

## 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, Marc Herstand, Amanda Anderson, Christopher Wirth, Kit Kerschensteiner, Jeanie Verschay, Kimberlee Coronado, Alice Sykora, Hugh Davis, Brian Michel  Department of Health Services (DHS) Staff in Attendance: Teresa Steinmetz, Maddie Johnson, Ryan Stachoviak, Kenya Bright, Joannette Robertson  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), Mary Kay Battaglia (NAMI-Wisconsin)
Date: 9/10/2020	Time Started: 12:30PM	Time Ended: 3:00PM	
Location: Zoom			
			Presiding Officer: Crystal Hester

### 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 August 13, 2020*

It was noted that at the last meeting there was a discussion of expanding access to services for the deaf and hard of hearing and also children and adults of color. This addition was made to the August 13, 2020 minutes.

**K. Kerschensteiner moved to approve the minutes.**

**M. Herstand seconded the motion to approve.**

**Motion carried, minutes approved as amended. C. Wirth abstained.**

### *Announcements*

B. Beckert mentioned the [2020 Karen Avery Forum](#) focused on housing which is on October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

B. Michael shared a link in the chat box of the Zoom call to the [DHS Suicide report](#) which has data, activities, and strategies for suicide prevention in Wisconsin.

B. Beckert discussed new [voting resources](#) such as a fact sheet and upcoming trainers for voters and professionals. This is another [link](#) shared by B. Beckert with voting resources.

L. Hall's Office of Children's Mental Health released a fact sheet focused on preventing suicide among youth. The office is also advertising a part time position for an outreach specialist to help with their stakeholder group and increase diversity.

M. Herstand mentioned that NASW has resources related to voting and hired a political organizer. Members can reach out to him for more information,

C. Hester mentioned that NAMI Wisconsin is hosting a [Virtual Event](#) and also a [Healing Art Show](#). [NAMI's Casserole Cookbook](#) is also now for sale. C. Hester also shared the link for a [Crisis Response Models Webinar](#).

A. Anderson shared WAMFT's 2020 September [Virtual Conference](#) registration link.

#### *Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH) Updates*

R. Immler mentioned that M. Johnson is on-board to provide Council support from DHS with support from R. Stachowiak. The Council is focused on access and equity, with the first fall presentations occurring on September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

M. Herstand mentioned knowing a contact at Sixteenth Street Community Health Center to share the perspective from the Latinx community and he will forward on this contact.

R. Immler stated that committees are a way for individuals to engage with the council and that all of the provider positions are filled on the council.

C. Hester mentioned having someone participate in council meetings and added the name of this individual in the in chat box: Helyn Luisi-Mills – CIT/CIP Director, [helyn@namiwisconsin.org](mailto:helyn@namiwisconsin.org).

#### *Public comment*

There was no public comment.

#### *Break*

## **2. Legislative and Policy Updates, Discussion, and Action..... Crystal Hester**

### **a. State Budget Discussion and Planning**

The Legislative and Policy Committee discussed the budget document recommendations and recommendations from other committees. C. Hester mentioned that the Criminal Justice Committee priorities are mostly the same. K. Kerschensteiner mentioned the need to look at where individuals are returning after leaving prison in rural counties and where programs are needed.

K. Coronado shared [Wisconsin Professional Police Association: A Blueprint for Change 2020](#) in the chat box. B. Beckert had forwarded this document on to the committee via email prior to the meeting and this document was added to the agenda for committee discussion. Overall, the committee discussed how different aspects of the budget recommendations are being worked on to present to the full council.

B. Beckert discussed supporting IPS (individualized placement and support program) as one of the budget priorities and other members of the committee discussed IPS. C. Hester mentioned sharing a training if there was any interest in attending.

B. Beckert highlighted a plan to extend DMV hours for individuals to get a state ID since photo IDs are needed to vote. The LPC members discussed increasing DMV access through expanding hours and finding ways to create access for acquiring state IDs.

The LPC members discussed the budget priorities document and updated the document.

**C. Wirth moved to bring the LPC budget priority document as written to the WCMH for consideration and approval.**

**A. Anderson seconded the motion.**

**Motion carried unanimously**

- b. State Legislation and Review of LPC Bill Tracking and Bills to Review and Approve (motions will be considered on bills)

B. Michel mentioned the speakers taskforce on policing and racial justice created by R. Voss. He shared the email for the taskforce and mentioned that community members are encouraged to join. The email he shared is here:

[SpeakersTaskForce@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:SpeakersTaskForce@legis.wisconsin.gov)

M. Herstand mentioned NASW and racial disparity work as well as a policy on policing.

M. K. Battaglia mentioned a [forum](#) on September 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss crisis response alternatives and shared the link to the forum in the chat box.

K Coronado shared a [news story](#) in the chat box about an individual who was severely injured from a police shooting.

- c. Federal Legislation, Executive Actions or other Federal matters

There was no specific discussion from committee members around federal legislation.

- d. Blueprint for Change – Wisconsin Professional Police Association

C. Hester tabled this report to discuss at the October meeting.

K. Coronado shared an additional [news story](#).

B. Beckert agrees to bring back discussion on the Blueprint for Change at the October meeting.

**3. Division of Care and Treatment Services Updates**

T. Steinmetz mentioned that the Bureau is actively recruiting the Deputy Director Bureau position. Additionally, there is an upcoming crisis conference and mental health/substance use conference. Also, the Bureau is supporting providers as they transition into telehealth work.

K. Bright discussed peer specialists and parent peer specialists. Trainings have been moved to a virtual platform and the vendor is able to provide laptops/tablets to individuals who do not have them.

J. Robertson stated she is still working on DHS rule 75 related to substance abuse services that are community-based and discussed where the rule is at in the drafting process. J. Robertson also mentioned a crisis services workgroup that meets monthly to look at crisis infrastructure. Also, J. Robertson stated the suicide prevention report was published and that next week, the new Wisconsin lifeline center will be announced, allowing calls to be answered in Wisconsin.

**4. Agenda Items for the October 10, 2020 Committee Meeting.....Crystal Hester**

C. Hester mentioned updates on budget priorities from the full council and tabled discussion about Wisconsin Professional Police Association report.

M. Herstand mentioned adding the taskforce on policing to the next meeting agenda.

**5. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 3PM.

Prepared by: Maddie Johnson on 10.16.20.

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