

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Wisconsin Council on Mental Health			Attending: Council members: Rick Immler, Kevin Kallas, Mark Eisner, Jerolynn Scaggs, Jessica Barrickman, Sheryl Smith, Pam Lano, Tim Peerenboom, Dennis Hanson, Debra Lamboley, Chrissy Barnard, Richard Traner (on behalf of Wendy Henderson), Karen Odegard, Kevin Kallas, Kimberlee Coronado, Dawn Shelton-Williams, Ana Winton, Lynn Harrigan Department of Health Services (DHS) Staff: Cynthia Matz, Monique Hicks, Maddie Johnson, Holly Audley, Jamie McCarville, Ryan Stachoviak, Sarah Coyle, Young HG, Annie Larson, Teresa Steinmetz. Saran Boulton Guests: Jessa Bokhoven, Ramsey Lee, Sita Diehl, Mary Kay Battaglia, Brian Michel (Legislative and Policy Committee)
Date: 1/19/2022	Time Started: 10:00AM	Time Ended: 3:30PM	
Location: Zoom			Presiding Officer: Rick Immler
Minutes			

1. Call Meeting to Order

R. Immler called the meeting to order, and the meeting attendees introduced themselves. S. Smith read the WCMH guidelines for conduct of the meeting.

Review and approval of the minutes of November 17, 2021

D. Hanson made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 17th, 2021.

C. Barnard seconded this motion

The motion passed. L. Harrigan abstained.

K. Odegard mentioned that there are listening sessions hosted by DHS related to [the opioid settlements](#). C Barnard mentioned that the Douglas County Care team did a report on the mental health systems. K. Coronado thanks Inshira Farhoud for her service on the Council. I. Farhoud resigned from the Council earlier this week. K. Coronado mentioned the Office of Children's Mental Health released their annual report and that K. Coronado has a podcast to share about mandated reporting as well as its impact on podcast. K. Coronado mentioned that she also has an article related to a news story related to mental health and a news story related to mental health and the pandemic. K. Coronado thanked everyone for her support related to the Waukesha parade incident. K. Coronado also encouraged everyone to see the Disney movie Encanto as a lot of therapists are talking about it. S. Coyle mentioned that she will be staffing the Adult Quality Committee and M. Johnson mentioned A. Nobis will be staffing the Legislative and Policy Committee.

K. Coronado shared the following announcements in the zoom chat:

- I would like to take a moment to honor Inshirah Farhoud for her years of service almost two terms, her willingness to step-up as Second-Chair and then Vice-Chair, her contributions and expertise in the Children & Youth Committee and all the insight she provided from her provider role for the Council. I have enjoyed getting to know her and am blessed to work alongside her. We will miss you dearly.
- [Mother's tragic tale: Husband dies of COVID-19, their son dies by suicide due to guilt \(fox6now.com\)](#) Stephanie Reyes was well aware her son was depressed. She tried repeatedly to get him into counseling, but she says everyone she turned to was booked months in advance.

<https://www.fox6now.com/news/mothers-tragic-tale-husband-dies-of-covid-19-their-son-dies-by-suicide-due-to-guilt>

