

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: WCMH Legislative and Policy Committee		Time Started: 12:30PM	Time Ended: 3:00PM	Attending: Committee members: - Barbara Beckert, Crystal Hester, Justin Odulana, Rick Immer, Amanda Anderson, Marc Herstand, Brian Michel, Jeanie Verschay, Kimberlee Coronado, Alice Sykora, Kit Kerschensteiner, Mary Neubauer DHS Staff – Teresa Steinmetz, Joannette Robertson, Ryan Stachoviak, Maddie Johnson Guests - Kathy Markeland, WAFCA, Justin Odulana, Kellie Liacopoulos, Giselle Granados-Mayorga, Jolene Plautz (lobbyist – WAMFT) , Linda Hall (Wisconsin Office of Children’s Mental Health)
Date: 11/12/2020				
Location: Zoom		Presiding Officer: Crystal Hester		

Minutes

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

C. Hester brought the meeting to order and LPC members introduced themselves.

Review and approval of the minutes of October 8, 2020

The committee members discussed edits to the minutes, including changing a label for a document to its accurate title (Blueprint for Change – Wisconsin Police Association).

K. Kerschensteiner moved to approve minutes

M. Neubauer seconded the motion to approve.

Motion carried, minutes approved unanimously. Later in the meeting, J. Odulana stated he abstained from this vote.

Announcements

A. Anderson mentioned the upcoming webinar on December 14th, which is the same link she has shared before on the WAMFT website. B. Beckert shared thanks for those who supported voters and encouraged individuals to complete a survey (for those with a disability and more generally). She stated she will send an email with more information to the group. She also mentioned the virtual listening sessions focused on health and public health issues hosted by Governor Evers. M. Neubauer mentioned WISE and how she will distribute the flyer. She also stated there is an upcoming coalition meeting on Tuesday the 17th, which is focused on the intersection of race and mental health. Additionally, M. Neubauer mentioned the MHA regional conference on December 1. There was a discussion focused on legislators and senators who have had successful bills focused on equity, justice and race. Evan Goyke, LaYonya Johnson, and Sheila Stubbs were all mentioned in the zoom chat. M. Herstand mentioned Lt. Governor Mandela Barns. L. Hall share the Accessing Children’s Mental Health Services map which is now available on the [OCMH home page](#).

K. Coronado shared a [link](#) in the zoom chat focused on the Speaker’s Taskforce on Racial Disparities. C. Hester mentioned the upcoming screening of the film Ernie & Joe and that more information can be found on the website she sends to M. Johnson. B. Michel discussed the veterans peer run respite program is opening on November 23rd with bed capacity for two individuals and that there will be a press release from DHS (R&R House).

Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH) Updates

C. Hester summarized fall speaker event and stated that the WCMH is trying to determine actionable items. Additionally, the committee discussed budget recommendations, the DSPS letter, and recordings of the fall speakers. K. Coronado

mentioned that the Nominating Committee is moving forward and some members met with the Secretary's Office/Governor's Office. L. Hall mentioned that A. Turtenwald may be able to help with the posting of the fall speaker videos.

M. Neubauer mentioned there is a live screening of Pierces of My Own Voice on December 11th from 7-8PM and afterwards there will be a discussion with a clinician.

Public comment

There was no public comment.

2. Legislative and Policy Updates, Discussion, and Action

C. Hester mentioned that the budget document was passed and encouraged people to attend the Governor's listening sessions. The committee also discussed how a state suicide prevention coordinator would be helpful. The committee also further discussed the Governor's Listening session including considering who would attend each session and potentially share the LPC budget priorities. The committee further discussed what could be done with the budget priorities including sharing a letter of introduction with Governor Evers as had been done in the past. J. Verschay shared that there are many people in the prison system who have tested positive for COVID-19 and the committee further discussed the details of this topic. K. Kerschensteiner mentioned the Department of Corrections had been sued for this issue. B. Beckert shared a [link to DOC COVID data](#). C. Hester mentioned putting this on the Criminal Justice Committee agenda.

The committee discussed the Blueprint for Change from the Wisconsin Professional Police Association and the Taskforce on policing. The committee specifically talked about the taskforce timeline and future recommendations as well as having the committee weigh in with the taskforce. M. Neubauer discussed an alternative to CIT which creates a community-engaged emergency first responder program and potentially having an individual come speak about this program. K. Coronado mentioned she will forward on a one pager about counseling-criminalizing in schools act which is working to replace officers with social workers and nurses.

3. Division of Care and Treatment Services Updates

T. Steinmetz shared that there is an upcoming public hearing for DHS 75 (substance use services administrative rule). She stated the hearing is virtual on November 13th from 12-3PM

J. Robertson shared about the Crisis Work/Workgroup Progress and Crisis Now Model. She discussed regional crisis call centers, mobile crisis and residential crisis stabilization which should all be based on evidence based care. She stated that in the fall of 2019, the Bureau conducted a survey with county crisis programs and was able to pull 5 recommendations from this survey, creating 5 workgroups. Additionally she mentioned that there is now a statewide crisis phone line to connect the local crisis system. LPC members discussed the presentation and general crisis work. R. Immler mentioned fall presentations on access and equity. Teresa mentioned the gaps analysis. C. Hester mentioned she can share information on the veteran workgroup.

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

The LPC members discussed diving further into the taskforce on policing. Another topic mentioned was the Covid-19 Pandemic and prisons. R. Immler mentioned that there is one more fall presentation and that fall presentations were recorded. He also mentioned that there will potentially be some workgroups.

5. **Adjourn**

Meeting convened at 3:09PM.

Prepared by: Maddie Johnson on 12.18.20.

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