

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

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| Name of Governmental Body: Wisconsin Council on Mental Health. |                       | Attending: Council members: Rick Immler, Inshira Farhoud, Ana Winton, Crystal Hester, Sheryl Smith, May yer Thao, Holly Audley, Dawn Shelton-Williams, Jerolynn Bell-Scaggs, Kevin Kallas, Kristin Welch, Dennis Hanson, Kimberlee Coronado |   |
| Date: 3/17/2021  | Time Started: 10:00AM | Time Ended: 3:30PM  | DHS staff: Ryan Stachoviak, H. Young, Andrea Jacobson, Sarah Coyle, Becci Main, Joannette Robertson, Mai Zong Vue, Maddie Johnson, Kenya Bright, Jamie McCarville, Teresa Steinmetz |
| Location: Zoom   |                       | Guests: Ramsey Lee, Amy Polsin  |   |
| Presiding Officer: R. Immler                                   |                       |   |   |
| <b>Minutes</b>   |                       |   |   |

1. **Call Meeting to Order**

R. Immler called the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH) meeting to order. R. Lee shared information in the chat regarding virtual training around the Governor’s budget on March 18, 2021 at 6 – 7:30 p.m. and March 25, 2021 at 12 - 1:30 p.m. The message said to contact Jennifer Neugart ([Jennifer.neugart@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Jennifer.neugart@wisconsin.gov)) for more information.

The Committee members introduced themselves. I. Farhoud read the WCMH meeting guidelines.

**K. Coronado made a motion to approve the January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 minutes.**  
**D. Shelton seconded this motion.**  
**The minutes were approved unanimously with a few edits.**

*Announcements*

M. Thao mentioned that WHEDA just launched a training series for affordable housing. M. Thao shared information on [WHEDA Supportive Housing 101](#) in the zoom chat and share the contact information for the training (Jenny Sereno, [jennifer.sereno@wheda.com](mailto:jennifer.sereno@wheda.com) ). C. Hester mentioned that NAMI is setting up an [art therapy session at Daisy Café](#). C. Hester also mentioned that NAMI had created a [casserole cookbook](#). K. Coronado mentioned first episode psychosis resources, the disability workgroup, and the upcoming free first responder training for individuals on the autism spectrum on March 23<sup>rd</sup> and another training about [addressing child maltreatment](#). K. Coronado shared more information on the first responder training in the zoom chat including the contact for the training ([Joseph.Morgano@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:Joseph.Morgano@milwaukeecountywi.gov) ).

J. McCarville shared in the zoom chat the link to the [DHS fact sheets](#) on the state budget. M. Johnson mentioned the open meeting notice requirements. K. Coronado shared the link to the Print Disability Guide in the zoom chat with the note that this guide will be updated soon.

*Public Comment*

R. Lee provided public comment and thanked everyone. R. Lee stated there is a disability advocacy day coming up and trainings related to the Governor’s Budget. R. Lee also mentioned People First Wisconsin meetings. R. Lee shared his email in the zoom chat ([leeramsey2@hotmail.com](mailto:leeramsey2@hotmail.com) ). R. Lee shared a link for the [free state budget trainings](#) in the zoom chat and that this training may want to be attended by the WCMH. R. Lee also shared information on the [Joint Finance Committee \(JFC\) public hearings](#) in the zoom chat including the JCF email contact

[www.legis.wisconsin.gov/topics/budgetcomments](http://www.legis.wisconsin.gov/topics/budgetcomments) as well as an email address ([budget.comments@legis.wisconsin.gov](mailto:budget.comments@legis.wisconsin.gov) ).

## **2. Discussion of fall presentations, workgroup, recommendations, and next steps – Access and Equity**

R. Immler started the discussion focused on Access and Equity. R. Immler had a PowerPoint to share and mentioned that he will still be staying informed about the SCAODA workgroup. R. Immler shared information on the WCMH mandate to address mental health services and policy.

R. Immler discussed structural barriers including vaccines at DHS and limited MHBG funding. R. Immler mentioned current platforms such as the Health Equity Council. R. Immler reviewed the themes from the fall Access and Equity presentations including limited resources and data limitations.