- We invite you to participate in the Kempe Center's Monthly Series, Continuing the Call to Action. January's highlighted subject is mandated reporting. Listen to the 25-minute Radio Kempe podcast with Mical Raz, MD, PhD, MSHP, who is the Charles E. and Dale L. Phelps Professor in Public Policy and Health at the University of Rochester, where she also works as an internal medicine physician at Strong Memorial Hospital. Her most recently published book is Abusive Policies: How the American Child Welfare System Lost its Way (UNC 2020). <https://www.buzzsprout.com/1056022/9763784>
- I am hopeful #livedexperience will make meaningful #systemchange for WI. #peersupport
 - Incorporating Lived Experience in Wisconsin's Child Welfare System <https://www.wisbar.org/NewsPublications/Pages/General-Article.aspx?ArticleID=28817>
- Since 2018, Wisconsin has been progressively working toward transitioning the child welfare system to become more in-home, family-focused, and collaborative. <https://dcf.wisconsin.gov/family-first>
- OCMH 2021 Annual Report <https://children.wi.gov/Pages/ResearchData/AnnualReport.aspx>
- Watch OCMH'S 2021 Annual Report Brief video. https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&source=web&rct=j&url=https://m.youtube.com/watch%3Fv%3Dtj6yBStP1GI&ved=2ahUKEwiUppPIjb31AhVUXM0KHe_9AtMQjjh6BAqUEAI&usq=AOvVaw06HXfWKA6F5x1n44qBuppj
- As a community member of Waukesha, I want to say THANK YOU for your support since Nov. 21 Christmas Parade tragedy. #WaukeshaStrong <https://waukeshafoundation.org/update-united-for-waukesha-community-fund/> <https://waukeshafoundation.org/united-for-waukesha-community-fund/>
- Please watch the Disney movie Encanto! <https://cbs58.com/news/why-therapists-are-talking-about-bruno-and-all-the-other-encanto-characters>
- It's just around the bend! Join Dr. Greene on Jan 20 & 21, 2022. Day 1 provides a general overview of the CPS model, with a deeper dive into the nuances of the model on Day 2. You can register for one or both days. And if you can't join in live, the recordings of both days will be available for viewing following the live webinar. Register here! <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2022-collaborative-proactive-solutions-2-day-virtual-training-registration-163491961859?utm-campaign=social%2Cemail&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-source=strongmail&utm-term=listing>
- We are so excited to launch the WI Dyslexia Roadmap today! It would not have been possible without the collective effort of many literacy advocates across WI including Katie Kasubaski! My deepest gratitude to co-authors Dorothy and Nikki for this amazing adventure! <https://www.widyslexiaroadmap.org/> #widyslexiaroadmap #EmbraceDiversity #BeInclusive #AchieveEquity, #EquityThroughLiter #EmbraceDiversity #BeInclusive #AchieveEquity, #equitythroughliteracy
- If you recall, the Senate Finance Committee issued a request for information about children's mental health last year. The Committee sought input on approaches to enhance behavioral health care in specific areas: Strengthening the workforce; Increasing integration, coordination, and access to care; Ensuring parity between behavioral and physical health; furthering the use of telehealth; and Improving access to behavioral health for children and young people.
- Additionally, the Surgeon General issued an advisory on protecting youth mental health. <https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/surgeon-general-youth-mental-health-advisory.pdf>
- Literacy is a civil right.
- "In these days, it is doubtful that any child may reasonably be expected to succeed in life if he is denied the opportunity of an education. Such an opportunity, where the state has undertaken to provide it, is a right which must be available to all on equal terms" (1954 - Brown vs Board of Education).

- "Illiteracy is an enduring disability. The inability to read and write will handicap the individual deprived of a basic education each and every day of his life" (1981 - Plyler v. Doe).
- "The right to a basic minimum education – one that can plausibly impart literacy," is a fundamental right protected by the Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution (2020 - Gary B. v. Snyder).

L. Harrigan shared that the Adult Quality Committee will be meeting on Tuesday January 25th, and anyone is welcome to join. L. Harrigan also shared that SCAODA met on December 3rd and that the next SCAODA meeting was changed from March 11th to March 19th. L. Harrigan also provided updates on the opioid settlements as well as the Hub and Spoke model (updates from SCAODA).

K. Odegaard shared in the zoom chat - Hub & Spoke Health Home Pilot Program—you can learn more about this program here: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/aoda/hubandspoke-sud-hh.htm>

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. Division of Care and Treatment Services (DCTS) Briefing and Updates

H. Audley mentioned she is representing G. Steeyle and T. Steinmetz. H. Audley mentioned the state runs seven facilities, two secure treatment centers, and two institutes. H. Audley mentioned that there is an increase in positive COVID-19 cases in all facilities as well as a shortage of staff, especially nurses. H. Audley stated the National Guard is currently serving as nursing assistants. H. Audley mentioned there are also some emergency staffing contracts and that the Division is working on a vaccine mandate across facilities for staff (with the option to request an exemption for medical or religious reasons). H. Audley asked the Council if they had any questions.

H. Audley shared information about the staffing updates for the Council as S. Coyle will be staffing the Adult Quality Committee and A. Nobis will be staffing the Legislative and Policy Committee. H. Audley stated she will share updates on supplemental funding.

H. Audley provided the following updates to the Council:

Staffing Changes - In order to better support the council/committees related to Mental Health, we are going to do some staff re-assignment to committee support. Maddie will start supporting only the MH Council, and we are going to bring in Alexa Nobis (currently supporting the Adult Quality Committee) to support Leg and Pol. We will then have Sarah Coyle take on support of the Adult Quality Committee. We are hopeful that this will allow for better support to all involved and divide better the duties of our staff. We realize they don't have enough time to fully support the council and committee as much as would be ideal, so are making some switches in attempt to be able to support with a bit more time.

