

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

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Name of Governmental Body: Wisconsin Council on Mental Health - Legislative and Policy Committee			Attending: Barbara Beckert, Crystal Hester, Mary Neubauer, Hugh Davis, Jeanie Verschay, Alice Sykora, Kit Kerschensteiner, Justin Odulana, Kimberlee Coronado, Ryan Stachoviak, Teresa Steinmetz, Joyce Allen, Karen Odegaard, Linda Hall, Kathy Markeland, Rick Immler, Marc Herstand
Date: 3/12/2020	Time Started: 12:30pm	Time Ended: 3:00pm	
Location: Department of Health Services, 1 W. Wilson Street, Madison, WI			Presiding Officer: Crystal Hester
Minutes			

Meeting of the Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC)

March 12, 2020

12:30 pm to 3:00 pm

1 West Wilson Street, Conference Room 630, Madison, Wisconsin and Via Conference Call

Minutes

Members of the LPC in Attendance: Barbara Beckert, Crystal Hester, Mary Neubauer, Hugh Davis, Jeanie Verschay, Alice Sykora, Kit Kerschensteiner

Members of the LPC in Attendance via Teleconference: Justin Odulana, Kimberlee Coronado

Department of Health Services (DHS) Staff in Attendance: Ryan Stachoviak, Teresa Steinmetz, Joyce Allen, Karen Odegaard

Guests in Attendance: Linda Hall, Kathy Markeland, Rick Immler, Marc Herstand

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

Review and approval of the minutes of February 13, 2020

K. Kerschensteiner moved to approve the minutes

H. Davis seconded the motion.

Motion carried, minutes approved. M. Neubauer, K. Kerschensteiner, K. Coronado abstain.

Announcements

B. Beckert shared resources regarding voting in the current public health crisis including information regarding absentee voting. Disabilityvote.org has more information and resources. B. Beckert provided handouts to the group. L. Hall announced that the Office of Children's Mental Health (OCMH) released a new factsheet on bullying prevention. The factsheet is available on the OCMH homepage. H. Davis updated the group on staff changes at Wisconsin Family Ties.

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

2. Discussion and Review of Committee Membership and Leadership

C. Hester briefed the group on current LPC membership and encouraged the LPC members to refer interested people to the committee.

3. Legislative and Policy Updates, Discussion, and Action

R. Immler discussed the workforce budget proposal workgroup that is comprised of members of the LPC and WCMH. The group met recently and discussed training needs, supervision, and licensing, and data resources. One critical issue that was discussed was the need to support people who are Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DHOH) who are seeking their clinical license. Another challenge the group discussed is finding supervisors for training hours.

Qualified treatment trainee training was discussed by T. Steinmetz. This program was funded the state budget with a 1-1 match requirement, but in the last day, DHS found out that this match requirement was removed in the legislation. T. Steinmetz discussed a workgroup related to this effort. M. Herstand, J. Verschay, A. Sykora, and M. Neubauer expressed interest in being involved.

Clinicians have also expressed issues on licensing at DSPS. M. Herstand discussed the provisional licensure bill. Members discussed barriers experienced at DSPS and avenues for doing outreach with DSPS to better identify the agency's needs. M. Herstand advocated for laws to allow greater reciprocity among states.

A. Sykora briefed the group on a proposal that has been in the works for a long time to addresses barriers experiences by people who are DHOH who are trying to get their clinical hours. Costs for interpreter services and the costs incurred by provider agencies for supporting clinical hours are both concerns and barriers. This is an effort being developed with the intent of bringing it to the Governor for consideration.

Members of the LPC discussed the need for the committee to loop back with the Criminal Justice Committee and Children and Youth Committee for the budget priorities.

4. Crisis System Paper Discussion

K. Odegaard provided a presentation on the DHS Crisis System Paper. The Secretary's Office hope is to present this information to collect stakeholder input. R. Immler suggested that the role of the private sector also be reflected in the paper.

R. Immler mentioned that a lack of access to care should be considered. It is important that the need for working upstream is not lost through the process. K. Coronado suggested including information on the impact of crisis on caregivers and first responders. K. Odegaard noted that next steps will be bringing stakeholders together to discuss next steps, and make recommendations. H. Davis mentioned the value of separating out youth crisis services versus adult crisis.

It is also important to look at how people are entering and reentering the crisis system.

R. Immler mentioned that the paper looks at broad system improvements. Given different rates of access, it would be helpful to look at what elements of the service array are doing a good job. Members of the LPC suggested that the paper add in information on the crisis system and people who are DHOH, members of the Latino community, and people with intellectual disabilities.

Other aspects of crisis that members of the LPC suggested be considered included holistic family support, recommendations on new legislation, and trends over the year, including trends over the school year. Staffing patterns and length of wait for assessment are also important considerations.

5. Division of Care and Treatment Services Updates

J. Allen provided the group with a paper on health care suspension for inmates.

6. Agenda Items for the April 9, 2020 Committee Meeting

Members of the LPC suggested future discussion should focus on budget items and updates to the LPC's legislative tracking documents.

7. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:00pm.