

**OPEN MEETING MINUTES**

Name of Governmental Body: WCMH Legislation and Policy Committee		Attending: Alice Sykora, Amanda Anderson, Sita Diehl, Lisa Hassenstab, Jeanie Verschay, Marc Herstand, Hugh Davis, Kit Kerschensteiner, Mary Neubauer Guests: Jolene Plautz DHS Staff: Stacie Heckendorf, Jason Cram
Date: 9/14/2023	Time Started: 12:30 Time Ended: 3:00	
Location: Hybrid - 1WW Room 630 & zoom		Presiding Officer: Nicole Iuro-Ravens and B. Michel

**Minutes**

1. **Call the LPC Meeting to Order..... by N. Iuro-Ravens**
  - a. Welcome and Introductions shared
2. **Legislative and Policy Committee Housekeeping shared by..... N. Iuro-Ravens**
  - a. Review and Approval of the Minutes from August Meeting
    - i. M. Herstand makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes. S. Diehl seconds the motion. Passes with 0 abstentions.
  - b. Announcements:
    - i. A. Anderson shared that WAMFT is hosting their conference in La Crosse this weekend. There are still spots available if you'd like to join. Today is the last day for sign up.
    - ii. H. Davis shared that the annual Children Come First conference is Nov 6/7 at the Kalahari
    - iii. NASW WI annual conference is oct 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> at the crown plaza at the Milwaukee airport.
  - c. Public Comment:
    - i. No public comment was provided.
3. **Department of Health Services**
  - a. Secretary's Office Updates: S. Valencia shared a presentation on Budget updates.
    - i. K. Kerchensteiner asks what needs to be done to advance various parts of the budget for future projects. S. Valencia shared that rule making authority is required for a bunch of the budget items, which the Department doesn't currently have.
    - ii. B. Michels asked a question about how 988 projects are funded and how to better advocate for state funding in the future. J. Cram suggests requesting a DHS presentation on the different 988 funding streams as it's quite complex.
  - b. DCTS updates by Jason Cram
    - i. Shared that he's the new deputy bureau director
    - ii. Any ideas on strategy to improve funding for behavioral health initiatives in the next budget?
    - iii. M. Herstand shared that he would like to focus further on political strategizing – specifically with JFC.
4. **Diversifying Committee Membership Update..... N. Iuro-Ravens & B. Michel**
  - a. N. Iuro-Ravens requests that the group come up with suggestions for individuals they think could be good fits for the committee. The committee has two open spots available for diverse populations, and one open committee position as well for an at-large member. Email any suggestions or bring them to the next meeting.
5. **Housing Workgroup Update..... S. Diehl**
  - a. S. Diehl shared the current Housing Policy Recommendations and stated that she was going to go through it one last time in the workgroup and then they will bring it back here next month.

6. **Lived Experience Reimbursement Update**..... **M. Neubauer**
  - a. No update at this time. Committee decided to put this issue on the backburner for now.
7. **Legislative and Policy Updates, Discussion, and Action**..... **N. Iuro-Ravens & B. Michel**
  - a. State Budget Advocacy – Shortlist of Potential Bills
    - i. B. Michel shared a short list of bills that are going through the legislature, none of which required committee action.
  - b. Other State Legislative Updates
    - i. N/a
  - c. Federal Legislation and Other Federal Matters
    - i. Recently comments were accepted regarding payment policies under the physician fee schedule and changes to Medicare Part B rules, many organizations provided statements (CMS 1784-p).
8. **Agenda Items for the October Committee Meeting** ..... **N. Iuro-Ravens & B. Michel**
  - a. Sen. Ballweg (pending)
    - i. B. Michel is still awaiting a response.
  - b. Housing Policy Workgroup Update & Committee Vote
  - c. 988 Funding Presentation
9. **Agenda Items for Future Committee Meetings**..... **N. Iuro-Ravens & B. Michel**
  - a. Strategic Plan standing agenda item
  - b. Bipartisan proposal to shift [17 year olds out of the adult judicial system](#) – Phyllis Greenberger with DRW
  - c. Advocacy for LGBTQ+ efforts (and anti-LGBTQ+ legislation) and discussion to be prepared for how to respond
  - d. Legislative and Policy Speakers:
    - i. Rep. Tittl (Assembly Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention) – fall 2023
    - ii. Sen. James follow-up meeting
    - iii. Rep. Zimmerman
    - iv. Plan an educational briefing for the new year once the legislature is back in session.
  - e. Set up periodic presentations re: equity, access, and representation.
10. **Adjourn**

Prepared by: Alexa Nobis on 9/14/2023.

These minutes are in draft form. They will be presented for approval by the governmental body on: 10/12/2023