Funding Status:

The RFA for the CAA funds to counties and tribes was released and contracts for their MHBG and SABG supplemental COVID Funding are mostly in place. For the MHBG, 60 of 67 Counties or County Consortiums applied and 1 of 11 Tribes; For the SABG 56 of 67 Counties/Consortiums applied and 2 of 11 Tribes. Area Admin and Tribal Affairs did outreach to all who didn't apply to offer extensions and discuss supporting their application. Those who did not apply tended to feel like they already had a lot of supplemental funding awarded to them and/or they did not have the capacity to take on the additional funds at this time.

ARPA Plans – Funding through 9/2025

MHBG = \$24,630,652

- \$600,000 for County Supplemental Awards for Crisis Development = to start in 2023 after CAA funds expire (RFA will be released by end of 2022)
- ESMI Programming (\$2.5 mil) = Starting the development and support with CAA funds to transition to ARPA dollars to expand training and programming. GFOA was released with applications due this week
- Crisis Services (\$16.6 mil) = A GFOA will be released to support 5 Regional Crisis Stabilization Facilities in the state (around \$10 mil through 9/25) and will be added on existing contract to support the roll out of 988 (about \$6.6 mil) as we work to have another way to fund the lifeline/988 call centers in WI
- Recovery Supports (\$2 mil) = The State GPR funds 3 sites and then we used ARPA funds to support an additional 2 applicants so all applicants for most recent GFOA were supported. This will start with CAA funds and then transition to ARPA through 9/25. Additional Sites are Our Space and Lighthouse in La Crosse.
- Peer Run Warm line (\$1.2 mil) = GFOA was released 12/9/21 to support the development of a peer run warm line through 9/25. Applications are due 2/25/22.
- Children's SOC Development (\$ 465,000) = Starting in 2022 another strategic planning event will be held to continue and enhance the already existing work started with a Georgetown Institute on SOC development. Since much of that work is completed or in process, this next planning event will support the "next steps" in SOC expansion in WI.

SABG ARPA = \$22,016,587

- County Supplemental (\$4 mil) = To begin after CAA transition in 2023 – 9/2025
- Tribal Supplemental (\$550,000) = To begin after CAA transition in 2023 – 9/2025
- Crisis Services (\$2 million) = GFOA to support SUD crisis development with new DHS 75 Certification category and/or detoxification services, both flagged as large needs at this time. Plan to roll out mid-2022.
- Harm Reduction (\$1.75 mil) = Possible support of expansion of Narcan Direct as a transition out of SOR funding, and/or IM Naloxone or other harm reduction strategies moving forward (fentanyl test strips if legislation passes re: decriminalization of those). Waiting for assessment of current funding and increased needs.
- Narcan Direct to Law Enforcement (\$750,000) = Expansion of Narcan Direct to go to Law Enforcement Agencies for distribution and use, in partnership with DOJ. Close to implementation in early 2022.
- Recovery Supports (\$4 mil) = Support of additional Peer Recovery Centers through recent GFOA, focused on SUD, and in addition to state GPR that currently supports PRC's. Additional funding to Coulee, Lighthouse and Unity (\$269,331); Continued support through 9/25 of Recovery Support/Coach expansion throughout the state. Will pick up support after 3/2023 – 9/2025); Possible pilot project to train and provide TA for recovery housing and sober living settings through a GFOA process (\$697,916)
- Probable 2 year pilot for SUD Digital Platform to assist with engagement and treatment of SUD (\$1 mil)
- Prevention Activities (\$3.5 mil) = \$1 mil to support the planning grant and TA for prevention plan development for 3-4 African American and Native American sites to focus on opioid overdose prevention; remaining funding to support continued prevention campaigns and expansion with Dose of Reality, Real Talks, Drug Take bad media campaigns, and drugged driving campaign
- Women's Treatment (\$2 mil) = after 3/23, continued funding through 9/2025 for 3 additional women's treatment sites based on recent GFOA. Sites added include Bethany, Family Services and Lutheran Social Services

- DHS data surveillance system for Opioid Notices (\$1 mil) = allow for real time notices of overdoses to go to counties/tribes for notification and follow up

H Audley asked the Council if they had questions. R. Immler asked if there is an element of accountability that is built into contracts. R. Stachowiak mentioned that the contracts have budgets and work plans.