R. Immler discussed the Behavioral Health gaps report and highlighted themes that were consistent with fall presenter themes. R. Immler also mentioned the connection between health equity and social determinants of health. R. Immler mentioned questions that should be considered including Medicaid expansion and other parts of the Governor's Budget. R. Immler also mentioned potential timelines. R. Immler then shared some options for next steps which could include working with the Committees, have the Executive Committee meet more often or reconvene the ad-hoc workgroup. R. Immler discussed the importance of policy analysis. K. Coronado shared the importance of literacy in the zoom chat.

R. Immler opened up the discussion focused on Access and Equity and next steps for the Council. K. Coronado reflected on working with the ad-hoc SCAODA workgroup and the importance of collaboration, but that the first meeting did not have collaboration. H. Audley mentioned that the meeting was more a form of observation

R. Immler mentioned that there was perhaps some communication difficulties and the SCAODA workgroup seemed to already have a set path. M. Thao mentioned that the presentation was helpful and that it might make sense to focus on a few themes as well as develop recommendations.

S. Smith mentioned that the Adult quality committee wants to focus on racial equity. A. Winton mentioned that the ad-hoc workgroup was not able to take any action. K. Coronado mentioned that more presentations and learning could be helpful. R. Immler summarized that there could be more zoom meetings with the idea of creating recommendations. K. Coronado mentioned that the expectation is that Council members also join a standing Committee. R. Immler mentioned it is important to take action related to the Governor's Budget. H. Audley mentioned that during the DCTS updates, there will be updates on the Governor's Budget and that there will be conversations with stakeholders on issues related to the Governor's Budget.

H. Audley mentioned that Interim Secretary Karen Timberlake will be testifying to the Joint Finance Committee in early April. H. Audley mentioned that the DHS budget page has more information. A. Jacobson shared in the zoom chat the budget. T. Steinmetz mentioned that SCAODA has a Committee and a workgroup, but there is no staff resource for this workgroup since staff have limited resources.

R. Lee shared in zoom chat that the Council may want to attend the stakeholder budget trainings or hear a presentation about the budget from Tammi Jackson. May yer asked if one of the Committees could be swapped and focus on Access and Equity with plans to create a formal Committee.

R. Stachoviak said that the current Committees are in the Bylaws formally, so the Council would need to make a decisions to change the bylaws. K. Coronado mentioned potentially putting this work under

the Adult Quality Committee and K. Welch stated that she would be willing to help support this initiative.

D. Shelton-Williams mentioned she is committed to having the Adult Quality focus on Access and Equity work. R. Immler asked when the next AQ meeting is and D S W mentioned meeting next Tuesday at 9AM. R. Immler mentioned that it might be challenging if Adult Quality is only meeting every two months. S. Smith mentioned that anyone from the ad hoc workgroup can join the Adult Quality Committee. J. Scaggs said thank you for moving this initiative forward. M. Johnson will share AQ committee info with Council.

### **3. Mental Health Block Grant Presentation**

Throughout M. Johnson's MHBG presentation, there were some questions in the zoom chat. In the zoom chat, there was discussion about how prevention cannot be funded through the MHBG. A. Winton asked is the children's mental health allocation is for CST programs. K Coronado asked for more specifics on the 10% set-aside for first episode psychosis. K. Coronado also asked how more services can be accessed for those with a co-morbid diagnosis. It was mentioned that the 10% set aside for CST funds programs in Dane County, Milwaukee County, and Northwest Wisconsin.

M. Johnson provided a presentation on the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant and planning for the coming 2021 year in preparation for the plan and application that is due in September. M. Johnson encouraged the Council members to begin planning for the coming meetings as the BPTR welcomes the Council's input in the development of the upcoming 2022-2023 MHBG plan. The BPTR can present more detail at the upcoming Council meetings and the application is due September 1. M. Johnson presented the 2021 MHBG report that was submitted to SAMHSA in December of 2020. While there are multiple priority areas there are some that are specific to the Substance Abuse Block Grant and some that are more focused on mental health and the Mental Health Block Grant. M. Johnson and R. Stachoviak discussed the BPTR funding utilizing the block grant, contract cycles, and opportunities for the WCMH to provide input on future funding and block grant plans, including opportunities for including recommendations regarding equity and inclusion.

### **4. Lunch Break**

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

#### **a. Executive Committee**

R. Immler mentioned the Executive Committee may potentially meet to pass DSPS letter.

#### **b. Adult Quality Committee (AQC)**

R. Immler stated the AQC is considering how to add equity to their work and that L. Harrigan cannot currently attend the meetings.

