**MEETING MINUTES OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMITTEE**

**OF THE WISCONSIN COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH**

**October 4, 2018 at 12:30 pm to 3:30 pm**

**DHS, 1 West Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53707**

**Members of the Children Youth Committee (CYC) in Attendance:** Teresa Steinmetz, Bonnie MacRitchie, Andrea Turtenwald, Philip Robinson, Peggy Helm-Quest, Rick Immler, Phyllis Greenberger

**Members of CYC in attendance by phone:** Joanne Juhnke, Kimberlee Coronado, Amy Polsin

**Department of Health Services Staff/Other state staff in Attendance:** Karen Bittner

**Members of the Public in Attendance:** Meredith Noltner

**1: Call to Order**

* Members were welcomed and everyone introduced themselves. Bonnie summarized the meeting guidelines.
* Peggy made a motion to approve the August 2018 minutes and Phil seconded. The minutes were reviewed with no corrections.

Minutes were approved. All agree. No one opposed. Andrea abstained.

* The next meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2018 and will be located at DHS, conference room 850A.
* Announcements
* None.
* No public comment.

**2: Strategic Plan Discussion**

Workforce Development

Phil provided a brief update on workforce development from the August meeting. Members shared their reflections. It was noted that it is exciting to see a partnership between public health and human services departments and there should be more collaboration at the local level to cultivate the workforce. Members noted a number of collaborations around the state. As for the parent peer support presentation, members noted it would be helpful to see data on how many peer supports there are, where are they, who is hiring, whether they are full-time employees, etc. It was noted that there are many levels of peer support in the state and it would be important to support all of the levels.

Next Steps

Members had a lengthy discussion about possible next steps. Some ideas generated from the discussion include:

* Recommend a best practice endorsement.
* Describe different levels of peer support.
* Take this information and present it to the governor’s task force on workforce.
* See where peer support is lacking in the state and perhaps have technical schools provide education for free.
* Access to care and evidence based practice.
* Collaborative approach to training, like Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT).
* Build database of those with lived experience to support each other.
* Prepare the workforce for peer support workers.
* Recommend that an Applied Developmental Analysis therapist is involved during school teaching teachers how to use these skills with all children, not just those in special education.
* Train teachers in mental health and behavior. Professional development. Career ladders, can something broader be done about this? Would fit for all (peer supports and other professionals).
* Further define career ladders.
* Coaching and supervision training.
* A best practice for parent peer specialists and how they can be used across the state.
* Focus on collaboration: what it entails and how decisions are made in order for outcomes to be met.
* Infusing principles around wraparound.
* Support for Dialectical Behavioral Therapy.

Members thought it would be helpful to hear an update from Teresa on the progress of the Children’s System of Care workgroups. This update will be provided at the December meeting.

**3: Report from September Council Meeting**

Bonnie provided the update from the September Council meeting. She stated it was the group’s Fall Tour and were in Ashland. Council members heard from both Ashland and Bayfield counties as they both work together quite a bit. The barriers to receiving services in the area include lack of providers, transportation, and affordable housing. Each county department provided a presentation and some providers and school staff spoke about their Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resilience Education) contract.

The Council also discussed an update on the Block Grant funding. There is additional funding that was not anticipated and the Council provided input as to how that money should be spent. Some of these items include:

* Gaps analysis: The Division of Care and Treatment Services will be contract with an area at the UW who will do the analysis.
* Support a TF-CBT Learning Collaborative in the state in 2019.
* NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) Wisconsin and Wisconsin Family Ties (WFT) have existing contracts and will be receiving some additional funding.
* Smoking cessation.
* Expand evidence based practice of wraparound. Waupaca County and White Pine Consulting will create online web-based training.

**4: State Budget Update and Discussion**

Report from Committee Meetings

Joanne reminded the committee of previous budget-related CYC recommendations and gave a status update:

* Infant/Toddler Mental Health Consultation – this recommendation is not included in the WCMH budget priorities for the coming biennium, as the Infant/Toddler Policy Group has not forwarded a recommendation
* Fund additional training in TF-CBT – this will be addressed with Mental Health Block Grant funding
* Increase the statutory ceiling to provide training funds – the WCMH approved forwarding this recommendation some time ago
* Increase reimbursement rate for special education – see below

The Department of Public Instruction budget includes a substantial recommended increase in the reimbursement rate for special education, up to 60% reimbursement by the second year of the biennium, which would require an additional $600 million. The DPI budget request also includes a tenfold recommended increase in school mental health related efforts, including school mental health collaboration grants, pupil services categorical aid, and training. The DPI budget also recommends line-item grants for the Center for Suicide Prevention (supported by CYC as individual legislation) and for Wisconsin Family Ties (the proposed grant for WFT is $310,000 annually).

The DPI budget also recommends rolling back some of the special needs scholarship/voucher funding changes that were included last-minute in the 2017-19 budget. Those changes made the state funding for special needs vouchers considerably more generous than state funding for special education in public schools, to the extent that special needs voucher schools can be reimbursed at 90% for expenses beyond the voucher amount. The committee would welcome more information and discussion in this area.

Budget Request Recommendations Discussion

**5: Legislative Updates and Discussion**

State Legislation

Joanne provided updates on a number of items. The Office of School Safety in July announced plans for a second round of grant funding. WFT and other advocacy agencies wrote an open letter to the Office of School Safety sharing concerns about several elements of the second round. There is a requirement that there be a component of an advanced adolescent training, by the National Center for Mental Health and Juvenile Justice and the National Association of School Resource Officers. Sites who receive the grants would need to send 10% of their school personnel to training on adolescent mental health, delivered by the National Association of School Resource Officers and designed primarily with school resource officers in mind. Grant recipients also had to commit to promote a statewide “tip line” and database, and also to report violence threat statistics to the Department of Justice. Neither of those database requirements has yet been developed. WFT, Mental Health America, NAMI, Grassroots Empowerment Project, and the Wisconsin Association of Marriage & Family Therapists have met with the Office of School Safety to discuss concerns. Phyllis will be attending the training for Disability Rights Wisconsin to gather more information and will share what she has learned at the CYC December meeting. It was noted that an advisory group will be created to discuss the database requirements. And Teresa stated that she was asked and agreed to be on this committee that will be meeting quarterly.

Joanne also discussed the issue of Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake. It was noted that Department of Corrections is currently writing the emergency rule regarding what will replace these facilities, where it will be, and capacity.

Joanne also stated that there is progress on 2 administrative rules. One is DHS 50, being created regarding the new Youth Crisis Stabilization Facility initiative that was created in the 2017-19 state budget. This will include funding for a pilot program and the rule is being written with as much flexibility as possible. The other is a revision to DHS 40, regarding Children’s Day Treatment. The revision of DHS 40 has been a long process, and the public hearing on the draft will be coming up yet this fall.

Federal Legislation

Tabled

**6: Children, Youth and Families Section Update**

Tabled until the December 6, 2018 meeting.

**7: Summary of Action Items + December 6th Meeting Agenda**

Recap 2018 successes.

Phyllis will share information from the school safety training that she will be attending.

Teresa will provide update on the progress in the System of Care workgroups and the barriers that are being faced.

**8: Adjourn**