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

April 17, 2019

9:00 am – 9:30 am

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

Members of the WCMH Executive Committee joining via teleconference: Joanne Juhnke, Crystal Hester, Mishelle O'Shasky, Bonnie MacRitchie

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

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Members of the Executive Committee introduced themselves. No members of the public were present to provide comment.

2. Executive Committee Business

Members of the WCMH Executive Committee addressed three motions in a rapid response session ahead of the regularly scheduled WCMH meeting as the motions pertained to legislation that was time sensitive for comment to be provided in a timely manner.

Support for Items of the Governor's Budget

J. Juhnke provided a briefing on the motion that came from the Children and Youth Committee (CYC). The motion asks the WCMH to support the following elements of 2019 Assembly Bill (AB) 59, Governor Evers' state budget proposal:

- Reverting jurisdiction of 17-year-old offenders from adult court to juvenile court for acts committed after 2021-01-01, and providing sum sufficient funding to cover county costs
- Additional funding for juvenile justice programming related to secured residential care centers and youth aids staffing and training
- Funding increase for Pyramid Model coordination
- Ending the wait list for Children's Long Term Support
- Expanding the Mendota Juvenile Treatment Center
- Repealing the sunset on the student mental health consultation benefit
- Youth crisis stabilization facility funding
- Moving the Office of School Safety to DPI

- Freezing enrollment in the Special Needs Scholarship Program and undoing funding changes from the 2017/2019 state budget

These items are being supported by the CYC however many items have been supported by the WCMH in the past as well. The motion was presented to the Legislative and Policy Committee (LPC) by the CYC at a recent meeting and the LPC also passed a motion to endorse this motion.

Motion to support the above noted elements of 2019 AB 59 carried unanimously.

J. Juhnke will work to develop a letter to send to the members of the Joint Finance Committee and Governor Evers.

Motion to Support AB 50

J. Juhnke provided a briefing on a motion from the LPC for the WCMH to support AB 50 which would require the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to hire a dyslexia specialist beginning in the 2019-20 school year and provides \$95,000 per year to fund the position. Wisconsin is one of few states that have no legislation regarding dyslexia. This bill, along with AB100, comes out of a legislative study committee on dyslexia. These are items that the study committee found common ground on. Dyslexia falls under the mental health umbrella due to the number of students that experience dyslexia. Students with a learning disability often have dyslexia, and children with learning disabilities have a higher risk of anxiety and are at greater risk of suicide..

Motion to support AB 50 carried unanimously.

Motion to support AB110

J. Juhnke provided a briefing on a motion from the LPC to for the WCMH to support AB 110, which would require the DP to develop a guidebook for parents, guardians, teachers, and administrators regarding dyslexia and related conditions. This guidebook would be a resource for people and organizations across the state. A committee comprised a wide array of stakeholders would be brought together to develop the guidebook.

Motion to support AB 110 carried unanimously.

WCMH member Kimberlee Coronado is planning on attending a hearing on this legislation on April 18 and will provide testimony on behalf of the WCMH.

J. Juhnke announced that she will be leaving both the LPC and the CYC. C. Hester asked that Kimberlee Coronado be appointed to the LPC as the CYC representative.

M. O'Shasky appointed K. Coronado to the Legislative and Policy Committee as the Children and Youth Committee representative.

3. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:19 am.