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Meeting of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH)

January 15, 2020

10:00 am to 3:30 pm

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

1801 Aberg Avenue, Madison, WI – Conference Room 101 and via Conference Call

Members of the WCMH in Attendance: Rick Immler, Kimberlee Coronado, Crystal Hester, Inshirah Farhoud, Lynn Harrigan, Ana Winton, Sheryl Smith, Holly Audley

Members of the WCMH in Attendance via teleconference: Dawn Shelton-Williams, May yer Thao, Kevin Kallas, Jerolynn Bell-Scaggs

Department of Health Services (DHS) Staff in Attendance: Kenya Bright, Cory Flynn, Teresa Steinmetz, Joannette Robertson, Ryan Stachowiak, Sarah Coyle, Mike Christopherson, Karen Odegaard

Guests in Attendance: Tim Peerenboom (Department of Public Instruction), Mary Kay Battaglia (NAMI Wisconsin, attending via teleconference)

Minutes

1. Call Meeting to Order

Welcome and introductions

Members of the WCMH introduced themselves and their role on the Council.

Read WCMH guidelines for conduct of meeting

S. Smith read the WCMH guidelines.

Review and approval of the minutes of November 20, 2019

C. Hester moved to approve the minutes from November 20, 2019.

L. Harrigan seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

Announcements

C. Hester announced NAMI Wisconsin Action on the Square will be held May 2nd; registration is also open for annual conference. S. Smith announced that the Adult Quality Committee will be holding meetings again, and is

planning to hold a meeting in the near future. K. Coronado announced the documentary “Not Enough Apologies” is available on PBS. Dr. Ross Greene is presenting January 20th at the Whitewater auditorium.

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

2. Mental Health Data Presentation

R. Immler provided a presentation focusing on public mental health data and outcomes.

3. Planning Priorities and Goals for 2020

R. Immler provided a presentation on challenges, opportunities, and goals for improving the mental health system.

4. Working Lunch

5. WCMH Committee Reports, Discussion, and Consideration of Motions

Executive Committee

R. Immler provided an update on the Executive Committee’s recent meeting. There were no urgent action items that were discussed. C. Hester provided an update on the letter that was sent to the Speakers Task Force on Suicide Prevention. C. Hester encouraged members of the WCMH to continue thinking about discussing Council’s positions with representatives. Representative Ballweg sent a reply thank you email regarding the letter which was shared with the members of the WCMH.

Children and Youth Committee (CYC)

K. Coronado provided a briefing on the CYC. The new chairs are Amy Polsin and Phyllis Greenberger. The group continues to work on a white paper for workforce development.

Criminal Justice Committee (CJC)

R. Stachoviak reviewed the minutes from the CJC. The CJC has discussed planning for budget priorities, new members, CJC accomplishments, and current legislation.

Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC)

C. Hester briefed the group on AB633 regarding contracting for transportation for emergency detentions. This past October Attorney General Kaul held a summit and the focus was emergency detention. C. Hester discussed impact of emergency detentions on a person, including trauma. Emergency detentions can also be very costly for communities due to the transportation costs associated. This legislation would allow for contracting for providing emergency transports. The legislation has been referred to the senate as SB 565.

Advocates from NAMI and DRW, though understand the need for this legislation, have expressed the need for standards and best practices to be in place. The first priority should be the health and safety for the person in crisis, being attuned to trauma. Other states have used a NEMT sort of model in Minnesota and Virginia that could be informative for Wisconsin.

One of the takeaways from the summit was the diversity of perspectives among the officers there. Some felt uncomfortable with involvement with mental health situations; others felt that as a first responder they would always be involved in these types of solutions.

Nominating Committee

K. Coronado discussed the need for members of the Nominating Committee.

6. Division of Care and Treatment Services (DCTS) Briefing and Updates

T. Steinmetz provided a briefing for the WCMH. The Bureau of Prevention Treatment and Recovery has a new Substance Use Section Chief, Andrea Jacobson, she will be starting in early February. H. Audley provided a briefing on the new DHS pillars, which are priority areas for the Department. The areas are the full integration of behavioral health, improving the long term care system, making DHS a destination workplace, and an overarching emphasis on health equity.

