

OPEN MEETING MINUTES

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| Name of Governmental Body: Certified Peer Specialist Advisory Committee | | | Attending: Members: Tanya Kraege, Amy Yonker, April Luderus, Todd Campbell, Catherine Oretto, Chris Bivins, David Stanley, DeAnna Cobun, Kara Gaspervich, Kimberlee Coronado, Lynette Zarcone, Terry Crawford, Oleka Parker State and Contract Staff: Kenya Bright, Marguerit Galindo, Acienda Yang, Kaeden Watford, Joannette Robertson, Julie Nailpinski, Lynn Maday-Bigboy, Katie Sparks, Leanne Delsart, Karen Odegaard, and Tiffaney Nielson |
| Date: 6/13/2025 | Time Started: 12:35 pm | Time Ended: 3:09pm | |
| Location: Join the meeting now | | | Presiding Officer: Tanya Kraege |
| Minutes | | | |

Call to Order: Tanya Kraege, CPSAC co-chair, called the meeting to order at 12:33pm.

Teams Logistics: Marguerit Galindo, CPSAC lead staff, reviewed Teams logistics:

- Voting is conducted using the “Raise Hand” function (raise hand = yes; do not raise hand = no or abstain).
- Members should remain muted unless speaking and raise their electronic hand to contribute.
- Speakers should state their name before speaking.
- Closed captions are available.
- Public guests may not vote or participate in the discussion (verbally or in chat) but are allotted three minutes during the Public Comment portion to share concerns, thoughts, insights, and/or ideas.

Welcome and Introductions: Members and DHS staff introduced themselves. Public guests were invited to introduce themselves in the chat.

Announcements: No announcements

Review and approve June 13, 2025 minutes: Motion to approve: Oleka Parker; Second: DeAnna Cobun; Vote: Unanimous approval

Peer Values: Tanya Kraege shared reflections on the importance of self-awareness and self-care. She emphasized recognizing personal needs, setting boundaries, and making intentional choices that protect peace and support growth. Tanya highlighted self-care as an ongoing journey that leads to being more present, patient, and fulfilled.

Peer Presentation: Interagency Council on Mental Health presented by Joannette Robertson, Karen Odegaard, Michelle Hayes, and Paul Kropski.

Overview: The Interagency Council on Mental Health is conducting listening sessions with community partners and key voices to better understand Wisconsin’s mental health landscape.

Key Statistics:

- 1 in 4 adults report anxiety or depression.
- Nearly 50% have not received treatment.

- Over 10% of adults with mental illness are uninsured.
- 929 suicide deaths in 2022 (39% increase since 2000). Each suicide impacts approximately 135 individuals.
- Youth data: 59% of high school students report mental health challenges; nearly 9% attempted suicide.

Council Purpose: Created by Governor Evers to connect state agencies, reduce stigma, expand access, and ensure timely, affordable, and trauma-informed services. Involves 10 cabinet-level agencies and additional partners.

Workgroups:

- **Strong Foundations** – is focused on how to foster a culture and environment that promotes mental wellness. The stronger these foundational elements are the more protected people are when experiencing mental health challenges. This group thinks about housing, affordable childcare, social connectedness, prevention, and awareness.
- **Coordinated Response** – is focused on how agencies can help ensure when a person or loved one needs help, they can get the care they need no matter their mental health symptoms or which door they come through. This workgroup thinks about ensuring timely, affordable, accessible, and trauma-informed services; “no wrong door” approach.

Engagement: Members participated in breakout groups responding to five key questions about strong foundations, coordinated responses, barriers, and opportunities.

Next Steps: Feedback will inform the Council’s statewide action plan and be shared with colleagues in state agencies. Survey is open through June 30, 2025.

Break for 10 minutes

Public comment (limited to three minutes per person): No public comments.

Subcommittee Report Out:

- **Governance:** Reported by Marguerit Galindo, met May 17, 2025. Quorum not met; reviewed Bylaw edits from Kenya. Workgroup scheduled to finalize edits to prepare for July vote.
- **Membership:** Reported by Kimberlee Coronado and Oleka Parker. Meets first Monday monthly. Current work includes reviewing new member applications, developing an orientation presentation, and drafting communication templates to address attendance issues. Emphasis on subcommittee participation and quorum.
- **Professional Development:** Reported by Todd Campbell. The subcommittee is focusing on investigation and enforcement of ethical violations. They met with Caregiver’s Background Check staff to explore its use in addressing violations and are researching how other states handle ethical violations. Also, researching dispute resolution between peers, peer entities and payers of these services. Work is in early stages, with both areas being explored simultaneously.
- **Employment:** Reported by Marguerit Galindo. The Employment Subcommittee has been supporting DHS in peer perspective edits of the Employer’s Toolkit. Conducting peer-run organization presentations, with upcoming peer-run respite coalition presentation to highlight differences in peer-run vs. multidisciplinary models.

CPSAC co-chair election: DeAnna Cobun elected as new CPSAC co-chair.

DCTS Update: Reported by Joannette Robertson, Deputy Director of Bureau of Prevention, Treatment and Recovery.

- Parent Peer Specialist survey closed June 7, 2025; report forthcoming.
- DHS 72: Allows Medicaid reimbursement for Peer Recovery Coaches in state-certified programs. Broad definition expands role to both SUD and MH.
- DHS 31: New urgent care and observation facilities rule published June 16, 2025. Supports “no wrong door” crisis response.
- DHS 33: Creates crisis hostels for stabilization under 24 hours.
- DHS 75: Revised substance use standards to allow integrated services such as MH & SUD treatment.
- Gaps Analysis: Contracted with UW Population Health Institute. Includes interviews, focus groups, and statewide survey. Report expected end of 2025.
- BPTR Peer Strategic Planning: Peer Collaborative Workgroup is approximately 20 staff engaged monthly. Requests CPSAC’s involvement in shaping future peer services priorities for the Peer Strategic Planning project.

Certified Parent Peer Specialist (CPPS) Updates: Reported by Lynn Maday, Peer Coordinator

- Funding April–September 2025.
- Scope of Practice, Code of Ethics, and Core Competencies under DHS review.
- Curriculum updates in process.
- Bi-monthly CPPS networking group beginning July for peer capacity-building and resource sharing.

Access to Independence Contractor Report: Kaeden Watford, Peer Specialist Workforce Development Coordinator reports the attached WIPSEI Report Out CPSAC 61325.

Agenda items for next meeting:

- Future peer/parent peer organization presentation ideas:
 - Chris Bivins – Center for Suicide Awareness
 - Reach out to Parent Peer Organizations to see if they want to present their organization
- Peer Collaborative Workgroup – Peer Strategic Planning Discussion
- NAPS dissolution updates
- Parent Peer Specialist Organizations directory
- Topic for Peer Voice: Compassion Fatigue

Adjourn: DeAnna Cobun motioned to adjourn at 3:09pm. Cathi Oreto seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Prepared by: Marguerit Galindo on 8/15/2025.

They have been presented and approved by the governmental body on: 9/12/2025