

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: WCMH Legislative and Policy Committee			Attending: LPC Members: Kimberlee Coronado, Kit Kerschensteiner, Mary Neubauer, Michael Lappen, Rick Immler, Marc Herstand, Amanda Anderson, Kathie Knoble-Iverson, Crystal Hester, Justin Odulana, Alice Sykora, Barbara Beckert, Brian Michel, Jeanie Verschay DHS Staff: Teresa Steinmetz, Ryan Stachoviak, Maddie Johnson, Alexa Nobis, Joannette Robertson, Guests: Kim Skerven (Center for Behavioral Medicine), Lesley Chapin (Integrative Psychological Consultants), Anya Nailen, Carol Goelder, Isabella Hong, Jolene Plautz (WAMFT), Linda Hall (Wisconsin Office of Children's Mental Health (OCMH)), Cynthia Crous, Kathi Cauley (Jefferson County Human Services Department)
Date: 01.14.21	Time Started: 12:30PM	Time Ended: 3:08PM	
Location: Zoom			
			Presiding Officer: Crystal Hester
Minutes			

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

Committee members, DHS staff and Guests introduced themselves. A. Anderson shared two links to different bills in the chat ([LRB-0532](#) and [LRB-0921](#)).

Review and approval of the minutes of December 10, 2020

**K. Kerschensteiner moved to approve the minutes.
Mary Neubauer seconded this motion.
The motion passed unanimously.**

B. Beckert requested one revision to the meeting minutes.

Announcements

B. Beckert stated she sent her announcement to M. Johnson to share via email. A. Anderson shared the links to the two bills LRB-0532 and LRB-0921 again in the chat. A. Anderson also shared information for the [WAMFT March Webinar: Supporting Transgender Clients Navigate Transition Processes](#) on Saturday, March 27, 2021 from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm.

C. Hester shared [Action Online \(NAMI Wisconsin's Annual Advocacy Day\)](#). B. Beckert provided the link to [registration](#) for DRW's virtual event on Mental Health Advocacy on February 1st. A. Anderson shared [Clearinghouse Rule CR 19-166](#). K. Coronado shared the Wisconsin Office of Children's Mental [Health 2020 Annual Report](#) in the zoom chat. J. Plautz mentioned bills related to mental health emergencies and regional hospital beds, which A. Anderson shared the links for in the zoom chat.

M. Johnson stated that all links shared in the chat are recorded in the meeting minutes.

Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH) Updates

R. Immler will cover access and equity later. R. Immler acknowledged the work of the nominating committee and K. Coronado as the Nominating Committee Chair.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. Legislative and Policy Updates, Discussion, and Action

M. Herstand mentioned the importance of personal invites to the Committee. C. Hester mentioned there is a vacancy for another organizational seat and another organization could be put there since the former organization absolved. K. Kerschesteiner suggested an organization for individuals with lived experience and not a provider organization. K. Coronado mentioned there is another individual on a council with some interest, but on this council they are paid. K. Coronado mentioned maybe it should be noted that this is a volunteer position.

C. Hester stated the letter was last updated in February of 2019 and that this is a good point to add to the letter. C. Hester then asked why Committee/Council members cannot be paid. T. Steinmetz mentioned that there are statutory limits to who can be paid and that only reimbursement for mileage can be provided. The Committee then continued to discuss compensation vs. volunteer positions on councils and committees. C. Hester mentioned sending out the letter and the importance of representing all folks in Wisconsin. K. Coronado stated the Nominating Committee is hoping to create clear guidance on representation. B. Beckert mentioned there is no document on the Council website outlining expectations for members and asked if there is a document that outlines the values of the Council. B. Beckert also mentioned the organizations MICAH and WISDOM in connection with individuals with lived experience in the justice system. A. Sykora asked if there is a timeline for applications and K. Coronado stated when there are vacancies, the hope is to create a system that is open for everyone. K. Coronado also stated that the Council positions are 3 year terms and individuals can serve multiple terms. J. Verschay mentioned that one of the Criminal Justice Committee co-chairs (Tamra) is a member of WISDOM.

