

### OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Children and Youth Committee of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health			Attending: Amy Polsin, Phyllis Greenberger, Jason Cram, Phillip Robinson, Inshirah Farhoud, Andrea Turtenwald, Hugh Davis, Sara Heyn, Peggy Helm-Quest, Tim Peerenboom, Kimberlee Coronado, Rick Immler, Elaine Marie Kruswicki-Demarr, Monique Hicks, Anne Larson
Date: 4/1/2021	Time Started: 1230pm	Time Ended: 330pm	
Location: Zoom meeting			Presiding Officer: Amy Polsin and Phyllis Greenberger

**Minutes**

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MEETING OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMITTEE (CYC)  
OF THE WISCONSIN COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH  
April 1, 2021, 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm**

**Meeting held Via Zoom**

**Members of the Children Youth Committee (CYC) in Attendance:** Amy Polsin, Phyllis Greenberger, Jason Cram, Phillip Robinson, Inshirah Farhoud, Andrea Turtenwald, Hugh Davis, Sara Heyn, Peggy Helm-Quest, Tim Peerenboom, Kimberlee Coronado, Rick Immler

**Department of Health Services Staff/Other state staff in Attendance:** Monique Hicks, Anne Larson,

**Members of the Public in Attendance:** Elaine Marie Kruswicki-Demarr

**1: Call to Order**

- Members were welcomed and everyone introduced themselves. Phyllis Greenberger read the meeting guidelines.
- Amy Polsin made a motion to approve the December 3, 2020 minutes and Hugh Davis seconded. The minutes were reviewed with no corrections.

Vote

Amy	Y	Jason	Y	Phil	Y
Andrea	Y	Lana	---	Phyllis	Y
Hugh	Y	Kimberlee	Y	Rick	ABS
Inshirah	Y	Peggy	ABS	Sara	Y
				Tim	Y

Minutes were approved.

- The next meeting is scheduled for June 3, 2021 and will be held virtually via zoom.
- Announcements:
  - Phyllis Greenberger announced the Disability Rights PAIMI Council is hosting a mental health advocacy assistance session April 20, 2021 5-6PM. Pre-registration is required. Register at: <http://www.drwi.org/pac-event>
  - Andrea Turtenwald: Mental health looks different for everyone. Listen to Wisconsin youth as they share their connection to mental health through art and story. Join us for the Wisconsin Youth Virtual Art Gallery on Tuesday, May 4 and the Teen Mental Health Virtual Panel on Thursday, May 6. Learn more at <https://www.facebook.com/OCMHWI/> or <https://children.wi.gov/Pages/CMHAD2021.aspx>

- Jason Cram shared that the next Children Come First Advisory Committee is on Tuesday April 27 from 10-12:30. Hugh Davis and the Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy (WIPPS), will be presenting on how COVID-19 has impacted youth and the providers that serve them.
- Rick Immler shared that the WCMH Equity Access and Equity Workgroup is meeting on April 7 and focused on access & equity planning next steps. William ParkeSutherland will be speaking at that meeting.
- Public comment - No public comment.

## **2: Report from the January and March Council Meeting**

- This will be given at the next committee meeting in June.

## **3: School Safety Presentation**

Dr. Ben Fisher from the University of Louisville presented a literature review about research on School Resource Officers (SROs). He presented research and evidence about whether or not SROs keep schools safe, unintended consequences of SROs, disproportionality in the effects of SROs, and some alternatives for keeping schools safe and avoiding negative consequences of SROs. The main conclusions that he has drawn from his studies are: evidence consistently shows that SROs do not improve school safety; evidence shows that SROs can have negative effects on school climate, lead to more severe punishments of students and decreased academic outcomes; the evidence has shown that SROs have disproportionately negative effects on students of color and that there limited research on students with disabilities, LGBTQ+ students, immigrant students, and marginalized students. Dr. Fisher broadly mentioned concepts that might better serve the emotional as well as physical safety of students such as investing in trained mental health professionals, building strong relationships between adults and students in school, fostering a sense of belonging among students, and working on policies that limit guns.

After the presentation of information, there was a follow up discussion with the committee members and Dr. Fischer. Some points that were discussed were: researchers are interested in investigating how SRO training might link to outcomes since this has not been done to date; the definition of “bad behavior” varies and is interpreted differently based on the demographics of schools and students- white people and those without disabilities are given the benefit of the doubt (ie- drugs in a primarily white school is seen as a bit of a pill problem vs. in a school with students of color drugs are seen as a major problem due to character and upbringing); despite the evidence that was presented, states and schools receive and spend a lot of money on school safety measures that the evidence shows does not work and even have negative consequences; it is common to see school safety measures such as restorative justice practices and SROs/school safety initiatives within the same district, but not working together; there is some evidence that points to the benefits of SROs in reduce some violent crime in schools but the same evidence also shows the effects of inequities; according to the National Indicators and School Crime and Safety, there has been a steady decrease in violent behaviors in school since the mid 90’s.

## **4: Presentation Discussion and Next Steps**

- Discussion about possible next steps:
  - There was a suggestion to have a conversation with Chuck Warzecka - DPH (Deputy Division Administrator) on Policing - as a Public Health Issue

- There was discussion about having an SRO presentation at the next meeting. Some feel it would be beneficial to hear from an SRO, others feel that it would be interesting, but not necessarily add to the data and evidence perspective.
- A suggestion was made that Public Health and Division of Care and Treatment Services partner to look at this as a joint public health/mental health issue.
- Gather local information about what has been tried in Wisconsin schools.
- Due to being short on time, it was decided to discuss next steps more in depth at the June meeting.
- There was discussion about what type of recommendation we might make to the council. The considerations are to recommend practices or models that could promote school safety vs. focusing on what we want taken out of schools

#### **5: Update/discussion on Governor's Budget**

William Parke Sutherland from Kids Forward gave an overview of items in the budget that support children's mental health in the areas of: Health and health care, early care and education, education and schools, Juvenile justice reform, homeless children and families, emergency assistance, and equity officer positions. There was discussion about the specifics related to the planning around the funding and what the implementation of some of the items might look like. There are three public budget hearings that constituents can register to attend. To submit public comments through the budget hearings which go through the end of April: <https://legis.wisconsin.gov/topics/budgetcomments>

#### **6: Summary of Action Items + June 3, 2021 Meeting Agenda**

- MHBG Summary report – Maddie Johnson
- March & June 3 Council update - Kimberlee Coronado

#### **6: Adjourn**

Phyllis made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Kimberlee second. Meeting adjourned.

Prepared by: Monique Larson Hicks on 6/3/2021.

These minutes are in FINAL form. They were approved by the governmental body on: 6/3/2021