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

**OF THE WISCONSIN COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH**

**February 7, 2019 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:** Joanne Juhnke, Bonnie MacRitchie, Teresa Steinmetz, Phyllis Greenberger, Peggy Helm-Quest, Philip Robinson

**Members of CYC in attendance by phone:** Rick Immler, Kimberlee Coronado, Lana Nenide, Amy Polsin, Inshirah Farhoud

**Department of Health Services Staff/Other state staff in Attendance:** Karen Bittner, Ryan Stachoviak, Ali Maresh

**Members of the Public in Attendance:** none

**1: Call to Order**

* Members were welcomed and everyone introduced themselves. Joanne summarized the meeting guidelines.
* Peggy made a motion to approve the December 2019 minutes and Bonnie seconded. The minutes were reviewed with the following corrections:
  + Page 3, top of page, the Children Come First Advisory Committee’s 2019 priorities should read as follows:
* Redrafting the System of Care Vision
* Reviewing how the Wisconsin Principles of Wraparound can be incorporated into the Comprehensive Community Services rule
* Reviewing standards for personnel and supervision to improve practice

Minutes were approved as amended. All agree. No one opposed and no abstentions.

* The next meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2019 and will be located at DHS, conference room 850A.
* Announcements
* Peggy distributed the 2017 brief report for Child Psychiatry Consultation Program (CPCP). Peggy will email the report to Karen who will forward it to committee members. Peggy says that it seems like the program is on track.
* Kimberlee stated that there is still no director for the Office of Children’s Mental Health at this time due to the administration change.
* Lana stated that Wisconsin Alliance for Infant Mental Health (WIAIMH) received 5 a year grant. The grant title is Preventing Expulsion of Wisconsin’s Children Ages Zero to Five. WIAIMH submitted the grant in collaboration with the Supporting Families Together Association and funding if provided the Wisconsin Partnership Program at the University of Wisconsin: School of Medicine and Public Health.
* Phyllis stated that Disability Rights Wisconsin has a new director, Lea Kitz.
* No public comment.

**2: Report from January Council Meeting**

Kimberlee stated that the Council met on January 16th, quorum was not met, and there was no public comment. A letter was sent to the Governor from the Council that included an introduction, describing that the Council is in state statue, members would like to work together with the new administration, and that there is a need for people to be appointed to the Council. There was a presentation from Independent Living Resources in which history of the organization was provided as well as discussion about the importance of peer support services. It was also noted that 96% of their board members have disabilities. Ryan Stachoviak also provided a presentation on the block grant. Matt Strittmater was honored with the Great Badger Award for being a great mentor and partner with La Crosse County. Lastly Kimberlee noted that members discussed barriers to Comprehensive Community Services.

**3: Membership**

CYC

Joanne noted that the committee currently has several open seats. One of the open seats is the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Joanne spoke with Becky Collins at DPI who will talk to Carolyn Stanford Taylor, the new superintendent, to see who she is thinking as far as an appointment. If any members knows of anyone who is interested or might be interested in joining CYC connect with Bonnie or Joanne.

Legislation and Policy Committee

Kimberlee Coronado has expressed interest with the chair.

**4: New Administration Update and Discussion**

With a new Governor and Lieutenant Governor, appointments are happening. There is a resolution pending to have the Governor’s budget be released on February 28th. The Council is currently waiting for appointments to the Council. As far as the Department of Health Services, Andrea Palm is the new Secretary, Julie Willems Van Dijk is the Deputy Secretary, and Nicole Safar is the Assistant Deputy Secretary. At this time, no division administrators have been appointed.

Emilie Amundson has been appointed as the Secretary for the Department of Children and Families and Jeff Pertl is the Deputy Secretary.

**5: Mental Health Block Grant Presentation**

Ryan Stachoviak provided information to members on the block grant, using a prepared PowerPoint. The block grant is important to CYC as one of the populations it covers is children with Severe Emotional Disorder (SED). Each state uses the funds a little bit differently. Block grant funds are for those individuals who are not insured and only accounts for 2% of funding across the country. There is flexibility in the funding to meet states’ needs.

To prepare for the block grant funding process, there is a needs assessment that is put together every 2 years. Every year the funding amount is assessed by the federal government.

As for process, the May Council Meeting is when the initial plan is presented, a rough draft of the plan is presented at the July Council meeting, and the application is due in September. CYC members will need to determine how they want their input to fit the deadline.

**6. Workforce Development Update**

Phil provided a brief overview of the committee’s work to date. Phil, Peggy, and Kimberlee presented their draft policy paper on workforce development and members discussed.

Next steps include asking Ryan Stachoviak to look at past policy decisions of the Council related to the topic areas/principles.

**7. Strategic Plan Discussion**

Item tabled.

**8: Legislative Updates and Discussion**

State Legislation

Joanne and Kimberlee presented information coming from the Dyslexia Study Committee paper for the Legislative Reference Bureau. Kimberlee stated that 70% of people in jail are dyslexic. There are no trained teachers to teach children how to read and no systematic way to teach children how to read. There are 2 bills. One is to make a guidebook for schools to understand what the conditions are for dyslexia. The second one is to hire an employee to be a dyslexia specialist at DPI. The bills have not yet been introduced. Joanne will send links to the 2 bills and Karen will forward to committee members. Next steps include discussing this more at the April meeting.

Federal Legislation

None

**9: Summary of Action Items + April 4th Meeting Agenda**

Bonnie will reach out to Ryan for past policy positions that the Council has taken.

Joanne will send bill links for dyslexia bill drafts.

Peggy will send the link for her announcement, the 2017 brief report for CPCP.

Joanne will connect with the Legislative and Policy Community to identify a meeting to combine, possibly either April or May.

**10: Adjourn**