C. Hester mentioned there was a document on suicide in the Hmong Community that was sent to the Governor's Office. M. Johnson stated that the budget document has been approved and R. Immler asked where the budget document's go. R. Stachowiak stated it's up to the council's discretion and sometimes these documents get added to the Council website. R. Immler stated that at a minimum, the budget documents should be added to the website. R. Stachowiak shared the link to the [statute regarding limits on Council compensation](#). The Committee then discussed the budget documents and how they should serve as guidance to the Governor's Office. B. Beckert stated she will share emails of contacts in the Governor's Office. C. Hester stated that the budget priorities could be attached to letterhead and signed. Additionally, C. Hester mentioned the Council has taken budget priorities to the joint finance committee, but she is not sure what public hearings will look like.

B. Beckert discussed that the Legislature is still holding in-person hearings for the public and there is no virtual option. B. Beckert stated that some individuals cannot attend these in-person hearings because of their health. The Committee continued to discuss public hearings and concerns associated with the on-going pandemic.

M. Herstand made a motion stating there should be an alternative virtual space for individuals to give input outside of in-person public hearings during the legislative session. The understanding is that the Committee will send a letter to the Legislature documenting their concerns.

J. Verschay seconded this motion.

The motion passed.

K. Kerschesteiner and B. Barbara will work together to draft a letter to the Legislature.

C. Hester discussed that in the past, the Legislative & Policy Committee has had a bill tracking document to track bills. B. Michel volunteered to manage the bill tracker again this year. B. Michel also mentioned there is language in some bills

that doesn't include mental health treatment and that treatment courts should be expanded to include this treatment. C. Hester mentioned that Committee members should send B. Michel information on bills. A. Anderson mentioned the bill links she had posted in the zoom chat

C. Hester mentioned that there were attacks at the U.S. Capitol and that NAMI reached out to affiliate leaders C. Hester then opened this topic for discussion. K. Coronado mentioned Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and both the pandemic and the attacks could be ACEs. The Committee then began discussing concerns related to the health of children. L. Hall shared that the OCMH has posted an interview between Frist Lady Evers and Dr. Marcia Slattery on Parenting during the Pandemic which can be found at www.children.wi.gov below the 2020 Annual Report. C. Hester also mentioned encouraging folks to call a warmline.

K. Skerven from the DBT Coalition presented on DBT therapy and how this is the gold standard treatment for treating suicidal behaviors. K. Skerven described the barriers to DBT therapy including not enough DBT providers and that comprehensive DBT training is expensive with reimbursement issues. C. Crouse shared her personal experience with DBT therapy. K. Cauley stated that Jefferson County was able to implement a comprehensive adolescent program for DBT. L. Chapin mentioned the training was offered for free. The Committee opened up the discussion to the pros and cons of DBT training. The email address for the DBT Coalition was shared in the zoom chat: DBTWisconsin@gmail.com. K. Cauley also mentioned in the zoom chat that there is a DBT Step A skills that can be taught in schools.

B. Beckert discussed the distribution of the COVID-19 vaccine and that there is a report from the state committee with an opportunity for public comment on the recommendations. B. Beckert also stated that providing vaccines to individuals in prisons is being politicized. K. Coronado mentioned considering family caregivers for the vaccine.

R. Immler provided an informational overview of the Access and Equity Presentation Letter. R. Immler also shared the next steps and that the letter as well as collaboration with the State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA) will be discussed at the upcoming WCMH meeting. [A link to DBT Steps A](#) was shared in the zoom chat.

The Division of Care and Treatment Services (DCTS) updates started by deciding to discuss tele-mental health at the next meeting. T. Steinmetz that there is additional dollars added to mental health block grant that is meant to support crisis care. T. Steinmetz also mentioned that in relation to the troll out of 988, the Bureau has applied for a technical assistance grant. T. Steinmetz also mentioned that Medicaid is now funding substance use services. The Committee asked some questions about these updates.

3. Agenda Items for the February 11, 2021 Committee Meeting

The Committee mentioned they will be tabling the topic of tele-mental health for a later date. Additionally the Governor's budget will be finalized.

4. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:08PM

