

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: WCMH Executive Committee			Attending: Committee members: Crystal Hester, Phyllis Greenberger, Jerolynn Scaggs, Ana Winton, Rick Immler Lynn Harrigan, Kimberlee Coronado, Kristin Welch
Date: 5/3/2021	Time Started: 10:00AM	Time Ended: 11:30AM	
Location: Zoom			DHS Staff: Maddie Johnson
			Guests: Laleña Lampe
			Presiding Officer: Rick Immler
Minutes			

1. Call to Order

- a. Welcome and introductions

The Committee started by acknowledging that quorum was not met, so the Committee moved to announcements first

Announcements

C. Hester shared that May is Mental Health Awareness Month. R. Immler mentioned he presented at the Joint Finance Committee in Rhinelander and that it appeared the Joint Finance Committee (JFC) is unlikely to include Badgercare expansion in the budget. C. Hester mentioned NAMI's annual cookbook and weekly mental health webinars every. C. Hester also mentioned the 15th annual healing art show at Daisy Café and shared the link to [NAMI Mental Health Awareness events](#) in the zoom chat. P. Greenberger mentioned that the first week of Mental Health Awareness Month is Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.

The Committee met quorum.

Public Comment

L. Lampe shared information about warm-lines and that the number as well as the level of intensity of calls has increased. L. Lampe and the Committee discussed the proposal of two additional staff per site as well as the rollout of 988.

K. Coronado shared an announcement and stated that it is Mental Health Awareness Month and Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.

Review and approval of the minutes for January 4, 2021; March 1, 2021 and April 16, 2021.

The Committee then considered three sets of meeting minutes. For the March 1st minutes, the Committee suggested capitalizing Division and Department in the first full paragraph and spelling out the acronym Criminal Justice Committee (CJC) the first time this Committee is mentioned. For the April meeting, on the second page, it should state Joint Committee on Finance (JCF).

C. Hester moved to approve the minutes as amended for January 4, 2021; March 1, 2021 and April 16, 2021.

P. Greenberger seconded the motion.

The motion passed. J. Scaggs and A. Winton abstained.

2. Executive Committee Business

R. Immler mentioned that one of the items in Governor Evers's budget is an increased need for Medicaid reimbursement for behavioral health providers. P. Greenberger shared a link in the zoom chat highlighting [Children's Mental Health Awareness Week from the Wisconsin Office of Children's Mental Health](#).

C. Hester gave updates on the JCF virtual public testimony including topics such as regional crisis stabilization facilities, mental health ride-alongs with mental health reimbursement, expanding the Treatment and Diversion (TAD) program, and the Governor's proposal for children's mental health. C. Hester mentioned that the JCF executive session is occurring this week and the JCF stated they will not expand BadgerCare with federal dollars. K. Coronado stated in the Zoom chat that the First Lady Mrs. Evers is attending the next Executive Committee meeting on Friday. P. Greenberger mentioned that the Legislature is removing policy-related items from the budget including youth justice items, but they are keeping in-school grants.

C. Hester shared in the zoom chat many provisions that will be removed from the JCF including:

- “Expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act
- Modify the methodology used by the Department of Health Services in setting Medicaid payment rates to nursing homes and community-based residential facilities
- Eliminate Medicaid copayments for prescription drugs
- Require Medicaid coverage of group physical therapy
- Repeal provisions that would require the Joint Finance Committee to review and approve certain Medicaid program changes as well as requests to federal agencies for a Medicaid waiver submission, renewal, modification, withdrawal, suspension or termination
- Allow for whistleblowers to share in the proceeds of an action or settlements related to prosecuting Medicaid fraud.”

C. Hester mentioned that items related to long-term care, vaping, and health insurance are also being removed.

R. Immler discussed school mental health funding and expanding Medicaid reimbursement as well as TAD funding. The Committee discussed potentially writing a letter of support to members of the Legislature.

C. Hester made a motion that the WCMH supported the following budget items: peer-run respite, crisis stabilization, an increase in Medicaid reimbursement rates, school mental health, and TAD funding. The Council will support these budget items by sending a letter of support to the Joint Finance Committee as well as leadership of the Assembly and Senate. This letter will also include supporting documents such as the letter supporting TAD funding written by B. Michel.

**A. Winton seconded this motion.
The motion passed unanimously.**

R. Immler discussed MHBG funding and how the MHBG does not allow for investment in prevention. K. Coronado mentioned the importance of reading and educational equity as an earlier intervention. R. Immler then discussed not having data from the institutions and how the Council could potentially ask the Division for a presentation on the institutions. R. Immler discussed other potential presentations such as the Division of Medicaid Services (DMS); the Public Health Institute and a presentation on County Health Rankings; NAMI; and Mental Health America and the potential to speak from the national perspective. R. Immler mentioned that the Council currently does not have a representative from the Department of Children and Families.

K. Coronado shared [an invitation in the zoom chat for a public hearing](#) on May 6th at 4:00PM related to the Department of Public Instruction and the Special Education Committee. K. Coronado mentioned education. R. Immler asked if the Council should do another series of zoom presentations to better understand the Mental

Health Block Grant and the mental health system. K. Welch mentioned the importance of looking at the data for accountability since the majority of funds are going to institutions. R. Immler mentioned he had a conversation with L. Harrigan regarding the Council's impact.

R. Immler asked if the Committee supports zoom presentations and the group said yes. R. Immler then discussed the upcoming Council agenda.

A. Winton moved to approve the agenda.

L. Harrigan seconded this motion.

The motion is passed unanimously as amended.

P. Greenberger provided updated for the Children and Youth Committee (CYC) and stated there were no motions. C. Hester mentioned that the Legislative and Policy Committee is prioritizing the budget. L. Harrigan and K. Welch provided Adult Quality Committee updates and stated there is a potential speaker attending the Committee on May 25th focused on the First Nations Mental Health Framework. K. Coronado provided Nominating Committee updated and stated J. Barrickman was appointed as a new Council members. K. Coronado also mentioned that the opportunity was rescinded to give updated on the SLD rule at the CYC.

M. Johnson provided updates on the process for appointing new committee members. M. Johnson stated she will share the Council Orientation materials. L. Harrigan provided gratitude for prioritizing prevention and stated that education is important. L. Harrigan also provided the updated that the next International Nurses Society on Addictions (IntNSA) meeting is happening on May 25th and the Executive presentation who works on dual diagnosis will share this information with NAMI.

3. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:30AM.