R. Immler asked K. Odegaard the timeline for responding to the Mental Health Block Grant Letter and K. Odegaard mentioned that likely the Secretary's Office will be able to respond at some point in February.

3. Secretary's office presentation on budget process timeline

T.R. Williams presented on the topic: How Wisconsin Government works. T. R. Williams discussed terminology such the definition of policy. T. R. Williams also discussed who makes policy and what the Legislature does. T. R. Williams shared that Councils have a unique platform. T. R. Williams mentioned that the election of leadership within the Legislature is not public. T. R. Williams then discussed how a bill becomes a law in Wisconsin. T. R. Williams provided a timeline for the Wisconsin Biennial budget process (September 15th of the even year is the time that the budget process begins for advocates). T. R. Williams stated that the budget is over the course of two years. T. R. Williams mentioned that on November 20th of the even year, the Department of Administration will provide budget requests to the governor.

Additional points in T. R. Williams presentation included: that the last Tuesday of the odd year in the budget cycle is when the Governor will give the Biennial budget message and will give this budget to the joint finance committee which is called the Governor's budget request. The Joint Finance Committee will also hold agency briefings during the odd year, which will be in March and February 2023. In 2021, Governor Evers conducted budget listening sessions. In mid to late March 2023, the Joint Finance Committee is required under statute to hold joint listening sessions across the state. In April to June of the odd year, the Joint Finance Committee will vote on each agency's budget. The Joint Finance Committee will then send the full budget to the Senate and Assembly to be voted on. The Senate and Assembly can try to change the budget through amendments, but this is challenging to make these changes on the floor. During this time, the conference committee meets to make sure each house has the same version of the budget. The budget is then sent to the Governor for veto or pass. If the budget is vetoed, the budget is sent back to the Legislature for potential override. A 2/3 vote is needed for override and generally overrides happen across party lines.

T. R. Williams asked the Council if they had any questions. T. R. Williams discussed how the Council can fill the gap between structures throughout the state.

4. Lunch Break

The Council took a lunch break.

5. Strategic planning, budget process, and future informational zoom meeting discussion

R. Immler provided an overview of strategic planning. R. Immler outlined the service areas for strategic planning including primary, secondary, and tertiary care. R. Immler discussed that the behavioral health gaps report, previous needs assessment, and surveys of Council and Committee members. R. Immler then discussed the strategic planning process including creating a vision and mission. Next, R. Immler mentioned developing objectives which allow for measurable results. R. Immler discussed developing strategies to meet objectives as well as creating an action plan.

R. Immler introduced Chapter 51 which discusses mental health state policy. R. Immler discussed the chapter responsibilities for the mental health council including reviewing all departmental plans and consulting "with the department in the development of a model community mental health plan." R. Immler also mentioned as stated in chapter 51 the Secretary will submit all department plans for the Council to review. R. Immler also discussed developing a model community mental health plan as required per chapter 51.

R. Immler highlighted that Wisconsin has a high overdose rate compared to some other states. R. Immler stated that Washington has flattened their overdose rate. R. Immler mentioned that Washington state has an

integrated data system. R. Immler then discussed the Blue Ribbon Council (BRC). R. Immler discussed maintenance of effort in Minnesota and working “in incremental steps to minimize disruptions in services to consumers.”

R. Immler discussed key efforts learned from reforms in other states. R. Immler then discussed the 2014 Mental Health Needs Assessment. R. Immler discussed how this was a yearlong process with 73 surveys from the public. R. Immler showed the 2014 Behavioral Health Needs Assessment final raking. R. Immler discussed the last strategic plan from 2014. R. Immler specifically mentioned requesting reimbursement for consumers to participate in Councils. R. Immler stated there is a snapshot of county services on the DHS website, but not the outcomes. R. Immler compared the access and equity priorities to the needs assessment and mentioned there was quite a bit of overlap.

R. Immler then discussed potential structural issues impacting the Council and DHS. R. Immler specifically mentioned “fragmentation/lack of identification of responsibility of offices/staff to lead on prevention, workforce, data.” R. Immler also mentioned a “lack of collaborative stakeholder BH Network.” R. Immler also mentioned “disproportionate resources in WI” as well as the “demands and stress of COVID.”

R. Immler asked the Council if they had questions. R. Immler discussed speaking to the Speaker’s Taskforce in past years. He stated that while sometimes there was support for initiatives, sometimes it didn’t always go to plan, or achieve the vision. He also stated that at the time there was a strong emphasis to Sandy Hook, and there was the thought that by addressing mental health, gun violence would go down.

