

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Wisconsin Council on Mental Health			Attending: Council Members: Inshirah Farhoud, Wendy Henderson, Rick Immler, Kevin Kallas, Chrissy Barnard, Kimberlee Coronado, Pam Lano, Tim Perrenboom, Mark Eisner, Jerolynn Scaggs, Ana Winton, Sheryl Smith, Jessica Barrickman, Lynn Harrigan, Dawn Shelton-Williams DHS Staff: Hayley Young, Holly Audley, Andrea Jacobson, Teresa Steinmetz, Ryan Stachowiak, Sarah Coyle, Monique Hicks, Maddie Johnson, Cynthia Matz Guests: LPalmer, Lisa Krenke, Valerie Gonsalves, Sarah Cooper, Marlena Larson, Autumn Lacy, Holly Stanelle
	Time Started: 10:00AM	Time Ended: 3:30PM	
Date: 09/15/2021			
Location: Zoom			Presiding Officer: Rick Immler

Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order

R. Immler called the meeting to order and the meeting attendees introduced themselves.

K. Coronado made a motion to approve the minutes from July 21, 2021.

J. Barrickman seconded this motion.

The motion passed unanimously. Wendy Henderson and Jerolynn Scaggs abstained.

Announcements

K. Coronado wrote a memo to the Adult Quality Committee and mentioned that there is a Decoding Dyslexia bill (SB 454). K. Coronado mentioned that in Tennessee they are dedicating 100 million dollars to literacy and she is thinking about what this can do for the state to promote literacy. I. Farhoud shared there is a conference this weekend with Medical College of Wisconsin focused culturally sensitive care for Muslim patients (in Brookfield). K. Coronado shared a link in the zoom chat to an [article about a bill focused on early education reading readiness](#). R. Immler stated that the term of the officers is every two years and that R. Immler's term will be done in November for the Council. K. Coronado shared in the zoom chat [Wisconsin Legislature: AB446: Bill Text](#). K. Coronado also shared "Statewide testing released in September 2019 by DPI found that for students in grades 3-8 and grade 11, 39.3% of students tested proficient or better in English/language arts in 2018-19, down from 40.6% in 2017-18."

Public Comment

K. Coronado shared a public comment that was shared with her in the zoom chat and shared this public comment via email. The public comment was from Carissa Erickson focused on her struggles to find providers that will accept her insurance for her children (military insurance and Katie Beckett).

2. Presentation from the Department of Corrections

Dr. Kevin Kallas and Dr. Valerie Gonsalves gave a presentation on the Department of Correction including the Division of Adult Institutions (DAI) and the Division of Community Corrections (DCC). K. Kallas reviewed the correctional facilities across the state. K. Kallas stated much of the data can be found on the DOC website. This presentation was recorded and will be shared on the Council's livestream website. K. Kallas ended his presentation and Council members followed-up with questions. S. Cooper stated another question in the chat asking what happens if the DOC/mental health assessment differs from the community diagnosis, K. Kallas

stated that generally there is a conservative approach to this issue and they stay on medications they are on in the community.

The Council took a five minute break.

V. Gonsalves started her presentation on DCC Psychology Services. This presentation was recorded and will be posted on the Council's livestream. V. Gonsalves mentioned that a diagnosis is not necessarily needed to get someone into services. V. Gonsalves also discussed how individuals access mental health beds. V. Gonsalves also discussed the number of clients seen in each region.

3. Lunch Break

4. Discussion of next steps on Access and Equity

R. Immler stated he may have some counties share on September 29th, 2021 and that hopefully the Division of Medicaid Services can present on October 13th. R. Immler mentioned he has been talking with the leader of NAMI Minnesota. M. Johnson will share the workgroup date of Friday September 24th, 2021 from 8-9:30AM with the Council and Executive Committee.

R. Immler opened up the conversation for a discussion with the Council. I. Farhoud mentioned that the presentations highlighted that the organizations are doing the best they can, but they have limited resources.

K. Coronado discussed the importance of literacy. D. Shelton-Williams mentioned that the diverse workforce continues to be seen as an issue as well as stigma. D. Shelton-Williams mentioned the importance of diversity in regards to behavioral health providers. W. Henderson mentioned that it may be helpful to have more background information on presentations. R. Immler highlighted the Council's priorities around access and equity. K. Coronado mentioned that these presentations are part of the fall tour for the Council. J. Barrickman discussed the peer support integration in the criminal justice system. C. Barnard mentioned that in her county, much of the money is spent on in-patient services so they can't afford community-based services.

R. Immler discussed his conversation with S. Abderholden, the director of NAMI Minnesota. R. Immler discussed how the Minnesota Mental Health Action Group formed which is a coalition. R. Immler shared the action group's PowerPoint and discussed the group's priorities.

