

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

Name of Governmental Body: WI Council on Mental Health			Attending: Tamra Oman, Mary Delaney, Dennis Hanson, Brian Michael, Matt MacLean, Emillie Smiely, Mike Soukup, Advisory: Kevin Kallas, Suzanne Williams, Sarah Boulton, Laura Newman, Ex officio: Rick Immler Guests: Mark Eisner, Norman Briggs, Michelle Devine, Sandra Westerman, Paul Krupski
Date: 10/13/2021	Time Started: 10:01	Time Ended: 11:50	
Location: zoom			Presiding Officer: Tamra Oman

Minutes

1. Meeting was called to order by Co-chair Tamra Oman and council guidelines were shared. a. August minutes were approved with a motion by Mary Delaney, and second by Dennis Hanson. Motion carried.
2. Committee Business:
 - a. Update on the Opioid settlement by Paul Krupski, Director of Opioid Initiatives.

Paul shared the press release that the Department of Health Services issued on August 10, 2021. The one settlement Wisconsin received so far is the McKinsey settlement funds. DHS will receive nearly \$10.4 million over five years for work to save lives. With 70% going to county and municipalities, and 30% to the state based on legislation. Funds will be distributed through the counties and tribes because they already had local provider relationships. DHS will do an annual report by April 1st until all funds are expensed.

Over the next five years funding will include; prevention programs, mobile harm reduction, room and board coverage in residential programs, short term and long term housing coverage. Housing voucher for people in recovery hasn't been able to be funded until now. Peer Support and Recovery coaches important and mention of a Medicaid benefit to support peer support and recovery coaches. Room and board costs for people in residential treatment settings. There is a long list of things to do and consider as more settlement money comes in. Members raised the issue of people on Dept. of Corrections (DOC) supervision not allowed on county resources. Paul shared the DHS has a good existing relationship with DOC. Funding from DHS needs to get out the quickest way possible, and that would be through existing contracts. Future focus on people of color because of Wisconsin's poor health ratings. Paul agrees with the need to build provider capacity in those communities.

Additional settlements: There is a lot in the media and this needs to be taken with a grain of salt. Other settlements are to be determined. Rick Immler, Chair of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health Council shared that he appreciated staff, but the county chapter 51 system is a 50 year old model and DHS should fund where the people receive services. Members shared how wonderful it was to hear the news about additional funding and asked why Wisconsin health care numbers were so bad. Rick Immler shared Tribes struggle with the county dynamic, and we need to fund where people are served. Members were reminded about the zoom webinar on Medicaid at 1200 pm by the WI Council on Mental Health (WCMH). These webinars will be posted to the council website.

- b. Legislation and budget updates postponed until next meeting because Brian Michel had to leave and he will send an update to the committee by mail.
- c. Committee membership update. Laura Newman shared her outreach to another organization and she is waiting for a response. Two new members were added to this committee, but were unable to attend today. An updated roster will be shared with committee members. The need for attendance was discussed.

Workgroups to craft recommendations for the Mental Health council. Suggestions included: housing, real treatment opportunities in prison. Members discussed issues specific to corrections including the need for staff, space, and case management. Kevin Kallas shared there is also an epidemic of drugs coming into the prisons. Mary Delaney shared information on out of custody revocation and suggested Payal Khandhar of Jasti & Khandhar who spoke at the Nehemiah conference on out of custody revocations as a speaker for this committee. Autumn Lacy suggested to speak to the committee.

- d. Updates: Information zoom meeting at 1200pm today. On Medicaid hosted by the WCMH. The next zoom info meeting will be on advocacy and the date is 11/10/21.
- e. No public comment.

- 3. Agenda items for December 8, 2021 meeting include Division of Community Corrections and workgroups

Prepared by: Jamie McCarville on 10/15/2021.

These minutes are in draft form. They will be presented for approval by the governmental body on: 12/8/2021