

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: Wisconsin Council on Mental Health - Legislative and Policy Committee			Attending: Committee Members: Alice Sykora, Justin Odulana, Jeanie Verschay, Rick Immler, Nicole Ravens, Amanda Anderson, Mary Neubauer, Kit Kerschensteiner, Hugh Davis, Marc Herstand, Mary Neabauer, Kimberlee Coronado, Jolene Plautz DHS Staff: Maddie Johnson, Alexa Nobis, Teresa Steinmetz, Kenya Bright Guests: Beth Whittemore, Kathy Markeland
Date: 5/12/2022	Time Started: 12:30pm	Time Ended: 3:02pm	
Location: Zoom			Presiding Officer: Barbara Beckert and Brian Michel
Minutes			

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

- a. B. Beckert called the meeting to order, and Committee members introduced themselves.

2. Review and Approval of the April 14th, 2022, Meeting Minutes

- a. J. Verschay moved to approve the minutes of April 14th, 2022 with amendments
- b. A. Anderson seconded this motion.
- c. The motion passed with 0 abstentions

3. Announcements: Opportunity for committee members to make general announcements

- a. DRW-PAIMI is hosting a [virtual event](#) on June 1st discussing client rights and grievances.
- b. N. Ravens shared that the registration for the WI Peer Recovery Conference is opening and will be open through mid-July.
- c. MHA – Mental Health Month
- d. On May 9, 2022, Newsmakers Host Lisa Pugh sits down with Dr. Richard Immler, Adult and Child Psychiatrist and Chair of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health; and Tim Saubers, Certified Peer Specialist and Chair of the Wisconsin Protection and Advocacy for Individuals with Mental Illness Advisory Council to discuss mental health awareness. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8ob07LKbh0>

4. Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH) Updates..... R. Immler

- a. R. Immler shared that he is finishing up duties as chair and there is a candidate for the chair position. Voting will occur at the next Council meeting to determine the new chair.

5. Public Comment: The committee will accept comments from the public relating to any committee business.

- a. K. Markeland - June 21, 2022 Hybrid School-Based Mental Health Summit (Lacrosse)
<https://www.schoolmentalhealthwisconsin.org/6th-annual-growing-school-based-mental-health-summit/>

6. Medicaid Group Rate Discussion

- a. M. Herstand motions for the DHS Secretary to include in the 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.
- b. J. Verschay seconds that motion.
- c. The motion passed with 0 abstentions.
- d. M. Herstand will fill out the motion paperwork for the Council meeting next week.

7. Department of Health Services Updates

- a. Division of Care and Treatment ServicesT. Steinmetz

- i. T. Steinmetz shared an update on the budget process at DHS. There is no word on when the 1310 hearing will be held to release the crisis funds from the Committee on Joint Finance.
 - ii. K. Bright shared updates on peer supports and peer services.
 - b. **Division of Medicaid Services Administrator's Office**
 - i. DMS shared talking points via email to be sent out to meeting attendees regarding DMS updates.
- 8. **Vision and Priorities of LPCB. Beckert & B. Michel**
 - a. **Membership Vacancies**
 - i. The LPC determined what vacancies were available and discussed potential avenues of filling them.
 - ii. N. Ravens will reach out to Peer Run Centers (e.g. Milkweed) to see if anyone is willing to participate as a consumer on the Committee.
 - b. **Policy and Procedures**
 - i. The Committee discussed strategic planning and potential trainings for committee members.
 - ii. J. Plautz offered to provide training to the group on the budget and policy process this summer.
- 9. **Legislative and Policy updates, discussion, and Action.....B. Beckert & B. Michel**
 - a. Review of LPC Bill Tracking (motions will be considered on bills) B. Michel
 - i. Bill Tracker – nothing on the bill tracking. 3 bills that were continued on from the last meeting were vetoed by the governor.
 - b. State Budget Discussion and Planning
 - i. Housing InitiativesB. Beckert
 - Due to DMS being unable to attend to provide input, this item will be moved to the June meeting
 - ii. Criminal Justice Recommendations B. Beckert
 - 3 motions were being formulated via CJC.
 - a. TAD
 - b. Expanding Peer Support Specialist capacity in corrections
 - c. Person centered care / TIC training
 - c. Federal Legislation, Executive Actions or other Federal matters
 - i. This agenda item was not reached due to time constraints.
- 10. **Agenda Items for the June 9th, 2022, Committee meeting.....Barbara Beckert**
 - a. July - Brief educational session on the legislative process, including the budget motion form. (Jolene) – 20 mins, 20 mins of questions
 - b. DMS – Housing First and Free Care Rule updates
- 11. **Adjourn.....Barbara Beckert**

Prepared by: Alexa Nobis on 5/12/2022.

These minutes are in draft form. They will be presented for approval by the governmental body on: 6/9/2022