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Meeting of the Legislative and Policy Committee
December 13, 2018 from 12:30 pm to 3:00 pm
1 West Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin and via Teleconference

Members of Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC) in Attendance: Crystal Hester, Joanne Juhnke, Mary Neubauer, Kathie Knoble-Iverson, Justin Odulana, Alice Sykora, Shel Gross, Mike Lappen (via teleconference), Barbara Beckert (via teleconference),

Guests in Attendance: Chelsea Crane, Jeanie Verschay, Brian Michel

Department of Health Services Staff in Attendance: Ryan Stachoviak, Joyce Allen

MINUTES

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

Review and approval of the minutes of November 8, 2018

K. Knoble-Iverson moved to approve the minutes of November 8, 2018.

S. Gross seconded the motion.

Motion carried, minutes approved.

Announcements

B. Beckert announced that the Disability Rights Wisconsin (DRW) PAMI Advisory Council is still looking for a member who has received mental health services and is Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHOH). The Wisconsin Elections Commission Advisory Committee is also hoping to recruit a member who can bring that perspective to the group. The DRW Board is holding a listening session in La Crosse on December 14.

J. Odulana announced that he had attended the Governor-Elect Tony Evers public input that was held recently in La Crosse. C. Hester discussed other upcoming opportunities in December to attend one of Governor-Elect Evers' listening sessions across Wisconsin.

Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH) Updates

The next WCMH meeting will be held on January 16th.

Public Comment

J. Verschay discussed upcoming funding opportunities from the Federal government and offered to provide assistance on providing information on the various budget priority areas if it would be helpful to the LPC.

2. Discussion and Review of Committee Membership and Leadership

C. Hester informed the LPC that Grassroots Empowerment Project (GEP) has informed the LPC that GEP is dissolving as an organization. GEP had previously held an organizational seat on the LPC. Members discussed options for recruiting a new organizational member to the LPC. Members suggested a representative from recovery centers or peer run respites in Wisconsin. The LPC currently also has two at large vacancies, as well as WCMH vacancies.

C. Hester discussed opportunities for members of the LPC to take on leadership roles on the committee. The LPC currently has openings for co-chair, a lead for bill tracking, and coordinating meetings with legislators. The committee will also need a volunteer to chair upcoming meetings when C. Hester is not available to chair the meeting. M. Neubauer will coordinate meetings with the Governor's office. Barbara Beckert will coordinate meetings with DHS leadership.

C. Hester has been in touch with a group of students from the University of Wisconsin who expressed interest in getting involved on the LPC and may be interested in providing support in bill tracking. B. Michel offered to be a lead on bill tracking for the LPC.

Members of the LPC discussed recurring advocate meetings held between members of the WCMH, the committees, and the DHS Secretary's Office, including the history of the meetings, and whether any changes are needed.

3. Legislative and Policy Updates, Discussion, and Action

Budget Priority Planning

Members reviewed the budget priority document, and looked at gaps in the document. Areas regarding Criminal Justice that need to be better developed. Members of the Criminal Justice Committee (CJC) are planning on developing areas regarding Juvenile Justice and other Criminal Justice related areas. The CJC hopes to have a draft written by January 7th that can be brought to the Council.

C. Hester briefed the LPC that once the document is finished the hope is to set up meetings with the Governor's office and members of the Legislature. In the past two versions of the budget priorities were created, a long version and a short version. The short version is helpful when making asks with the Governor and Legislators.

B. Beckert provided an update regarding Governor-Elect Evers' Health Advisory Council. B. Beckert and M. Neubauer have been asked to serve as members. Each member was asked to submit recommendations for the new administration. Recommendation submitted by B. Beckert include supporting Medicaid expansion, and changing harmful areas of the BadgerCare waiver. Other priorities are to support children with disabilities by ending waiting lists for long term supports and provide support and guidance for families, to defend Medicaid coverage for people who are incarcerated, addressing the Long Term Care work force crisis, support housing first, and treatment for D/HOH Wisconsinites.

Other, more immediate actions recommended by B. Beckert include: providing support for MAPP as changes been held up due to lack of positions, to make some financial eligibility changes, convene a governor's

commission on the mental health workforce, and assure eligibility determination for Long Term Care reflect the legal requirements. Additional recommendations are to improve oversight and accountability for Non-Emergency Medical Transport (NEMT), to extend DQA oversight to small adult family homes, improve access to dental care for Medicaid recipients, and to improve access to vision care for Medicaid recipients.

M. Neubauer briefed the LPC on the recommendations she submitted through the advisory council. They include addressing the mental health workforce, developing and expanding housing first programs, mental health treatment access for people who are DHOH, expanding financial support for peer and family run organizations, the need for startup funds for peer run organizations, and funding and technical assistance for Individual Placement and Supports (IPS). Additional recommendations are to address financial eligibility requirements for Medicaid, changing eligibility for Medicaid in the MAPP program, creating a separate children's mental health code, and modernizing the state's codes.

J. Juhnke provided a presentation on Wisconsin Family Tie's policy recommendation document WFT Policy Priorities 2019. Highlights include system of care efforts, starting an approach that would reach across all of the different systems that children with SED and other mental health needs encounter. Infusing the wraparound principles to the CCS piece is a first step in a large goal. The CYC had a presentation from the BPTR regarding this effort. One future opportunity is a System of Care grant through SAMHSA. While the RFP for this cycle just came out there could be an opportunity to apply for this grant at the next cycle. The WFT is hoping that work can be started now to best position the state to apply for these funds in two years when the next cycle comes around.

State Legislation and Review of LPC Bill Tracking and Bills to Review and Approve

Members discussed Legislature committees. There will be new legislative committees that will focus on Medicaid and Substance Abuse.

C. Hester provided an update from the Wisconsin Medical College on the Child Psychiatry Consultation Program. The program received funding through a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant. This will allow for the program to expand into the Southwestern portion of the state over the next five years. The program is planning to expand to the Northeast region of the state by the end of the year. When asked what advocates can do to help the program it was suggested that marketing and public awareness of the program would be beneficial. It would be helpful for more providers with shortages in their area to know about this resource.

Members of the LPC discussed Senate Bills 883, 884, and 886.

B. Beckert moved that the WCMH send a letter to Governor Walker requesting that he veto Senate Bills 883, 884, and 886 as the procedures used for the legislation did not allow the citizens of Wisconsin time to comment on the legislation, in particular people with a disability.

K. Knoble-Iverson seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Division of Care and Treatment Services Updates

R. Stachoviak provided an update on the Wisconsin Federal disaster declaration. As a result of the disaster declaration made October 18 several Wisconsin counties were made eligible for funding for the Crisis Counseling Program (CCP). The CCP provides outreach, support, and referral to people impacted by the severe storms, flooding, tornadoes, straight-line winds, and landslides in August through September of 2018. Crisis Counseling Program An initial application was submitted for this funding in partnership with Wisconsin Emergency Management, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) awarded roughly \$240,000 to Wisconsin for this initial short term effort. Services are being implemented and provided at this time through a contract with the Wisconsin Community Action Program. An application for an additional nine months of funding will be submitted in the coming days.

R. Stachoviak announced that the Bureau of Prevention Treatment and Recovery recently issued a funding opportunity for counties and tribal nations to implement systems improvements to better serve youth and young adults experiencing an early serious mental illness.

5. Agenda Items for the January 2019 Committee Meeting

The LPC plans to follow up on Senate Bills 883, 884, and 886 at the January meeting.

6. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.