

## OPEN MEETING MINUTES

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| Name of Governmental Body: Wisconsin Council on Mental Health |                       |                    | Attending: Council members: Mary Madden, Rick Immler, Wendy Henderson, Sheryl Smith, Ana Winton, Jessica Barrickman, Debra Lambole, Jessica Boling, Chrissy Barnard, Jerolynn Scaggs, Brian Michel, Karen Odegaard, Kimberlee Coronado, Lynn Harrigan, Kevin Kallas, Tim Peerenboom, Mark Eisner, Dawn Shelton-Williams,<br><br>DHS Staff: Maddie Johnson, Ryan Stachowiak, Holly Audley, Annie Larson, Kenya Bright, Alexa Nobis, Sarah Coyle, Hailey Young, Monique Hicks<br><br>Guests: Courtney Windorski (DCF), Marc Herstand (NASW WI). Ramsey Lee, Mike, Mary Kay Battaglia (NAMI Wisconsin), Tamra Oman, Mike Soukup |
| Date: 5/18/2022   | Time Started: 10:00AM | Time Ended: 3:30PM |  |
| Location: Zoom  |                       |                    |  |
| Minutes   |                       |                    | Presiding Officer: Dr. Rick Immler   |

### 1. Call Meeting to Order

R. Immler called the meeting to order. The meeting attendees introduced themselves. L. Harrigan read the WCMH guidelines for conduct of meeting.

**A Winton made a motion to approve the minutes of March 16, 2022.**

**J. Barrickman seconded the motion.**

**The minutes passed unanimously with one edit.**

J. Scaggs mentioned that May is Mental Health Awareness month and that the color for this month is green. R. Immler shared that he presented with Tim Saubers for WisconsinEye for Mental Health Awareness month.

B. Beckert mentioned that there is a virtual session on client rights. <https://disabilityrightswi.org/event/pac-event-06-2022/>

B. Beckert shared in the zoom chat: "The link I shared is for a June 1st session hosted by DRW's PAIMI Advisory Council. The Council invites you to a virtual session to learn about DRW's PAIMI advocacy assistance and systemic work."

### 2. Division of Care and Treatment Services (DCTS) and Department of Health Services Secretary's Office Briefing and Updates

This agenda item moved to later in the meeting.

### 3. Review, Discussion, and Approval of WCMH State Budget Priorities

- Executive Committee – Rick Immler

R. Immler discussed letters to and from the Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary's Office in regard to the Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG). R. Immler reviewed the items in the most recent letter from the Council and discussed the potential formation of a community coalition outside of the Council. L. Harrigan thanked R. Immler and K. Odegaard for their work. S. Smith stated she will send some edits for the letter to R. Immler and M. Johnson. B. Beckert mentioned recommending having quarterly meetings with the SO and the Council Chair. K. Odegaard mentioned that she provides representation on the Council from the SO office and

that a quarterly meeting would potentially be with her or another representative from the Secretary's Office. R. Lee, a member of the public, thanked the Council for their hard work. R. Lee also shared that the Governor's Committee for People with Disabilities is having a watch party of a video they created.

**L. Harrigan made a motion to send the response Mental Health Block Grant letter to the Secretary's Office.**

**C. Barnard seconded this motion.**

**The motion passed. K. Odegaard abstained.**

B. Beckert shared the following information in the zoom chat: "Following up on Ramsey's request: The Watch Party can be accessed via Zoom or by phone.

Join by Zoom

Join by Phone:

669-254-5252

Meeting ID: 161 429 8153"

K. Coronado shared in the zoom chat

"To celebrate this milestone and highlight Global Accessibility Awareness Day, the committee is hosting the #Access4All Video Watch Party via teleconference on Thursday, May 19, 2022, from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

The #Access4All video project highlights testimonials from people with disabilities and their caregivers about the physical and communication barriers experienced in health care settings. It is critically important that we listen and learn from the experiences and stories of individuals with disabilities, so that Wisconsin can continue to be a strong leader in offering the best quality of health care to all citizens.

During the watch party, the audience will view videos from GCPD's #Access4All video project, learn about communication and other tools available to address barriers in health care settings, and participate in a facilitated discussion about the videos and challenges faced by people with disabilities in health care settings.