R. Immler mentioned that this program could be an approach to access and equity. S. Smith asked who started the action group and did the changes regard legislative involvement. C. Matz shared this link in the zoom chat – <https://citizensleague.org/>.

C. Barnard mentioned that the priorities of this organization is very similar to what is happening in Douglas County.

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

a. Executive Committee – Rick Immler

R. Immler mentioned that the Executive Committee has been focused on access and equity initiatives.

b. Adult Quality Committee – Lynn Harrigan and Kristin Welch

C. Matz stated that her colleague presented and they also shared on grant funding opportunities. R. Immler mentioned K. Welch highlighted best practices for working with indigenous communities in Canada. K. Coronado mentioned the memo she sent out regarding AD400. R. Immler recommended coordinating with B. Beckert and B. Michel from Legislative and Policy Committee.

c. Children and Youth Committee – Phyllis Greenberger and Amy Polsin

R. Immler mentioned that the focus is on School Resource Officers (SROs). M. Hicks mentioned that Committee is trying to determine what action if any needs to be taken and the discussion has moved into a bigger discussion of school safety. K. Coronado mentioned Wisconsin spends 100 million dollars on school safety, but wonders what this would look like if this money was put into literacy.

d. Criminal Justice Committee – Tamra Oman and Tara Wilhelmi

There were no chair members present. R. Immler mentioned that it might make sense to get written reports from chairs prior to full Council meetings.

e. Legislative and Policy Committee

R. Immler mentioned B. Beckert is the interim chair for LPC and R. Immler followed-up with another individual. R. Immler hopes to create two co-chair positions. M. Johnson mentioned that DMS presented on the change in the vendor for NEMT for DMS at last week's meeting.

f. Nominating Committee – Kimberlee Coronado and Jerolynn Scaggs

K. Coronado mentioned the Nominating Committee meets monthly and R. Stachowiak shared the updated roster. K. Coronado mentioned that the four vacancies will likely be filled quickly. R. Immler mentioned orientation.

6. Division of Care and Treatment Services (DCTS) Briefing and Updates

H. Audley mentioned that Julie Willems Van Dijk has retired. H. Audley mentioned that Deb Standridge has stepped into this role. H. Audley mentioned she is interviewing for the DEI position in the administrator's office. H. Audley mentioned that her Council term is up and Karen Oddegard will be filling her place. H. Audley mentioned she will continue to attend. R. Immler thanked H. Audley for her service on the Council.

T. Steinmetz mentioned that the Bureau is working with Faithful Consulting to create a strategic plan focused on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. T. Steinmetz mentioned that with additional ARPA funding, the Bureau was approved nine additional positions. T. Steinmetz mentioned that with these new positions, there will be a new section focused on prevention which will work cross-collaboratively with other sections. T. Steinmetz mentioned that there may be six existing vacancies and now there will be nine additional vacancies. T. Steinmetz said there is more turnover than she remembers and this is reflective of national trends likely due to COVID. T. Steinmetz mentioned the preventions staff will also focus on mental health. T. Steinmetz mentioned DHS 75 integrated rule has made it through the Joint on Rules and Regulations with no actions taken. T. Steinmetz mentioned that the hope is the rule will be published in October 2021. T. Steinmetz mentioned that there were many crisis proposals in the biennial budget, but not all were funded. T. Steinmetz also discussed additional crisis funds and supplemental ARPA funds. R. Immler asked if there would be onsite medical assessment at the crisis centers and T. Steinmetz said yes. T. Steinmetz mentioned crisis funding will be used to support the 988 rollout in July of 2022. T. Steinmetz mentioned that additional ARPA funding will be used to support the increase in crisis calls. T. Steinmetz mentioned that about \$600,000 will be allocated to counties and tribes to address their own crisis system. T. Steinmetz mentioned the ARPA funding only goes until September of 2025, so the Bureau needs to determine how to make these resources reimbursable and will continue to work with the Division of Medicaid Services. T. Steinmetz mentioned that the Bureau also applied for a federal planning grant. T. Steinmetz mentioned that some of the Substance Abuse Block Grant Supplemental funds were allocated to crisis services as well.

A. Winton mentioned the importance of crisis services for rural communities.

M. Johnson noted that there is no longer quorum, but this will not be an issue as long as no motions are presented. The Council continued to discuss crisis services and workforce shortages.

K. Coronado shared in the chat "I just read an article that the national guard was called into drive school buses"

7. Call for future WCMH agenda items

R. Immler mentioned that the Council will continue to focus on access and equity as well as the zoom presentations. K. Coronado mentioned that she received a public comment regarding military insurance and is wondering if this topic can be addressed. R. Immler mentioned this could be a question for when the Division of Medicaid Services and Dr. Lano presents.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:17PM.

Prepared by: Maddie Johnson on 11/17/2021.