

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: WCMH Legislative and Policy Committee			Attending: Committee members: Kimberlee Coronado, Kit Kerschensteiner, Crystal Hester, Mary Neubauer, Alice Sykora, Amanda Anderson, Barbara Beckert, Hugh Davis, Jeanie Verschay, Justin Odulana, Kathie Knoble-Iverson, Marc Herstand, Michael Lappen DHS Staff: Maddie Johnson, Alexa Nobis, Joannette Robertson Guests: Giselle Granados-Mayorga (National Association of Social Workers, WI Chapter), Jolene Plautz (Lobbyist – WAMFT), Linda Hall (Wisconsin Office of Children’s Mental Health), Long Vue (Wisconsin United Coalition of Mutual Assistance Associations), Kathy Markeland (Wisconsin Association of Family and Children’s Agencies)
Date: 12/10/2020	Time Started: 12:30PM	Time Ended: 3:00PM	
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 November 12, 2020

J. Odulana moved to approve the minutes.

M. Herstand seconded this motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

A. Sykora mentioned that the recent fall presentation zoom recordings are not acceptable because there were no captions and this is not accessible for those who are deaf and hard of hearing. A. Anderson mentioned in the chat the [2020 WAMFT December Webinar](#). M. Lappen shared a press release from Milwaukee highlighting the New Mental Health Emergency Center planned for Milwaukee residents and B. Beckert stated this center will have an access clinic. L. Hall mentioned a briefing at the capital that is virtual which will have highlights from an Office of Children’s Mental Health report on January 7th, 2021 at 9AM. M. Herstand shared [the NASWWI winter webinar series](#).

Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH) Updates

C. Hester provided updates on the Access & Equity fall tour and workgroups. K. Coronado mentioned that the Nominating Committee is trying to streamline the onboarding process of new members and B. Beckert mentioned hoping this will mean current information will be posted on the website. G. Granados-Mayorga mentioned needing a diverse committee and thanked the council for listening to feedback. M. Herstand mentioned that the state selected award winners of expanding agencies.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. Legislative and Policy Updates, Discussion, and Action

C. Hester mentioned that the Criminal Justice Committee has not yet created budget priorities. The committee discussed the importance of created budget priorities around criminal justice issues and the vacancies in the Criminal Justice Committee. The committee also discussed potential budget priorities related to criminal justice including sending mental health professionals to crisis situations instead of police and banning seclusion and restraints in schools. K. Coronado specifically mentioned the [Keeping All Students Safe](#) Act and [the Counseling Not Criminalization in Schools Act](#). C. Hester mentioned the Speaker's Taskforce on Racial Disparities and then the committee took a break. Information on Reimagining Public Safety was also shared.

M. Herstand mentioned that there is a list of bills from the Governor to address covid-19 and one specifically requests that insurance companies pay for tele mental health. K. Kerschensteiner mentioned CMS expanded tele mental health services for 2021. The Committee then discussed tele mental health services.

C. Hester further discussed the Speaker's Taskforce on Racial Disparities and bills being promoted related to criminal justice. C. Hester also mentioned the NAMI screening of the Ernie and Joe film. The Committee continued to discuss CIT training and potentially creating a letter of response. B. Beckert mentioned in the chat concerns for individuals with a mental illness or disability (specifically Collin's Law which informs officers about individuals with disabilities) and K. Coronado stated there is no officer training to work with youth. K. Kerschensteiner mentioned Rock County's program for preventing isolation. K. Coronado mentioned the importance of education for youth and the school to prison pipeline.

3. Division of Care and Treatment Services Updates

M. Johnson mentioned that DCTS updates will be shared via email.

4. Agenda Items for the January 14, 2021 Committee Meeting

The Committee discussed future agenda items including policing, telehealth, the Governor's budget, and the Governor's listening sessions.

5. Adjourn

The meeting convened at 3:00PM.