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**MEETING OF THE LEGISLATIVE AND POLICY COMMITTEE
OF THE WISCONSIN COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH**

February 8, 2018

12:30 pm to 3:00 pm

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

Members of the Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC) of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health

(WCMH) in Attendance: Crystal Hester, Shel Gross, Tammy Conrad, Phil Robinson, Joanne Juhnke, Justin Odulana, Kit Kerschensteiner, Mary Neubauer, Elizabeth Viera, Mike Lappen (via Teleconference), Kathie Knoble-Iverson (via Teleconference)

Guests in Attendance: Mishelle O'Shasky (WCMH), Lauren Kelly (National Association of Social Workers), Peter Welch (Wisconsin Medical Society)

Department of Health Services (DHS) Staff in Attendance: Ryan Stachoviak, Joyce Allen, Kay Cram

MINUTES

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

Review and approval of the minutes of January 11, 2018

K. Kerschensteiner moved to approve the minutes of January 11, 2018.

J. Odulana seconded the motion.

Motion carried, J. Juhnke and M. Neubauer abstained.

Announcements

C. Hester announced that the NAMI Wisconsin Annual Conference will be held April 20-21 in Elkhart Lake. Mental Health Advocacy Day will be held on May 3. K. Kerschensteiner announced that Disability Advocacy Day will be held March 20th in Madison. S. Gross announced that the Prevent Suicide Wisconsin Annual Conference will be held April 12 and 13 in Wisconsin Dells. M. O'Shasky announced the creation of The Peer Association: <https://www.peerassociation22.org/>.

Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH) Updates

M. O'Shasky provided an update on recent Council activities. The WCMH conducted additional strategic planning at the most recent meeting. The WCMH determined that the Council will take on Early Intervention and Prevention as a focus in 2018. The Council will also continue to address membership and Council structure.

March Joint Meeting with Children and Youth Committee (CYC) and Criminal Justice Committee (CJC)

Members of the Committee discussed options for holding a combined meeting with the CJC, LPC, and CYC. S. Gross suggested that if representatives of each committee can be brought together at a meeting that may be a better option rather than finding a time all three committees are available.

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

2. Position Paper Topic Brainstorming

C. Hester introduced the discussion topic of avenues for creating new position papers, such as workforce, and juvenile justice. J. Juhnke noted that CYC efforts to create principles around education may be an opportunity for a finalized position paper. Topics that were suggested by members of the LPC include: workforce, access to services, Medicaid, private insurance, including issues around parity and essential health benefits, criminal justice, Long Term Care, confidentiality, transportation, supportive services such as housing and work, hiring practices, access to records, special populations such as Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Veterans, and LGBTQ.

Members discussed the function of the document of this type including determining core areas of focus, inclusion of data and assigning people to lead topics once they are selected. S. Gross suggested that the WCMH decide what sort of template should be utilized for these types of papers. P. Robinson suggested that groups be brought together to better map out this process and these papers.

3. Legislative and Policy Updates, Discussion, and Action

S. Gross discussed bill tracking documents that were provided to the committee. There has not been a Senate sponsor for the Peer Run Respite zoning legislation. J. Juhnke discussed seclusion and restraint legislation. There has been a stakeholder group continuing to work on this legislation. Though there may not be time in the current session for the legislation there may be opportunity in the 2019 session.

T. Conrad provided updates regarding AB906 and AB907. The legislation is intended to increase the number of substance abuse treatment providers; however there is concern that the legislation may go outside the scope of practice as master's level clinicians would not be recruited to be certified to treat substance use. The bill also does seem to circumvent the rule making process. Members noted their concerns over the potential impact of the bills. Eliminating the Substance Abuse Counselor certification could have large impacts. S. Gross suggested that this would be a good area for future discussion with SCAODA.

4. Division of Care and Treatment Services Updates

J. Allen announced that the BPTR is planning to hold a meeting regarding Veteran's Peer Run Respite in Milwaukee on March 1 at the Milwaukee State Office Building. The BPTR is also working Wisconsin Voices for Recovery around opiate issues. This is part of an overall effort to develop recovery coaches.

The group has also had discussions regarding opportunities for increasing peer supports for co-occurring and opiate abuse.

5. Agenda Items for March 2018 Committee Meeting

Future agenda items that were noted:

- Template and guidelines on position papers
- Position paper topics
- Priority planning
- Legislative session recap
- Invite Department of Safety and Professional Services staff for a discussion

6. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 2:53pm.