The Watch Party can be accessed via Zoom or by phone.

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Join

visit GCPD's website"

B. Beckert discussed the motion passed by the Legislative and Policy Committee related to an increase in funding for peer run respite centers. The motion is: LPC requests the WCMH to endorse support for the continuation of increased funding for peer run respites and peer recovery centers in the biennial budget.

The Council discussed the difference between family support and peer run respite. S. Smith stated she will send edits to the motion to M. Johnson.

**The motion passed. K. Odegaard, J. Boeling, and K. Kallas abstained.**

The Council then discussed the motion from LPC related to support for regional crisis stabilization facilities. LPC requests the WCMH endorse support in the budget for regional crisis stabilization facilities to provide local resources and support for people experiencing a mental health crisis and provide an alternative to inpatient care. This should include initial funding to establish the program, and an annual sum certain appropriation.

**The motion passed. K. Odegaard, J. Boeling, and K. Kallas abstained.**

B. Beckert discussed the motion from LPC to support CSP (community support programs). The motion is that the WCMH should support Community Support Programs (CSP) in Wisconsin certified under DHS 63 fully funded by non-county tax levy sources in the upcoming State Budget. This is imperative to reduce Wisconsin's inpatient hospitalization use; create statewide access; and would be a step toward providing the evidence-based practice of Assertive Community Treatment (ACT).

The motion passed. **K. Odegaard, J. Boeling, and K. Kallas abstained.**

#### **4. Division of Care and Treatment Services (DCTS) and Department of Health Services Secretary's Office Briefing and Updates**

H. Audley stated that there are elevated levels of COVID-19 cases in facilities. H. Audley also mentioned that the Wisconsin National Guard has also been helping with Certified Nursing Assistant jobs. H. Audley stated that Jackie Nor retired at the Director of Northern Wisconsin Center. H. Audley stated there is an increase in the census at Winnebago Mental Health Institute.

T. Steinmetz provided updates on ARPA and CAA funding. This is the second year of CAA funded that started March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, and funding finishes March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The Bureau is working to send supplemental fund to counties and tribes as well as getting the year two contracts in place. Once the Bureau determines what was unspent from year 1, the Bureau will see if the counties and tribes want to delegate these funds to year two. T. Steinmetz stated that if there are still additional funds, the Bureau plan on doing outreach to counties and tribes who did not apply. T. Steinmetz stated there are capacity issues to administer the funding given workforce capacity across the state.

T. Steinmetz shared that the Regional Crisis Facilitation Facility GFO opportunity has been extended to the end of May. There are also recovery support initiatives. The Bureau has also almost finalized having a contract with a peer-run warmline provider. This warmline should be up and operational by the end of the year.

T. Steinmetz shared that the SABG supplemental crisis funding opportunity was released and that 80 law enforcement agencies have applied to carry Narcan. This program is a one-to-two-year pilot substance use treatment platform focused on creating a real time connection to treatment.

T. Steinmetz mentioned that a recent 988 survey was sent out via gov delivery. Additionally, the Substance Use Services Supervisor was hired and the ARPA Substance Use Coordinator was hired. DHS will submit agency budget on September 15<sup>th</sup>. K. Odegaard thanked the Council for taking time to develop budget priorities.

B. Michael introduced the motion from LPC which is the WCMH should support appropriating \$125,000 annually to provide grants to community suicide prevention coalitions.

**The motion passed. K. Odegaard, J. Boeling, and K. Kallas abstained.**

The Council considered the motion from LPC that the WCMH should support the creation of the Director of Suicide Prevention and staff support at the Department of Health Services with \$250,000 annually.

**The motion passed. M. Madden, J. Boling, K. Kallas, and K. Odegaard abstained.**

The Council considered the motion from LPC that the WCMH should support DHS Secretary budgetary recommendations to the Governor to either increase the MA group rate in Wisconsin to \$42.75 (Iowa's rate) or allow for billing for multiple units for service.

J. Barrickman suggested adding the group rate in Wisconsin to compare to Iowa's. The Council continued to discuss the motion.

**The motion passed. T. Peerenboom abstained.**

#### **5. Lunch Break**

The Council took a lunch break.

R. Immler presented the motion from the Adult Quality Committee that the WCMH should support funding in the Wisconsin DHS budget request for a quantitative behavioral health gaps analysis.