#### **c. Children and Youth Committee (CYC)**

The CYC is focusing on school safety and school resource officers in schools. At the next meeting, there will be a presentation on school resource officers. The CYC is also focusing on access and equity.

#### **d. Criminal Justice Committee**

C. Hester mentioned the CJC did not put out budget recommendations and that CJC will look at governor's budget as well as write which items from the budget they support. B. Main mentioned the

National Stepping Up organization presented at the last meeting, but there were some technical problems and attendance was light.

e. Legislative and Policy Committee

C. Hester mentioned that Secretary Crim from DSPS presented and that M. Herstand wrote letter regarding DSPS issues which was shared with the WCMH. C. Hester discussed Open Meeting Notices and that a motion was passed by the LPC, but there was not in time to get the motion on the agenda. The Council discussed the DSPS issues.

**C. Hester made a motion to support the DSPS letter as written.**

**A. Winton seconded motion**

**The motion passed unanimously.**

C. Hester and R. Immler mentioned that the budget is a priority.

f. Nominating Committee

M. Johnson shared that the WCMH application is updated. K. Coronado mentioned that she created an excel sheet of all applicants. K. Coronado and M. Johnson talked about the state sponsored positions. R. Immler asked if it would be helpful to write a letter to the Secretary's Office regarding the open state positions. H. Audley said it would be helpful to R. Immler. M. Johnson stated that Jessica Barrickman's appointment is still pending in the DHS Secretary's Office.

K. Coronado asked if anyone is interested in the Co-chair position on the Council and mentioned the co-chair is responsible to fill in for K. Coronado or R. Immler if necessary. A. Winton mentioned that she would be interested in serving as a co-chair if no one else is interested.

I. Farhoud moved to make a motion to nominate A. Winton as the WCMH second vice chair.

S. Smith seconded this motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

J. Scaggs stated that the N. committee is a small committee, so other members are welcome to join.

M. Johnson mentioned she will list on the WCMH website what vacancies are on the Council.

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

A. Jacobson discussed diversity and equity updates including internal staff learning opportunities, hiring a consultant, and developing infrastructure so all communities are aware of grant opportunities. The Council discussed ways to raise awareness of grant opportunities including using professional associations to spread the word like NASW Wisconsin. Council members also mentioned sharing opportunities with Linda Hall of the Office of Children's Mental Health, the Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities, the Tribal State Collaboration, the BPDD Board for people with developmental disabilities, and Council members so members can share opportunities with their networks.

J. Robertson discussed 3 grant funding opportunities including: crisis intervention training for officers, suicide prevention for 5 year suicide report and zero suicide Wisconsin training, and SOAR for individuals who are homeless (provides help to obtain SSI or SSDI). K. Bright mentioned GFOAs are for all services such as peer run centers. A. Jacobson stated the SABG will be released in January 2022.

H. Audley discussed broader equity work happening across DHS and that someone from the Secretary's Office will come present in May. H. Audley mentioned on the facility side that there is currently lots of staff and patient COVID-19 testing as well as no COVID-19 cases. H. Audley stated that they need to consider what facilities will look like with expanded in-person visits. H. Audley and A. Jacobson shared a PowerPoint on budget updates.

K. Welch asked if anyone from the Council could testify about the budget. K. Coronado said they have in the past. R. Immler said there could be an Executive Committee meeting.

K. Coronado mentioned there is a print disability guide coming out through DPI and she would like to submit revisions from the mental health perspective

**K. Coronado made a motion that the WCMH authorized the Executive Committee takes action to support writing letters and testifying for budget related items under the mental health scope.**

**K. Welch seconded this motion.  
The motion passed unanimously.**

R. Stachoviak mentioned importance of narrowing scope around the budget. The Council then discussed how the Executive Committee can act on behalf of the WCMH. A. Winton mentioned Medicaid expansion as well as items related to expanding behavioral health care including efforts to create more equity in care.

#### **7. Call for future WCMH agenda items**

The Council discussed any future agenda items and M. Johnson mentioned she will be providing updated on the Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) at the next Council meeting. K. Coronado stated that the Executive Committee should provide training around making motions for ne Committee members. R. Immler mentioned this training could be added to the orientation process.

#### **8. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 3:30PM.

Prepared by: Maddie Johnson on 5/14/2021.

These minutes are in draft form. They will be presented for approval by the governmental body on: 5/19/2021