

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: WCMH Legislation and Policy Committee			Attending: Alice Sykora, Jeanie Verschay, Stacey Mohr, Mary Neubauer, Kimberlee Coronado, Hugh Davis, Mark Herstand, Mike Lappen, Nicole Guests: Sen. Jesse James, Joleen Plautz, Sydnee Schaller DHS Staff: Teresa Steinmetz, Holly Audley, Kenya Bright, Sarah Coyle
Date: 3/9/2023	Time Started: 12:30	Time Ended: 3:00	
Location: zoom or DHS room 751			Presiding Officer: Barbara Beckert & Brian Michel
Minutes			

1. Call the LPC Meeting to Order...by B. Beckert

- a. Welcome and Introductions shared

2. Legislative and Policy Committee Housekeeping shared by. B. Beckert

- a. Review and Approval of the Minutes from February's Meeting
 - i. Unable to approve meeting minutes due to lack of quorum right at the beginning of the meeting. Will pass meeting minutes at next meeting.
- b. Announcements:
 - i. Wisconsin State Senate's Joint Committee on Finance will be attending [public hearings](#) regarding the Wisconsin State Budget. Comments can be submitted online as well.
- c. Public Comment:
 - i. There was no public comment.

3. Department of Health Services

- a. DCTS updates by H. Audley
 - i. T. Steinmetz shared that we have a new secretary designee, Kirsten Johnson.
 - ii. K. Bright shared information regarding the QTT program, including sharing a flyer.
 - iii. How was this funded? Funded through three different funding streams. Governor's ARPA funding has provided a lot of assistance. If they were to lose supplemental funding that they've gotten, they'd drop down. Can expansion continue without ARPA funding? There is a request in the budget for continued funding, and this is the best way to advocate for continued sustainability at what it is right now.
 - iv. H. Audley shared a broad overview of the budget recommendations.
 - v. M. Neubauer asks if there is ever going to be something else in the budget regarding alcohol abuse. H. Audley and T. Steinmetz shared that there are items addressing SUD across the board. MA funding for withdrawal management services that can assist with withdrawal. They are requesting coverage for room and board using state GPR. SABG also help to fund alcohol prevention initiatives. Additionally, TANF follows the prioritization rules, so some of those funds are not used for alcohol because they aren't being run under those prioritization rules. DHS can provide a bigger presentation on what alcohol projects are going on if requested.
 - vi. B. Beckert asks if the proposal to fund the CLTS waiver will end the waiting list? H. Audley stated that she can do some follow-up on this.
 - vii. A committee member asked if the expanded beds in Chippewa falls and wraparound services for folks in correctional institutions will affect the number of people able to be served? H. Audley is not sure but will check on this.

4. Lived Experience Reimbursement Workgroup Formation

- a. J. Barrickman shared that this change would require statutory language change to allow this to occur. Brought forth to LPC to see if they could take up this advocacy. Language is under chapter 15 relating to board 15.075 – members shall receive no compensation for their services under a handful of boards. K. Coronado reiterates the need for this. The group was unable to make a motion on this item as they ran out of time.

5. Executive Committee Updates

- a. The committee did not get to this item.

6. Guest Speaker – Sen. James

- a. Sen. James introduced himself and shared his vision as a legislator.
- b. Committee members shared their policy priorities with the Senator.

7. Legislative and Policy Updates, Discussion, and Action..... B. Beckert & B. Michel

- a. The committee did not get to this item.

8. Agenda Items for the April Committee Meeting

- a. Lived experience workgroup discussion.
- b. February and March meeting minutes approvals.

9. Agenda Items for Future Committee Meetings..... B. Beckert & B. Michel

- a. Budget priorities & educational materials
- b. B. Beckert – any legislative or policy speakers to come? For ex: invite mental health committee members from assembly, think about this for the fall or for next spring.
 - i. Rep. Tittl (Assembly Committee on Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention)
 - ii. Plan an educational briefing for the new year once the legislature is back in session.
 - iii. Consider equity, access, and representation via guests.

10. Adjourn

Prepared by: Alexa Nobis on 3/9/2023.

These minutes are in draft form. They will be presented for approval by the governmental body on: 5/13/2023