J. Barrickman discussed options for strategic planning including starting from scratch taking a deep look at a previous strategic plan and seeing what still applies, what is still relevant, and what would no longer apply. S. Diehl mentioned that these reports have consistent recommendations. S. Diehl mentioned looking back at what has gotten recommended to decide where to go from here. P. Lano discussed that a reoccurring theme is the discussion of prevention and P. Lano asked how the Council can research prevention. P. Lano mentioned how the result of successful prevention means that nothing is seen so it is hard to advocate for prevention programs. K. Odegaard mentioned that the [State Health Assessment](#) may be a good resource for the Council.

K. Odegaard mentioned that on September 15th, DHS must submit their budget to the Department of Administration. K. Odegaard mentioned that it would be helpful to have budget recommendations by May. R. Immler discussed working with M. Johnson to send out the Governor’s proposals from the last budget. R. Immler mentioned potentially hosting 2-3 virtual sessions focused on data sets. R. Immler is hoping to focus on zoom sessions at some point in March. P. Lano mentioned that it makes sense to look at issues that continue to be brought up and consider whether these issues still need to be addressed.

6. WCMH Committee Reports, Discussion, and Consideration of Motions

- Executive Committee – Rick Immler

R. Immler mentioned that there was a rapid response Executive Committee meeting to act on two motions from the Criminal Justice Committee and the Legislative and Policy Committee. R. Immler mentioned that the motion from CJC opposed a bill that limited rights of parents who had experienced incarceration. R. Immler mentioned that there was also a letter related the backlog in DSPS and this was sent to the Joint Finance Committee. R. Immler mentioned that he is speaking with a reporter about the delay in licensing from DSPS. K. Coronado mentioned that the Chair position on the Council will be open in June (R. Immler will serve as the Chair of the Council through May’s meeting and continue as a Council member through July). K. Coronado mentioned the importance of reviewing the bylaws for the Council.

- Adult Quality Committee – Lynn Harrigan and Kristin Welch

S. Smith mentioned that the last meeting was cancelled and that the Adult Quality Committee is next meeting January 25th from 8-10AM.

- Nominating Committee – Kimberlee Coronado and Jerolynn Scaggs

K. Coronado mentioned that the Nominating Committee meets every third Monday from 3:30PM-5:00PM. K. Coronado mentioned that there are six current vacancies and there are three pending appointments being processed in the Secretary's Office. K. Coronado also mentioned that the Nominating Committee is also considering other applicants to fill the vacancies. K. Coronado also discussed the Committee is discussing amending the bylaws. K. Coronado also mentioned that the Nominating Committee is looking to recruit new members and the next meeting is February 21st from 3:30-5:00PM. A. Winton mentioned potential turn over on the Council in July. M. Johnson stated she will reach out to Council members whose appointments are expiring in July to see if these members want to be reappointed.

The Council discussed the onboarding process. R. Immler stated that in order to become a member of a committee, talk to the Co-chairs and the co-chairs can send the request to the chair of the Council. R. Immler stated the Chair makes the appointment of this potential Committee member at some point in the meeting minutes. R. Immler approved J. Barrickman to join the Nominating Committee

- Children and Youth Committee – Phyllis Greenberger and Amy Polsin

R. Immler and M. Hicks Larson summarized meeting information discussing School Resource Officers.

- Criminal Justice Committee (CJC – Tamra Oman and Tara Wilhelmi

The CJC met on December 8th and sent letter on behalf of the Council. Additionally, the CJC provided reminders on attendance. The Subcommittee topics for the committee include housing, youth, entry and pre-entry.

- Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC) – Barbara Beckert and Brian Michel

B. Michel mentioned LPC met with the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance. B. Michel mentioned that we are considering T.R. Williams' timeline related to budget priorities. R. Immler said that B. Michel and Barbara Beckert are doing a great job as Co-chairs of the Committee. R. Immler also mentioned that P. Lano and her section have expedited the ability to allow telehealth reimbursement with Medicaid.

7. Call for future WCMH agenda items

K. Coronado mentioned that there is a presentation on [CPS= Collaborative & Proactive Solutions \(CPS\)](#) and how this is a potential future topic. J. Scaggs suggested touching base on the 988 program as this initiative is rolling out in July. R. Immler mentioned sending any specific questions to M. Johnson.

8. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:30PM.