

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: WI Council on Mental Health Criminal Justice Committee			Attending: Tamra Oman, Mary Delaney, Christopher Zahn, Mike Soukup, Emilie Smiely, Dennis Hanson, Brian Michel, Nycki Wallasch, Advisory: Joanne Stephens, Kevin Kallas, Mike Eisner, Rick Immler, Maddie Johnson, Guest Linda Palmer
Date: 12/8/2021	Time Started: 10:01	Time Ended: 11:38	
Location: zoom			Presiding Officer: Tamra Oman

Minutes

1. Call to Order by Tamra Oman. a. October 13, 2021 Minutes approved with a motion by Christopher Zahn and second by Mary Delaney

2. Criminal Justice Committee Business

a. Crimeless Revocation. Members discussed the issues around revocation procedures. People held should be able to meet the expectations of family and work. Members suggested reaching out to Kellie Thompson at the Office of the Public Defender and to Corrections staff. More people with lived experience including registered sex offenders should be part of the discussion. Brian Michel will reach out to others. EXPO already meets with regularly with Secretary Carr of the Department of Corrections. Autumn Lacey and Christine Apple from the Department of Corrections were also suggested as persons to speak to the committee on this issue. This will be a discussion item for the next meeting.

b. Legislation and budget updates were shared by Brian Michel. A legislation tracking spreadsheet was shared with the committee. AB 628/SB627 terminating parental rights. Wording of the bill has a wide berth for decision making and no minimum time period is listed. Very little in bill to limit a fact finder. Ms. Dietrich is curator of the bill said it had a limit of four years. She also shared these kids need to get into loving homes. EXPO, Department of Children and Families, and Disability Rights Wisconsin spoke in opposition to the bill. Members shared that one of the greatest things to overcome is the absence of a parent. Tamra Oman shared there was no area to build support system and kinship was not in the bill. Members shared this bill is too simple, too arbitrary and what was the rationale for this bill? Legal Aid thought this was not needed and duplicative. Members shared their experiences and noted these bills are moving quickly.

A motion was made to oppose AB628/627 by Brian Michel and a second was made by Dennis Hanson. Motion carried. It was suggested to send a letter of opposition to the Assembly Speaker and Senate, with Mike Soukup and Brian Michel as the drafters.

There is a bill to expand Treatment, Alternatives and Diversion (TAD), to Mental Health treatment to county and tribal governments LRB-4556/1. Members were encouraged to contact their elected officials. Brian Michel will send more information.

Next State budget process is starting now. We need to review our priorities and review the data including PPS and Medicaid. Please review informational zoom meeting now posted on the WCMH website for background information. Money comes from many sources and Medicaid is the biggest.

c. Committee Membership update. Tamra Oman has called members inviting them to attend meeting. Workgroups: dignified housing, strategic planning update. Attendance record will be sent with minutes. Committee and workgroup recruitment could have new members and alternates.

d. Updates from the Mental Health Council and committees shared. f. Public Comment - none

3. Review proposed Agenda items for February 9, 2022, Strategic planning and budget

a. 2022 meeting dates: 2/9, 4/13, 6/8, 8/10, 10/12, 12/14 10-12pm

4. Meeting adjourned.

Prepared by: Jamie McCarville on 12/10/2021.

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

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