

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: WCMH Legislative and Policy Committee			Attending: Members of the Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC) in Attendance: Barbara Beckert, Crystal Hester, Hugh Davis, Alice Sykora, Kimberlee Coronado, Kit Kerschensteiner, Jeanie Verschay, Marc Herstand, Amanda Anderson, Mary Neubauer, Kathie Knoble-Iverson, Brian Michel, Department of Health Services (DHS) Staff in Attendance: Maddie Johnson, Ryan Stachoviak, Kenya Bright, Teresa Steinmetz Guests in Attendance: Giselle Granados-Mayorga (National Association of Social Workers-Wisconsin), Rick Immler (Wisconsin Council on Mental Health), Linda Hall (Office of Children’s Mental Health), Jolene Plautz (lobbyist – WAMFT) Mark Widiloie, Rosa Van Valkenberg, Kellie Liacopoulos, GKathie, Kathy Markeland (Wisconsin Association of Family & Children’s Agencies (WAFCA)
Date: 10/8/2020	Time Started: 12:30PM	Time Ended: 3:00PM	
Location: Zoom			Presiding Officer: Crystal Hester
Minutes			

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

C. Hester brought the meeting to order and LPC members introduced themselves.

Review and approval of the minutes of September 10, 2020

B. Beckert mentioned the Blueprint for Change (Wisconsin Policy Association) was sent to the committee in an email prior to last meeting though the meeting minutes mentioned the document had also been shared in the comments of the zoom call. B. Beckert asked that the minutes reflect the Blueprint for Change (Wisconsin Policy Association was shared via email as well. This addition was made to the September 10, 2020 minutes.

K. Kerschensteiner moved to approve the minutes.

A. Anderson seconded the motion to approve.

Motion carried, minutes approved as amended. M. Neubauer abstained.

Announcements

M. Herstand mentioned a Netflix video called The Social Dilemma and discussed a potential training on youth mental health. L. Hall shared [a factsheet on healthy use of screen time](#).

A. Anderson shared a link in the zoom chat box mentioning an upcoming [December Webinar](#) on utilizing tele-mental health to conduct effective clinical practice.

L. Hall mentioned a Conversation with Mental Health Professionals from Diverse Cultural, Racial, Ethnic & Linguistic Backgrounds on October 27th at 6:00PM. To register, individuals can visit the link on the top of the Wisconsin Office of Children's Mental Health webpage.

M. Neubauer mentioned that the mental health board in Milwaukee received \$600,00 through CARS funding for a small community grant focused on mental health.

B. Beckert provided a link to register for the [2020 Karen Avery Forum on Housing: Opportunities, Rights and Resources](#). She also discussed opportunities to get out and vote.

C. Hester mentioned that NAMI did a town hall as well as getting out and voting. She shared that there are lots of voting materials on NAMI.org and discussed Democracy in the Park. Additionally, she mentioned NAMI received grant funding to create training material for navigating support calls.

K. Coronado discussed the WCMH fall presenters and upcoming speakers.

M. Neubauer mentioned she is the Public Policy and Advocacy Coordinator for Mental Health America which has a peer specialist program for LGBTQ+ youth that is hiring for seven positions.

Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH) Updates

C. Hester mentioned the WCMH fall tour presentation sessions are open for anyone. R. Immler discussed specifics of various presentations.

Public comment

J. Plautz, a lobbyist from WAMFT discussed and made comments about a letter focused on accreditation. Members of the LPC discussed the accreditation process for mental health providers in Wisconsin. A. Anderson shared a link for WAMFT members only regarding [Licensing & Regulations](#).

2. Legislative and Policy Updates, Discussion, and Action

R. Immler suggests making a motion for the DSFS funding letter.

A. Anderson moved to approve and send the DSFS funding letter.

M. Herstand seconded the motion to approve and send the letter.

Motion carried, the letter was approved as amended.

The LPC discussed adding Joe Brennen in DOA to the letter and many members mentioned this is a good idea. The letter was amended to also be sent to Joe Brennen from DOA.

The LPC discussed the Blueprint for Change from the Wisconsin Professional Police Association brought forward by B. Beckert who suggested the LPC review the recommendations, note any gaps in the recommendations and bring forward any additional recommendations. The LPC also discussed reviewing an additional document, *Beyond Policing*. C. Hester suggested focusing on topics such as PTSD, civil commitments, school resource officers, etc. K. Kerschensteiner suggested formulating a letter of response to the policing recommendations instead of a letter of support. M. Herstand mentioned the work of NASW to transfer police responsibilities to mental health professionals seen in the proposal he emailed the LPC.

K. Coronado mentioned a counseling not criminalization act that is being proposed and Hugh David shared the act number: Counseling not Criminalization in Schools Act, S.4360, Sponsored by Sen. Chris Murphy, CT. K Coronado [shared a link for the act.](#)

T. Steinmetz mentioned the Bureau's crisis workgroup and the potential of J. Robertson sharing this work at a future meeting.

G. Granados-Mayorga mentioned that it is important to have a diverse committee that include people of color. K. Coronado mentioned in the chat that people with disabilities and people of color are impacted at a greater level and shared this resource from the [Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights](#). K. Coronado also shared an informational link about a book in the chat box, [Talk to Me: What Educators \(and Others\) Can Learn about De-escalation from Hostage Negotiators by Emma Van Der Klift.](#)

C. Hester mentions having an open discussion on these topics next month. C. Hester also mentioned sending this information out to two other committees. B. Beckert suggested individuals take the lead on particular topics and come back to the committee with a summary. C. Hester mentioned taking the lead on crisis intervention. B. Beckert suggested having DRW and K. Kerschensteiner taking the lead on expanding commitment, but some concerns were brought up. K. Coronado mentioned she will work on the topic of School Resource Officers. M. Herstand mentioned that the Black Legislative Caucus is looking at policing, that the council should look at this, and that the Council on Mental Health could testify to legislature. K. Coronado shared a link in the zoom chat for the report [Leading for Equity: Opportunities for State Education Chiefs.](#)

C. Hester proposed having the topics of policing and the taskforce on the next LPC agenda.

T. Steinmetz mentioned that J. Robertson can share more about the Bureau's crisis workgroup at the next meeting and M. Johnson will work to coordinate J. Robertson's presentation.

3. Division of Care and Treatment Services Updates

T. Steinmetz announced that A. Jacobson is now Deputy Director and provided an update on DHS 75, which is currently being rewritten and is a substance use administrative rule. T. Steinmetz mentioned the public comment period will be soon and additionally mentioned working with the Division of Medicaid Services to pilot the health home model with the pilot sites being announced soon. T. Steinmetz also stated that the first youth crisis stabilization facility opened in the Milwaukee area which allows for crisis diversion without going through the child welfare center and that North Central Health Care was a pilot site that should be opening soon. The Ashland site should be open by the end of the year. L. Hall asked if these facilities are being operated by the county and T. Steinmetz said since these programs are serving multiple counties, they will be subcontracted to private providers in November. R. Immler mentioned that the youth inpatient program opens in October and YCSF will open in November.

4. Agenda Items for the November 12, 2020 Committee Meeting

The LPC members discussed having J. Robertson share the Crisis Now presentation at the next meeting. Policing was also mentioned as a topic to add to the agenda.

5. Adjourn

Meeting Convened at 3:10PM.

Prepared by: Maddie Johnson on 12/3/2020.

