

## OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Instructions: [F-01922A](#)

Name of Governmental Body: Wisconsin Council on Mental Health			Attending: Council Members: Jessica Barrickman (Chair), Ana Winton (Second Vice Chair), Sheryl Smith, Mark Eisner, Pam Lano, Tim Peerenboom, Chrissy Barnard, Jessica Boling, Brian Michel, Svea Erlandson, Nic Dibble, Jerolynn Bell-Scaggs, Mary Madden, Phung Nguyen, Kevin Kallas, Kim Banyard. Department of Health Services (DHS) Staff: Teresa Steinmetz, Monique Hicks, Sarah Coyle, Jamie McCarville, Alexa Nobis, Holly Audley, Langeston Hughes, Andrea Jacobson, Ryan Stachowiak, Hannah Foley, Hilary Waukau Guests: Ricky Ferrari Traner, Rick Immler, Grace Franey, Jen Farnbrough
Date: 5/17/2023	Time Started: 10:00 AM	Time Ended: 3:15 PM	
Location: Zoom			Presiding Officer: Jessica Barrickman
Minutes			

### 1. Call Meeting to Order

*Welcome and introductions*

J. Barrickman called the meeting to order. The Council members, DHS staff, and guests introduced themselves. A. Winton read the WCMH guidelines for conduct of meeting

*Review and approval of the minutes of March 15, 2023*

**S. Smith moved to approve the minutes of March 15, 2023**

**C. Barnard seconded.**

**Minutes were approved unanimously**

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

No announcements

*Public Comment*

No public comment

### 2. Wisconsin Council on Mental Health Strategic Planning

J. Barrickman briefed the WCMH members on the work done on the strategic plan to this point. The Executive Committee was able to revise the document partway. Every other WCMH meeting the Council will ask committees to provide updates on the strategic plan. Members of the WCMH walked through the strategic plan document making edits as a group and finalizing the sections of the document. DHS discussed staff capacity to provide research and analysis support on various of the areas of the strategic planning. Members of the WCMH completed their review of the document. J. Barrickman will incorporate all the edits and prepare a final version to be brought for approval at the July WCMH meeting.

### 3. Lunch Break

Members of the WCMH broke for 30 minutes for lunch.

#### 4. Updates from the Department of Health Services

##### *Updates from the Secretary's Office*

HJ Waukau from the DHS Secretary's Office provided updates on the budget process. DHS' budget has not yet come up. There has been action taken broadly on the Governor's budget with items being stripped out of Governor Evers' budget. HJ Waukau provided updates on budget items that had been removed from the budget related to mental health. Suicide prevention, opioid antagonist program, Forensic Assertive Community Treatment (FACT) teams, were among those removed. Items that remained in the budget include Crisis Now Centers, Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF), 988 funding, youth crisis, Medicaid Residential Substance Use Disorder (RSUD) Reimbursement, Peer Recovery Centers, Day Treatment (tx) Rate for MH/SU services for children and adolescent tx, are among those that remain in the budget. National opioid settlement dollars are in the process of being approved by Joint Finance Committee, Annual Opioid Plan.

##### *Updates from the Division of Care and Treatment Services (DCTS)*

H. Audley introduced Lars Brown, who has joined the DCTS as the new Assistant Administrator. H. Audley provided an update on the unwinding of the pandemic response. This has allowed for a reduction in masking in the facilities based on community level and facility level of COVID-19. H. Audley discussed staffing challenges in DCTS.

T. Steinmetz announced that the BPTR is recruiting two new policy analysts. Andrea Jacobson, the Deputy Bureau Director will also be leaving state service later this month, the Bureau will be recruiting for her position. The Substance Use Services Section Supervisor position will also be open soon and will be posted for recruitment.

L. Hughes updated the Council on the formation of a team to re-write the DHS 2024-26 Equity and Inclusion Plan. This plan will be submitted to the Secretary's Office in September.

R. Stachowiak updated the WCMH on a planning council learning collaborative opportunity being offered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). To participate there would need to be a volunteer from the Council, who would then participate in the learning collaborative with council staffer Hannah Foley. Interested members of the Council should reach out to H. Foley and R. Stachowiak if interested.

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

##### *Executive Committee*

J. Barrickman discussed a recent combined meeting between the WCMH Executive Committee and the State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA) Executive Committee. A few items that the discussion led to was to work to have cross-attendance from the WCMH and SCAODA meetings. For the WCMH meeting, Kevin Florek, Chair of SCAODA, will be attending the July 2023 WCMH meeting. SCAODA plans to identify representatives to attend the remaining 2023 meetings. J. Barrickman will attend the June SCAODA meeting. Would be looking for someone to attend the remaining 2023 SCAODA meetings as a WCMH representative. The Executive Committee also discussed the potential of having SCAODA participation meet the WCMH requirement that each council member participates on a committee.

J. Barrickman discussed a motion made at the Executive Committee. The motion was as follows, that the Executive Committee recommend to the WCMH that the Council consider modifying the Council's by laws to restructure the chair role to allow for a single chair, co-chair, or tri-chair model and realign duties of the chairs to make a more equitable and manageable structure.

The Council did not have quorum at this time and did not take a vote on this motion.

*Nominating Committee*

J. Scaggs provided an update on the Nominating Committee and welcomed the three new members of the WCMH: Jen Farmbrough, Phung Nguyen, and Dr. Kemba Banyard.

*Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC)*

No updates were made from LPC.

*Criminal Justice Committee (CJC)*

CJC Staff person Jamie McCarville provided an update on behalf of the CJC. The CJC has recently been working on the strategic planning. The committee plans to look at licensure and reentry in the coming meetings.

*Children and Youth Committee (CYC)*

No updates were made from the CYC.

*Adult Quality Committee (AQC)*

C. Barnard provided an update for the AQC. The majority of the committee's recent efforts were surrounding the strategic planning of the Council.

*Diversity Equity and Inclusion Workgroup*

R. Immler provided updates on behalf of the workgroup, discussing that much of the recent efforts centered on the strategic planning. The group will also need to review whether there is continued need for a standalone group, or whether it can be incorporated into an existing Council group.

**6. WCMH Chair Vacancy**

J. Barrickman discussed that her last Council meeting will be in July. Anyone interested in taking on the chair role can reach out to J. Barrickman or WCMH staff person Hannah Foley.

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

Members of the WCMH discussed potential items for the upcoming agenda. The following items were suggested: a potential motion from LPC on the committee's membership, the CYC school safety motion will be included, proposed changes to the WCMH bylaws, the upcoming block grant plan and application, WCMH participation on SCAODA meetings to be held on 9/8/23 and 12/1/23, finalizing the strategic plan, and using the strategic plan to outline potential speakers for the Council's fall tour in September.

**8. Adjourn**

J. Barrickman adjourned the meeting at 3:15pm.

Prepared by: Hannah Foley on 5/18/2023.

These minutes are in draft form. They will be presented for approval by the governmental body on: 7/19/2023