the division. R. Stachoviak mentioned that the goal is to get a draft complete by August 16th. The Council discussed a potential meeting time to review the MHBG application. T. Steinmetz and R.

Stachoviak highlighted that any feedback may not be able to be considered given the timeline, but can be considered for future applications.

R. Immler discussed how a letter needs to be drafted. R. Immler mentioned that the Council can submit feedback on the PowerPoint to R. Immler and M. Johnson. The Council discussed whether to meet on August 18th or August 25th. The Council decided to schedule a rapid response Executive Committee meeting for August 18th from 8:00AM-9:30AM.

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

a. Executive Committee – Rick Immler

R. Immler mentioned that there are no motions. R. Immler asked if one of the fall presentations can be part of the Council meeting on September 15th and the Council said yes.

b. Adult Quality Committee – Lynn Harrigan and Kristin Welch

L. Harrigan mentioned that someone from DHS is presenting to the Committee on the SMART Goals and the block grant application. L. Harrigan also mentioned that the Committee is considering having a full day of strategic planning.

c. Children and Youth Committee – Phyllis Greenberger and Amy Polsin

A. Polsin stated that the Committee is hoping to have presentations from parents and students with School Resource Officers. A. Polsin said the Committee has no motions.

d. Criminal Justice Committee – Tamra Oman

M. MacLean stated he is not an official Council member, but stated the Committee is focused on care for prisoners and inmates on their way out. R. Immler stated that the treatment phase of incarceration may not occur until minimum security. R. Immler stated if inmates are unable to receive treatment right away due to resources, this is an issue. M. MacLean shared his lived experience with mental health and incarceration.

e. Legislative and Policy Committee – Crystal Hester

i. Consider motion: The Wisconsin Council on Mental Health supports sending a letter to the Wisconsin Assembly Committee on Health regarding bill [AB 86](#).

C. Hester mentioned that there was discussion regarding 988 (the three digit mental health crisis line). C. Hester mentioned that telehealth was also discussed and ensuring telehealth remains available after the pandemic.

C. Hester mentioned that there is a motion regarding bill AB 86 which expands the availability of individuals to practice as health care representatives. C. Hester stated the concern came from Marc Herstand. C. Hester explained the concern is that providers would be able to provide mental health care as they provided a statement saying they are not licensed. The letter states that the mental health provider portion of the bill be amended/eliminated.

A. Winton made a motion that the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health supports sending a letter to the Wisconsin Assembly Committee on Health regarding bill [AB 86](#).

S. Smith seconded this motion.

S. Smith asked about the background on the bill and C. Hester mentioned that M. Herstand may say that there has been a lot of legislation regards to loosening regulations for providers.

D. Shelton-Williams stated that C. Hester is correct. S. Smith mentioned she had heard about the loosening for hair dressers and barbers, but this is a different type of licensing. A. Winton mentioned that this is a vulnerable population and it is scary for individuals to work with them without training. R. Immler shared his perspective as a licensing clinician.

The motion passed. K. Coronado, T. Peerenboom, and H. Audley abstained.

M. Johnson stated she will send the letter. C. Hester stated that she is thankful for her time serving on the Council.

- f. Nominating Committee – Kimberlee Coronado and Jerolynn Scaggs
 - i. Consider motion to recommend three new WCMH members to the Governor’s Office (Matt MacLean, Christine (Chrissy) Barnard, and Debra Lamboley)

K. Coronado introduced the motion. M. MacLean shared his background related to incarceration and lived experience. M. MacLean is a former lawyer and owns a trucking and warehouse company. K. Coronado mentioned D. Lamboley mentioned that is an EMT, a nurse, a care coordinator and a veteran from Marathon County. C. Barnard stated she lives in Superior, WI and has lived experience with mental health. She stated she has experience with DBT and has had 33 hospitalizations. She added she currently works as a certified peer specialist and advocates for individuals in rural counties.

K. Coronado made a motion for the Council to recommend that Governor Evers appoint Matt MacLean, Christine (Chrissy) Barnard, and Debra Lamboley to the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health.

A. Winton seconded this motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

M. Johnson stated she will add the emails of the potential new members to the WCMH email list.

M. Johnson stated all state positions have been filled and there have been some recent resignations. K. Coronado discussed Council orientation to support new members and potentially having a buddy system.

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

H. Audley discussed current facility vacancies and how quarantine efforts are still needed at facilities. R. Immler stated it would be helpful to hear about additional costs to facilities because of the pandemic.

T. Steinmetz shared information on the ARPA funding and other supplemental funds. T. Steinmetz stated that with the limited planning time, the first round of funding is mostly going to the tribes and counties. T. Steinmetz stated that all of the set-aside requirements still must be met through the supplemental funds. T. Steinmetz discussed the many stakeholders the division met with to consider supplemental funding. T. Steinmetz had R. Stachoviak share a funding plan via his screen. T. Steinmetz stated that a press release related to ARPA funding will be shared soon. T. Steinmetz mentioned that the goal is to have ARPA funding to support some of the initiatives that may not have ended up being in the budget. T. Steinmetz stated the majority of funds are going into the crisis development system. T. Steinmetz stated there was funding to support data, warm lines, and system of care development for youth.

R. Immler asked if there was additional support for the administrative side of the Bureau. T. Steinmetz stated yes it is likely the Bureau will get additional staff. T. Steinmetz stated they could talk about DMS, but it might make sense to wait to the next meeting when Pam Lano may be present. A. Jacobson stated that many providers signed up as MA providers for residential substance use benefits. A. Jacobson also stated that they may be able to announce the locations for the hub and spoke model at the next meeting. R. Stachoviak mentioned M. Derr has left and the Bureau may have someone new on board as the Substance Abuse Planner. R. Stachoviak also mentioned two new evaluators started.

7. Call for future WCMH agenda items

No items were brought up.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:35PM.

Prepared by: Maddie Johnson on 9/20/2021.

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