**The motion passed. K. Kallas and Karen Odegaard abstained.**

The Council considered the motion from the Criminal Justice Committee that the WCMH should support \$1 million dollars for Training and Technical Assistance for new hires for trauma informed care, diversity, equity, and inclusion, and person-centered planning training for Department of Corrections employees. Training and technical assistance shall incorporate support and leadership from those with lived experience.

B. Michel discussed the potential to amend the motion to include training for new hires because it may be challenging to give training to new staff. J. Barrickman shared in the zoom chat – “At the end of the motion possibly add one statement: Training and technical assistance shall incorporate support and leadership from those with lived experience.” K. Kallas said it may be helpful to look at what trainings already exist. R. Immler asked if the motion should go to the director of DOC. T. Oman suggested an amendment to make every effort to include a training partner with lived experience for TIC trainings.

The Council decided to amend the motions in two ways. First, the Council will add more information about funding, specifically to include training for new hires. Secondly, there will be an amendment to state when possible, making every effort to include a training partner with lived experience for TIC trainings.

**The motion passed. K. Kallas, K. Odegaard, and D. Lamboley abstained.**

B. Michael discussed the motion for the WCMH to support expanding the treatment alternatives and diversion (TAD) program through county and tribal grants by \$15 million, including expansion of mental health courts.

The Council discussed if \$15 million is the right amount of funds to support the TAD program expansion. The Council then discussed the breakdown of the funding and how much funding should go to TAD specifically with five million being directed to mental health support.

B. Beckert shared in the zoom chat “Governor's ask was: “\$15M GPR and 2.0 FTE GPR positions in fiscal year 2022-23

Legislature approved \$2.5MGPR in 2022 -23 for TAD grants”

Request for a total of 15 million.” And “I just did some more digging. Governor Evers included additional funding for TAD in the second year of his budget proposal as well as broadening the scope of the program to allow funding for Mental Health Treatment Courts.”

The Council discussed amending the motion to meet the request set by the Governor of \$15 million plus an additional amount for mental health and allocate up to \$15 million.

B. Beckert mentioned TAD is in the attorney general budget. R. Immler stated that TAD was not included in the DHS budget. B. Beckert shared TAD is in the DOJ budget.

**The motion passed as written with no amendments. T. Peerenboom, K. Kallas, and K. Odegaard abstained.**

B. Michael introduced the motion that the WCMH should support funding additional Certified Forensics Peer Specialists/Care Coordinators with \$7 million per year, which would provide for 100 Certified Forensics Peer Specialists per year.

M. Madden asked how the money could be administered. T. Oman said that corrections would need to be willing to administer this funding. K. Kallas asked if the mention of 130,000 in jail in the motion description is the right number. The Council discussed the additional costs to implementing peer specialists.

**M. Madden made a motion to amend the motion to \$7 million.**

**J. Barrickman seconded the motion.**

**The motion to amend the motion passed. D. Lambony opposed the motion. T. Peerenboom, K. Odegaard, and K. Kallas abstained.**

**The Council voted on the amended motion. The motion passed. D. Lambony, T. Peerenboom, K. Odegaard, and K. Kallas abstained.**

There were no Committee chairs present to share the Children and Youth Committee motions.

K. Coronado presented on a motion related to educational equity. S. Smith stated there is a lot of information missing in the Children and Youth motions.

M. Madden stated that 17-year-olds are treated as adults in Wisconsin and that sometimes younger children are also treated as adults.

J. Barrickman mentioned the third motion could be supported with the accepted track changes. J. Barrickman did not think the first motion has enough information. T. Steinmetz stated that DHS and DCTS has joint proposals for PRTFS in Wisconsin.

M. Madden thinks there should be Committee chairs present to consider an amendment on a motion and that the Council should vote on motions as presented.

The Council voted on the motion stating the WCMH should support the return of 17-year-olds to the juvenile justice system (from the adult system) and reallocate funds from incarceration of youth to the Youth Aids Program for local community-based prevention, early intervention, and supervision.

**The motion passed. T. Peerenboom and K. Odegaard abstained.**

The Council discussed motions one and two from the Children and Youth Committee. The Council decided to table these two motions until they are more complete.

