

**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, Andrea Turtenwald, Hugh Davis, Kimberlee Coronado, Rick Immler, Peggy Helm-Quest, Inshirah Faroud, Heidi Roettger, Beth Rudy, Tricia Monroe, Lesly Winslow-Stanley, Reuben Westmass, Monique Hicks, Anne Larson
Date: 12/2/2021	Time Started: 1230pm	Time Ended: 330pm	
Location: Zoom meeting			Presiding Officer: Amy Polsin and Phyllis Greenberger

**Minutes**

1. Call to order.....Phyllis Greenberger, Amy Polsin, Co-Chairs
  - a. Welcome & Introductions
  - b. Review Meeting Guidelines: Amy Polsin read the guidelines
  - c. Review Minutes from October 7, 2021: Phyllis Greenberger made a motion to approve the October 7, 2021 minutes and Rick Immler seconded. The minutes were approved with one minor correction. On page 2, item 4 number 2, an incomplete phrase was removed from the sentence.
  - d. Next meeting date: February 3, 2022
  - e. Member announcements: staffing changes, upcoming events, important dates, new resources
    - Amy Polsin and the committee acknowledged the recent events in Waukesha at the holiday parade.
    - Andrea Turtenwald let us know she will be on leave until April. Another staff person from OCMH will attend committee meetings in her place while she is out.
    - Andrea Turtenwald- Office of Children’s Mental Health (OCMH):
      - December 17 OCMH Summit: Let's Get Connected RSVP Link - <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/6500208/OCMH-Annual-Meeting-Registration>
      - January 12 OCMH Annual Report Event RSVP Link - <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/6648484/RSVP-for-OCMH-Annual-Report-Briefing>
    - Rick Immler announced that the council will be holding a meeting to discuss strategic planning and education via informational Zoom meetings about data and quality assessment and opportunities to engage the private sector in serving youth with Serious Emotional Disturbance (SED) and Serious Mental Illness (SMI) Friday December 10 from 8-10.
  - f. Public Comment: The committee will accept comments from the public relating to any committee business.
  
2. Report from the November Council Meeting.....Kimberlee Coronado
 

November 17- Holly Audley from DHS and Rick Immler presented information about funding. Rick Immler presented about the scope of the council, and potential future of the council. Holly Audley presented the DHS Annual Report. Next steps for equity work and membership were discussed. Rick will stay on for additional 6 months as chair. Kimberlee accepted a 2<sup>nd</sup> term. There were conversations about members staying on or rotating off at this time. There are new chairs for Legislative and Policy Committee, and three new members on the committee.
  
3. Discussion of 2022 Children and Youth Committee schedule.....All members
 

The committee discussed how to identify priorities for 2022. Some ideas to make space for taking action on current events or legislation or access and equity. Workgroups will be a consideration to keep the committee moving forward, each committee meeting will include space to discuss current legislation or current children’s mental health concerns and share with the council a summary of the work that has been done.
  
4. School Safety Presentation ..... Lewis Bossing (Bazon Center for Mental Health Law)

“Replacing School Police with Services That Work” <http://www.bazon.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Replacing-Police-in-Schools-1.pdf>

According to Bossing, despite school shootings, schools are relatively safe places for students and has been consistently for 20 years (less than 2% of child homicides each year are on school grounds). The number of SRO’s increases every year. Of 200 school shootings from 199-2018, SRO’s were present at 68 of the schools. Police in schools sends a message of a culture of punishment instead of a culture of support, so we need to find alternatives. He recommends alternatives such as Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports, restorative practices, trauma-informed schools, investing in school staff, and mobile crisis services. He highlighted federal legislation that is in process: Counseling not Criminalization in Schools Act, Keeping All Students Safe Act, Protecting our Students in Schools Act, and Ending School Pushout Act. Grant funding would be provided to states through these pieces of legislation.

5. Discussion and Next Steps.....All Members

The committee discussed how we might share the information and with whom. Suggested to compose reflections of the Children and Youth Committee on the topic.

Amy Polsin, Phyllis Greenberger, Phillip Robinson, Rick Immler, Inshirah Farhoud, and Monique Hicks will draft a report or presentation about what we’ve learned about school safety and school resource officers to the council for the committee to review at the February meeting.

6. Summary of Action Items + February 3 Meeting Agenda..... Phyllis Greenberger, Amy Polsin

Review and discuss the summary that will be drafted regarding school safety and school resource officers.

7. Adjourn.....Phyllis/Amy

Resources that were shared:

- Learning to Read: From Failure to Success: <https://youtu.be/BwOXztrFygs>
- “Reject” A documentary film about tolerance, acceptance, and inclusion <http://rejectfilm.com/>
- Please visit [HurlingisNotHelping.org](http://HurlingisNotHelping.org) to email your Senators and Representatives (*It takes less than 2 minutes!*) urging them to support the following bills:
  1. [Keeping All Students Safe Act \(KASSA\)](#): Ends seclusion and dangerous forms of restraint
  2. [Protecting Our Students in Schools Act](#): Ends corporal punishment in schools
  3. [Counseling Not Criminalization Act](#): Removes police officers in schools in favor of mental health workers and ends criminalization of young people
  4. [Ending PUSHOUT Act](#): Prevents the criminalization and pushout of students from school and strengthens data collection related to exclusionary practices in schools
  5. [The Accountability for Congregate Care Act](#): Authorizes states to develop congregate care best practices, provide training, and develop a uniform Youth in Congregate Care Bill of Rights
- Parent in Ridgewood New Jersey speaks out against restraint and seclusion after her daughter's legs were taped in a mechanical restraint. We must speak up and speak out for change. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&t=757&v=fd7q80CbSI4&feature=youtu.be>
- Gov. Evers announces \$110 million in additional education spending: <https://www.tmi4.com/news/local-news/gov-evers-announces-110-million-in-additional-education-spending>
- Schools and parents are at huge odds and we need to have true partnerships with parents. Dr. Karen Mapp has a great Parent Partnership model. <https://www.dualcapacity.org/>
- The work that Dr. Ross Greene on CPS is a great model. <https://drrossgreene.com/about-cps.htm>

- Events in Waukesha: <https://video.foxnews.com/v/6283266201001>
- 'I did not feel safe': Oregon High School senior says police, school mishandled her sexual assault report <https://www.channel3000.com/i-did-not-feel-safe-oregon-high-school-senior-says-police-school-mishandled-her-sexual-assault-report/>
- Results Based Facilitation in the virtual setting: <https://assets.aecf.org/m/blogdoc/aecf-resultsbasedfacilitationinvirtualsettings-2020.pdf> from the Annie E. Casey Foundation

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