

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Legislative and Policy Committee		Attending: Alice Sykora, Crystal Hester, Amanda Anderson, Barbara Beckert, Justin Odulana, Mary Neubauer, Mike Lappen, Brian Michel, Jeanie Verschay, Kathie Knoble-Iverson, Kimberlee Coronado, Kit Kerschensteiner, Hugh Davis, Teresa Steinmetz, Maddie Johnson, Ryan Stachoviak, Jerolynn Scaggs, Kathy Markeland, Linda Hall, Marc Herstand	
Date: 8/13/2020	Time Started: 12:30PM	Time Ended: 3:00PM	
Location: Zoom		Presiding Officer: Crystal Hester	

Minutes

1. Call Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC) Meeting to Order

Review and approval of the minutes of July 9, 2020

J. Odulana moved to approve the minutes.

K. Knoble-Iverson seconded the motion to approve.

Motion carried, minutes approved as amended, B. Michel abstained.

Announcements

A. Anderson announced Wisconsin Association for Marriage and Family Therapy annual conference:

<https://networks.aamft.org/wisconsin/education/conferences/september-conference>. B. Beckert shared information regarding voting rights and Disability Rights Wisconsin's effort to learn more about the barriers people have experienced in voting. L. Hall announced the release of the Feelings Thermometer that is now available online:

<https://children.wi.gov/Pages/FeelingsThermometer.aspx>. The Office of Children's Mental Health is also planning another youth listening session in the near future to discuss mental health. C. Hester discussed NAMI-Wisconsin's Back to school website: <https://namiwisconsin.org/education-programs/schools/> and the NAMI-Wisconsin annual conference: <https://namiwisconsin.org/nami-wisconsin-events/annual-conference/>. M. Neubauer announced that the Milwaukee Mental Health Taskforce is partnering with the Prevent Suicide Wisconsin Conference, information is available online: <https://www.preventsuicidewi.org/conference>

Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH) Updates

R. Immler discussed the recent WCMH meeting. The Council reviewed the Behavioral Health Gaps Report and the group plans to continue discussion on issues of equity at upcoming meetings.

Public Comment

M. Herstand announced that the National Association of Social Workers is monitoring impacts of insurance and reimbursement in the pandemic. The Qualified Treatment Trainee Advisory Committee continues to meet. M. Herstand provided an update on recent discussions that have been held between advocates and the Department of Safety and Professional Services.

2. Legislative and Policy Updates, Discussion, and Action

B. Beckert provided the committee with a summary of the upcoming budget process. The budget that DHS is putting together right now will be limited. There will not be many new initiatives given the difficult budgetary climate. Members

of the LPC discussed priority areas that the group has endorsed. These include culturally and linguistically appropriate services, employment, transportation, and expanding services to individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing as well as children and adults of color. Members of the LPC discussed funding and funding opportunities in the budget for the Qualified Treatment Trainee program. The Committee has also discussed opportunities for advocating for the needs of DSPS. It appears the DSPS has limitations on hiring authority.

Members of the LPC discussed the behavioral health impacts of the pandemic. Members commented on the lack of support from the federal level. There has been a lack of legislation to address the pandemic. In particular, parents of children are experiencing anxiety and stressors. Going back to school will be a real challenge for parents and children. Special education services in some cases are unknowns, even as school is getting closer. Schools have been put in an incredibly hard situation in many ways no-win situations. Members of the LPC discussed telehealth needs for people who are DHOH.

3. Division of Care and Treatment Services Updates

T. Steinmetz is the new Director of the Bureau of Prevention Treatment and Recovery (BPTR). The BPTR is in the process of hiring the new Deputy Director. T. Steinmetz provided a briefing on DHS 75. The rule is currently going through an economic impact analysis. This will allow stakeholders to weigh in on the financial impact of the changes to the rule. Information is available online regarding the rule changes. There is also now a final rule, DHS 50, for Youth Crisis Stabilization. Funding is available for three pilot sites, to be the first certified youth crisis stabilization sites.

4. Agenda Items for the September 10, 2020 Committee Meeting

Members of the LPC plan to discuss budget items at the upcoming meeting.

5. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.