

## OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: WCMH Legislation and Policy Committee		Attending: Marc Herstand, Amanda Anderson, Kimberlee Coronado, Jeanie Verschay	
Date: 1/11/2024	Time Started: 12:30	Time Ended: 3:00	Guests: Adam Brabender, Judi Munaker, Laurie Byrnes, Jolene Plautz, Kathy Markeland DHS Staff: Ryan Stachoviak, Alexa Nobis, Stacie Heckendorf
Location: Zoom		Presiding Officer: Brian Michel & Nicole Iuro Ravens	
<b>Minutes</b>			

### 1. Call the LPC Meeting to Order

- a. Welcome and Introductions
- b. The meeting was called to order by B. Michel at 12:34 PM. Introductions were given by committee members, DHS Staff, and guests.

### 2. Legislative and Policy Committee Housekeeping

- a. Review and Approval of the Minutes from the December Meeting
  - o The group did not hit quorum so no formal votes took place.
- b. Announcements:
  - o K. Coronado shared that there was a public meeting called End The Lockdowns and Justice Reinvestment Community Forum - with Milwaukee Turners, WISDOM, MICAH, which discussed criminal justice and lived experience. Discussions revolved around lockdowns, conditions of confinement, suicides, and prevention measures in prisons. The recording can be found [here](#). The bills discussed can be found [here](#).
  - o N. Iuro Ravens shared that registration is open for the peer recovery conference on April 11<sup>th</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup> in the Wisconsin Dells. There are opportunities for exhibitor booths and sponsorships as well. There are CEHs available for peer specialists and parent peer specialists.
- c. Public Comment:
  - o A. Brabender shared that he wrote an [article](#) with the capitol times relating to adult long term care and accepting those with mental illness as a primary diagnosis. A. Brabender is interested in joining the committee. Committee chairs will discuss process to add him in as a new member.

### 3. Department of Health Services

- a. DCTS: R. Stachoviak shared that there has been a lot of hiring, including new supervisors for the the CYF section and the SUS section. The Substance Use Block Grant Planner position was also filled. They are currently recruiting for the harm reduction unit supervisor role and the behavioral health unit supervisor role. The annual substance use block grant application was submitted along with the required data reports. The coronavirus relief funding is ending in April of this year. J. Verschay asked about how the new supervisory roles are to be integrated into the sections. R. Stachoviak replied that the new position are meant to provide additional staff supervision to improve workload capacity & lessen the load on the other supervisors. B. Michel

requested that in the coming months to have the new SUBG planner to attend to improve coordination between SCAODA and WCMH.

#### **4. WCMH Strategic Plan**

- a. Group discussed the strategic planning items related to LPC. Group members offered their assistance and we will revisit once group has had a chance to review the items.

#### **6. Corrections & Mental Health Discussion**

- a. K. Coronado shared more details regarding the “End The Lockdowns and Justice Reinvestment Community Forum - with Milwaukee Turners, WISDOM, MICAH”.
- b. Send out bill package as homework to group.

#### **7. Legislative and Policy Updates, Discussion, and Action**

- a. SB 745 / AB 815
- b. SB 751 / AB 813
- c. Executive Order 218 – any more detail about the crisis intervention program being placed under the criminal justice coordinating council as the advisory body
- d. SB 913 / AB – PRTF for youth under 21 – WAFKA has been working on this, AB will be dropped shortly
- e. PEERS Act <https://mhanational.org/sites/default/files/2024-01/118th-PEERS-Act.pdf>

#### **8. Agenda Items for the February Committee Meeting**

- a. Strategic Planning
- b. Discuss how to onboard new people onto the committee.
- c. Asking for information from DHS on updates on regional crisis centers, if there are barriers, and how we can assist with this initiative.
- d. Prepare for Sarah Cooper DOC conversation for our March meeting.
- e. Struggles of those with mental illness on barriers to employment
- f. Invite Sen. James for meeting in March

#### **9. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Prepared by: Alexa Nobis on 1/11/2024.

These minutes are in draft form. They will be presented for approval by the governmental body on: 2/08/2024