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| **DepartmenT of Health Services**  F-01922 (11/2017) | | |  | | **STATE OF WISCONSIN** |
| **OPEN MEETING MINUTES**  Instructions: [F-01922A](https://dhsworkweb.wisconsin.gov/forms/f01922a.pdf) | | | | | |
| Name of Governmental Body: Wisconsin Council on Mental Health: Legislative & Policy Committee | | | | Attending: Julia Polk, NAMI Wi, Stacie Heckendorff, Joleen Plautz, Kathy Markeland, Joanette Robertson, Susan Franzen, Kevin Kallas, Andrew Kennard, Sarah Cooper, Betty, Rebecca Aubart, Jessica Kimber, Jeanine Schneider, Kit Kerschensteiner, Nicole Iuro-Ravens, Sita Diehl, Kimberlee Coronado, Amanda Anderson, Mike Lappen, Hugh Davis, Nze Okoronta, Mary Neubauer, Jeanie Verschay , Marc Herstand, Adam Brabender,  DHS Staff Support: Monique Larson Hicks and Sarah Coyle | |
| Date: 9/12/2024 | Time Started: 12:30 PM | Time Ended: 3:07 PM | |
| Location: Zoom | | | | Presiding Officer: Nicole Iuro Ravens and Marc Herstand | |
| **Minutes** | | | | | |

**Meeting of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH) Legislative & Policy Committee**

**September 12, 2024**

**12:30 PM- 3:30 PM**

**Meeting held via Zoom**

**Call the LPC Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:33 PM.

**Legislative and Policy Committee Housekeeping**

Review and approval of the August Meeting Minutes

A. Brabender moved to approve as correct. M. Herstand seconded the motion.

Approved as corrected, Site Diehl abstained.

**Announcements: Opportunity for committee members to make general announcements**

K. Coronado shared the MHSUD conference is coming up: <https://www3.uwsp.edu/conted/Pages/Mental-Health-and-Substance-Use-Recovery-Conference.aspx> Thursday-Friday, October 17-18, 2024, Kalahari Resort and Convention Center  
Wisconsin Dells, WI​. She also shared this is National Suicide Awareness Month.

S. Diehl shared there is a MHAP Learning Session, Friday, September 27, 2:30-4 pm via Zoom. Crisis Services in Wisconsin.  Register: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcof-uvpzoqG9cB-TQ0e3YDG5uEZAfk-ITA#/registration>.

She also shared there is a Mental Health Action Partnership (MHAP) Summit, Wednesday, October 16, from 9 am to 3 pm at the ThriveOn King building (2153 N. Doctor MLK Jr. Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53212).

Register: <https://namiwisconsin.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3HMtlSE5DooeIXs>

A. Brabender shared a Dane Co walk is coming up. NAMI Walk Dane County: October 5 10:30 - 2:00 pm, Olin Park  
1156 Olin-Turville Court, Madison, WI 53715, see <https://www.namiwalks.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=1561>

Also, the NASW WI conference 50th anniversary will be on Oct 21 -23.

**Updates from the advocates meeting with the Secretary’s Office**

S. Diehl shared they continued discussion of peer support services and also began discussion of services for children and families from prevention/early intervention in well-child and school-based services to the need for intensive services.  The child/family services will be discussed further during the December 12 meeting.

**Wisconsin Council on Mental Health Updates**

K. Coronado said the Fall tour will be on Sept 17-18 in Superior. Also happening via Zoom. The MHBG letter was sent out, followed up with some other letters from committees.

**Public Comment**

There were no members of the public commenting at this meeting.

**Department of Corrections (DOC) Guest Speakers…….. Sarah Cooper, Melissa Roberts, and Dr. Kevin Kallas**

S. Cooper, M. Roberts, and Dr. K. Kallas shared information and updates from the Department of Corrections and responded to committee questions.

**Department of Health Services (DHS) Guest Speaker**

J. Kimber shared about the work of Community Health Workers.

Resource shared: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vBqzm8hdZLSy7cuRXuKu_YIUooCcSo9v/edit>

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/dph/community-health-workers.htm>

***10 Minute Break***

**Department of Health Services Updates**

Joanette Robertson did a presentation in which she shared updates and answered questions on Regional Crisis Stabilization Facilities, Crisis Urgent Care and Observation Facilities, and Crisis Hostels. Slides will be shared.

DCTS will be hiring a new bureau director.

**Agenda Items for the October Committee Meeting**

* A. Brabender asked someone come to talk about the Medicaid purchase plan. Not a lot of people know about it.
* S. Diehl requested an overview of Community Support Programs. Which counties offer them? Stats on people served, outcomes, policy recommendations for the state to cover the non-federal Medicaid portion. Incentives for fidelity to Assertive Community Treatment.
* M. Neubauer said under MA, are deductions available for service animals and/or emotional support animal for MA for Foodshare. That is in the handbook, many don’t know about it. People are being impacted.
* A. Brabender asked that after the election have cochairs of JFC come in and talk about budget priorities.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:07 pm.**

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| Prepared by: Monique Larson Hicks and Sarah Coyle on 9/12/2024. |
| These minutes are in draft form. They will be presented for approval by the governmental body on: 10/10/2024 |