The Secretary's Office has added staff to help work between the Secretary's Office and the Divisions with the intent of breaking down some of the siloing that occurs and integrating the work of the Divisions. DCTS also has undergone some reorganization adding the Office of Budget and Performance Management. A leader of the office is being recruited right now and six additional budget and policy positions are being added. In addition, the DCTS Assistant Administrator was filled by Gynger Steele. Also, it has been announced that Jessica Andrews is the new director of Winnebago Mental Health Institute.

J. Robertson discussed the Individual Placement and Supports (IPS) program that supports competitive employment. People in PS are 2-3x more likely to find a job. According to the data 1608 people were served via IPS last year. IPS can also provide supported education. In Wisconsin IPS is funded via the Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) which funds one staff person, and a program that is very high fidelity. Currently there are 24 counties that have been on a waiting list for IPS, some for several years. Because of the potential for expansion of the program, in 2020 the BPTR is allocating more funding to add an additional person with the goal of bringing other counties on in 1-2 years. It is hoped that the BPTR can continue to engage other counties to continue expansion. Also, in 2019 Milwaukee County also decided to use county dollars to hire a Milwaukee IPS person. As part of the BPTR's implementation of Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) IPS is included as a critical piece of the program which has also allowed expansion through that effort as well.

Members of the WCMH discussed the LPC and the Adult Quality Committee (AQC) could be groups that could help look more into opportunities for expanding IPS.

Karen Odegaard joined the meeting and discussed her role as the new External Affairs Liaison with DHS. Her role is to ensure DHS is having meaningful involvement with boards and councils, including the WCMH.

Crisis System Improvement Updates

J. Robertson discussed the crisis system workgroup which is a collaboration with the Wisconsin County Human Services Association to help build and develop Wisconsin's crisis system. The group has looked at the Crisis Now model as a way to address the crisis system improvements. Components of this model include regional crisis call centers, regional crisis stabilization best practices and principles. The group has worked to provide trainings across the state and plans to continue evidence based practice training as well. The BPTR completed a crisis system survey of the county crisis systems. The BPTR plans to analyze that data this first quarter which will be used to inform system improvements moving forward. Another consideration in the process is the rollout of the national crisis call line. Another urgent piece to address is regional crisis stabilization and lack a regional diversion beds.

In addition, legislation passed that was passed which now allow allows the state to cover the non-federal share of for crisis services. Counties have a maintenance of effort requirement associated with the funding. There are currently 12 counties that are not certified to bill Medicaid, so those agencies would need to apply.

J. Robertson announced in February the BPTR is planning to release the Suicide in Wisconsin report which is released every five years.

T. Steinmetz provided a briefing on rules. DHS 75 in in the initial stages of being rewritten. The rule is one that is all encompassing related to substance use. Some of the main foci are moving it from being a siloed rule to more of a co-occurring rule. The rewrite has been a collaborative process across the sections of the Bureau.

DHS 50, the Youth Crisis Stabilization Rule is a new rule to allow for certification of a youth Crisis stabilization facility in Wisconsin. This new rule is a change in that the regulation falls under DHS rather than similar programs under DCF. The certification will be a standalone certification. BPTR created an emergency rule, followed by a permanent rule. The final rule is still in process. Applications for the awards for the program are due February 14th.

DHS 40 is the Adolescent Day Treatment rule, which was an older out of date rule in many ways. An advisory committee provided guidance to BPTR, including guidance on changes to supervision requirements to ensure prescribing oversight could be provided. There was recently a public hearing on the rule and that feedback will be taken into consideration. R. Immler noted having outcome data on this service would be beneficial.

7. Open Discussion - "Who are We, Why are We Here?"

Members of the WCMH shared their personal stories of their backgrounds and what brought them to participating with the WCMH.

8. Call for future WCMH agenda items

- Discussing the fall tour, and the potential of visiting a facility
- Suicide in Wisconsin report
- Gaps analysis
- 2020 MHBG Report

- What opportunities are there with Medicaid expansion for educating and how Medicaid expansion could impact mental health, and does DHS have any analysis or plans for promoting the benefits.

9. **Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 3:20pm.