**J. Barrickman made a motion to table the Children and Youth motions one and two for the July Council meeting.**

**D. Lamboney seconded this motion.**

**The motion passed. K. Odegaard abstained.**

K. Coronado discussed potential budget priorities from the Nominating Committee including providing stipends to people with lived experience who serve on councils. The Council discussed how statute prevents this type of reimbursement and K. Coronado discussed advocating for changing the statute.

## **6. WCMH Committee Reports, Discussion, and Consideration of Motions – Nonbudget related agenda items**

K. Coronado shared that there are re-appointments being considered for the Council.

**K. Coronado made a motion to recognize R. Immler for his service to the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health.**

**A. Winton seconded this motion.**

**The motion passed. R. Immler abstained.**

J. Scaggs shared information on Nic Dibble, a potential appointment for the Council. J. Scaggs shared that N. Dibble is a school social worker focused on school mental health and has prior experience on the Council. The Nominating Committee passed a motion recommending N. Dibble for appointment on the Council.

**The Council voted on this motion and the motion passed unanimously. N. Dibble's appointment will be recommended to the DHS Secretary's Office and the Governor's Office.**

The Nominating Committee recommended J. Barrickman to serve as the new Chair of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health. R. Immler added that J. Barrickman asks good questions and has experience in strategic planning.

**The Council voted on this motion from the Nominating Committee. The motion passed unanimously.**

R. Immler stated at the next Executive Committee meeting, he will share suggestions with the Committee to help with J. Barrickman's transition to the Council chair.

At the next meeting Legislative and Policy Committee meeting, Lisa Olsen, the Medicaid Director, will provide an update.

M. Soukup stated that on the Criminal Justice Committee motion, the 130,000 people in jails and detention facilities mentioned refers to the total number of people admitted in a year. This information is from the Office of Detention Facilities. M. Madden stated she thinks this number would not include Chapter 51.

K. Coronado shared in the Zoom chat:

"Increase Workforce of "Helpers" in schools (show current data on how many School psyches, counselors, Social workers,( I have data from 2016 if needed and to contrast during Covid )

Achieve this by collaborating with CMS's Specifically assigned to School Medicaid Funding

"States can now choose to expand school-based Medicaid programs to cover ALL Medicaid-enrolled students. Potential new, sustainable source of revenue from the federal government for services being provided to students.

States may consider expanding: Medicaid-eligible providers in schools and covered Medicaid services in school"

Here is Zoom Recording: Understanding the Medicaid in Schools Program - Zoom

Here are the slides: PowerPoint Presentation (aasa.org)

Here is Federal Guidance Letter: [smd-medicaid-payment-for-services-provided-without-charge-free-care.pdf](#)  
WI State Medicaid Plan

Here are two articles of support:

<https://ccf.georgetown.edu/2016/05/06/recent-changes-free-care-rule-put-federal-funds-back-table/>

<https://healthy> "

The Children and Youth Committee has created a summary of information on School Resource Officers (SROs) and will likely share this information with the Council in July.

T. Conor and L. Gebhart provided a PPS update to the Adult Quality Committee (AQC). The AQC spent the rest of the meeting working on budget recommendations. Then spent most of the time working on the budget recommendations.

R. Immler shared that L. Harrigan will be resigning in July so AQC will need to elect new Committee Chairs.

R. Immler stated there will be a Zoom presentation on June 15<sup>th</sup> from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Population Health Institute County Health Rankings and Roadmaps What Works for Health as well as the UW Madison La Follette School of Public Affairs.

The Nominating Committee shared that they are potentially working on creating an internal facing and public facing platform as a solution for sharing data such as Microsoft Sharepoint. Additionally, the Nominating Committee stated that formal thank you letters need to be written to K. Welch and L. Harrigan.

J. Barrickman stated that at the next Council meeting, the Council will wrap up budget priorities and then swing back to strategic planning.

K. Coronado mentioned that Dr. Dyslexia could be a potential presenter for the Council.

R. Immler shared that creating zoom presentations is time consuming and it may be additional work to create future zoom meetings. J. Scaggs mentioned that Wisconsin should consider joining an interstate counseling compact and R. Immler suggested reaching out to M. Herstand.

## **7. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 3:30PM.

Prepared by: Maddie Johnson on 8/19/2022.