

## OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Wisconsin Council on Mental Health and the Executive Committee			Attending: Council and Executive Committee members: Jessica Barrickman, Dawn Shelton-Williams, Sheryl Smith, Lynn Harrigan, Rick Immler, Barbara Beckert, Wendy Henderson, Tara Wilhelmi, Pam Lano, Mark Eisner, Brian Michel, Amy Polsin, Tim Perrenboom, Jessica Boling, Matt MacLean, Karen Odegaard, Phyllis Greenberger, Chrissy Barnard  DHS Staff: Maddie Johnson, Ryan Stackoviak, Teresa Steinmetz, Brad Munger, Jamie McCarville  Guests: Yengyee Lor (Consultant), Sita Diehl, Martha Libster
Date: 2.23.22	Time Started: 8:00AM	Time Ended: 4:30PM	
Location: Zoom			
			Presiding Officer: Rick Immler

### Minutes

#### 1. Call meeting to order

R. Immler called the meeting to order.

#### *Announcements*

B. Beckert mentioned tomorrow is the 2<sup>nd</sup> forum in a series about people with mental illness in the criminal justice system hosted by the Milwaukee Mental Health Taskforce and Disability Rights Wisconsin. B. Beckert shared the information via this meeting via email with M. Johnson and M. Johnson shared this email via the group. T. Wilhelmi is recruiting a mentor for a black youth and young adult program. B. Michel announced the [Prevent Suicide Wisconsin Conference](#) and that the conference is seeking breakout presenters.

The meeting attendees introduced themselves.

#### *Public comment*

There was no public comment.

Y. Lor outlined the foundations and agenda for the day. R. Immler and J. Barrickman provided a brief review of the intension of strategic planning and logic of the survey layout. R. Immler shared his process for determining survey themes by using a logic model.

#### 2. Discussion of the findings of the survey

J. Barrickman outlined the survey discussion steps and small group discussion topics for the survey results. The meeting broke into two breakout groups to discuss the survey results and the question "What from the survey surprised you? Stand out points? What was missing? What resonated with you?"

The meeting attendees rejoined the full group meeting and summarized their discussions. B. Beckert shared discussion from her group and that the group was concerned that not many of the Council members completed the survey. B. Beckert also discussed the concern that more funding needs to go to prevention. B. Beckert then discussed incarceration and how quality of treatment is the same as insufficiently treated. Additionally, B. Beckert mentioned treatment to division could be expanded and this could be helpful in the future. B. Beckert also discussed social determinants such as housing, long waitlists, and difficulty navigating systems.

S. Smith reported out for her group. S. Smith shared that her group thought there would be more of a focus on children and prevention. S. Smith also shared from the group other points including: 10 years are needed to

address each of the issues and that these issues have been brought up to the Bureau and Governor in the past. S. Smith shared other points including there needs to be increased access to Medicaid to access services. B. Michel added that the workforce development item of discussion also included developing the peer workforce.

R. Immler shared that less participants completed the later questions in the survey perhaps because the survey was complicated. Y. Lor mentioned that the survey started this conversation. L. Harrigan stated that the Council always needs to keep the consumer in mind.

### **3. Discussion regarding setting strategic planning goals**

The meeting attendees took a break and then went back into breakout rooms for discussion. The breakout rooms discussed the question "What themes are you hearing that may lead to priority areas?"

S. Smith reported out on the group 2 discussion. S. Smith said themes discussed included systems, workforce development, preventive services and access at the right time, trauma-informed care and peer support, Medicaid support to improve outpatient access, leveraging community-based systems, and changing the sources of funding for mental health care. The group then discussed how they may be tired from zoom so there was some silence during the breakout as they were thinking. A. Winton mentioned in the zoom chat that systems need to work together more collaboratively. J. Barrickman stated that access and equity is also a theme. S. Smith stated that workforce development has to do with compensation, recruitment, and the efficiency of licensure. B. Michel also added supervision of staff is a challenge when developing capacity.

B. Beckert shared a summary of what the other group discussed. B. Beckert stated her group discussed workforce issues, challenges for mental health treatment in jails and prisons, the challenges for youth access to services, DSPS barriers (licensure barriers), the importance of culturally appropriate care and support, system navigation challenges, inconsistencies in service options and quality across Wisconsin counties, the need for prioritizing prevention, the need to include evidence-based and practice-based evidence, diverting folks with mental health needs from jails and prisons, and the potential of merging the Mental Health Council and the State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (SCAODA).

J. Barrickman shared the overall themes she heard from the conversation: Jail prison/institutional care, Access, Workforce development, Data, Community based services not working together, Prevention and General Council structure. B. Beckert added navigation as a theme. B. Beckert also added diverting from jail and institutional care. The Council and Committee continued to discuss the themes. B. Beckert discussed that there are structural and statutory barriers that lead to a fragmented system. B. Beckert mentioned she did not think the themes captured social determinants including housing, benefits counseling, and employment.

### **4. Lunch Break**

The Council and Committee took a 30-minute lunch break.

### **5. Discussion regarding setting strategic planning objectives**

The Committee and Council looked at the themes (9) and discussed if these were the buckets they want to focus on. R. Immler is mentioning if access and equity is incorporated in the themes and J. Barrickman mentioned that access and equity could be built into all the priority areas. D. Shelton-Williams agreed it should be integrated in every area and it is noted somewhere. P. Greenberger agreed that equity should be a theme throughout all of the themes. B. Beckert mentioned that equity should include disability equity such as supporting individuals who are deaf and hard of hearing. P. Greenberger mentioned that access should be its own theme and equity should be built into all themes. D. Shelton-Williams suggested having access and equity as a theme as well as incorporating access and equity into all themes.

The Committee and Council continued to discuss whether Access and Equity should be a theme and part of every theme. W. Henderson asked if the Council has the resources to focus on data and R. Immler mentioned that the Council may have an advisory role, but not implementation capacity. T. Steinmetz mentioned that the Bureau is working on updating the PPS system. T. Steinmetz mentioned that even though the Council may

advise a change, the Bureau may not have the capacity to carry out the change. B. Michel mentioned the importance of improving county communication about data.

Y. Lor opened the discussion around goals and objectives. The Council and Committee members then split into two groups to discuss the goals and objectives under each of the 9 themes. The Council and Committee members took a break. Then, the Council and Committee members broke into groups to review and comment on the goals set by the other group.

The Committee and Council reconvened to discuss the goals. R. Immler mentioned that because the during the meeting, the Council did not get to the objectives and action items, the Council will need to consider how this discussion impacts budget priorities. Y. Lor discussed the next steps which include having the Executive Committee meet on February 28<sup>th</sup>. Y. Lor, M. Johnson, J. Barrickman, and R. Immler mentioned they will be meeting on March 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss next steps. W. Henderson mentioned that the plan still seems too broad and will be challenging to accomplish.

## **6. Adjourn**

R. Immler thanked the participants for their work and the meeting adjourned at 4:12PM.

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