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Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Wisconsin Council on Mental Health (WCMH)

March 4, 2019, 10:00 am – 11:30 am

1 W. Wilson Street, Madison, WI and via Conference Call

Members of the Executive Committee in Attendance: Mishelle O'Shasky, Crystal Hester (via teleconference), Joanne Juhnke (via teleconference), Bonnie MacRitchie (via teleconference)

Department of Health Services (DHS) Staff in Attendance: Ryan Stachowiak

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Review and approval of the minutes of January 7, 2019

C. Hester moved to approve the minutes of January 7, 2019

J. Juhnke seconded the motion.

Minutes approved, B. MacRitchie abstained.

Announcements

No announcements were made.

Public Comment

No public comment was made.

2. Executive Committee Business

Discussion on the status of the Adult Quality Committee (AQC)

M. O'Shasky discussed the AQC and options restarting the committee. There have been several members of the public who are expressing interest in getting involved on the Legislative and Policy Committee and Criminal Justice Committee but there are limited seats. It may be an option for people who have expressed interest in joining a committee to join the AQC. Members of the Executive Committee recommended waiting to address the AQC until there are more members on the Council as the committee would need a new chair and dedicated members to get the committee off the ground once again. There is staff support available for the committee when the committee is ready to hold meetings again in the future. The WCMH can discuss this further at the upcoming meeting.

Discussion on letter received from a member of the public

M. O'Shasky discussed a letter reviewed from a member of the public expressing concerns regarding her experiences at the Winnebago Mental Health Institute (WMHI). M. O'Shasky suggested that the WCMH discuss the letter to better inform how the Council may advocate for people who are currently in the State facilities. R. Stachoviak noted that Chris Craggs from the WMHI is available to attend the next Council meeting to answer any questions the group has about WMHI. Topics for discussion at the next Council meeting may include what is needed to improve services at WMHI, what systems are in place to ensure people's voices are heard, and how can people in the institutes file a grievance, and once a grievance is filed what is the process for addressing that.

Discussion on WCMH involvement in the Mental Health Gaps Analysis

R. Stachoviak provided an update on the DCTS and UW Population Health Institute Gaps Analysis. The team putting together the Gaps Analysis is hoping to interview representatives from many groups, including the WCMH. Staff from DCTS recommend that they bringing the set of questions that will be used to collect data to the WCMH for discussion. If the Council can then discuss the questions ahead of time, a representative from the WCMH can then meet directly with the team from the UW to provide input.

Planning the 2019 WCMH Fall Tour

Members of the Executive Committee discussed initial plans for the September 2019 WCMH fall tour. M. O'Shasky suggested the group could look into holding a tour of WMHI. Members of the Committee agreed that it could be a beneficial tour for the group as the Council has not visited a facility in several years. The fall tour will be discussed further at the upcoming Council meeting.

3. Committee Updates and Action Items for WCMH Meeting on March 20, 2019

Children and Youth Committee (CYC)

B. MacRitchie provided an update on the CYC. The CYC has continued to have discussion on workforce development and has developed a first draft of a policy paper. This will be discussed further at the upcoming CYC meeting. At the most recent CYC meeting the group had a presentation and discussion on the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG). The Committee currently has a few vacancies and is recruiting new members.

Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC)

C. Hester updated the group on the LPC. The LPC has decided to move the May meeting to May 16 as there was a conflict with the previous date. The committee is in the process of developing a bill tracking document for upcoming legislation. As the budget priority document has been approved by the WCMH the LPC hopes to plan meetings with the Governor and the legislature to discuss the priorities. C. Hester asked that Brian Michel and Jeanie Verschay be appointed to the LPC. Both have expressed interest in joining the committee and have been attending meetings.

M. O'Shasky appointed Jeanie Verschay as an At-Large Member of the Legislative and Policy Committee.

M. O'Shasky appointed Brian Michel as the Mental Health America Wisconsin alternate representative on Legislative and Policy Committee.

Criminal Justice Committee (CJC)

M. O'Shasky announced that there were two people interested in joining the CJC, Brian Michel and Terri Latz-Peters. Both have attended meetings.

M. O'Shasky appointed Brian Michel to the Criminal Justice Committee.

M. O'Shasky appointed Terri Latz-Peters to the Criminal Justice Committee.

At the recent CJC meeting the group had discussed the development of a proposal asking for a gubernatorial proclamation declaring April 2019 as Reentry Month. A motion was made asking the WCMH to write a letter to the Governor asking him to consider making this proclamation. The CJC is asking for a rapid response on this proclamation to ensure the Governor has time to consider the proposal prior to April.

Motion that the WCMH send a letter and draft proclamation to Governor Evers asking that he declare April 2019 Reentry Month carried unanimously.

M. O'Shasky will draft a letter and send it to DHS staff to send to the Governor. The letter and draft proclamation will also be sent onto the members of the WCMH.

Nominating Committee

The Council has recently been receiving applications to join the Council; however the Nominating Committee currently lacks a chair. Members of the Executive Committee suggested that these applications be brought to the full Council for the time being for consideration until such time that the Nominating Committee is back to meeting on a regular basis.

4. Review Agenda for WCMH meeting on March 20, 2019

Members of the Committee reviewed and approved the agenda for the March 20 Council meeting. B. MacRitchie noted that she was still open to providing a presentation on Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy at a future meeting.

5. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.