



WCHSA Guiding Principles
Customer Engagement, Staff Engagement, Community Engagement, Leadership Accountability

PAC MINUTES

WCHSA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PAC

January 22, 2021

10:00-1:00

(10:00-11:00 County only)

Note: this is a remote meeting

Minutes: Tamara Feest

County Only: 10am-11am

I. Call to Order

II. Attendance

Others Present: Katie Davis, WCHSA; Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf, WCA; Zac Todd, DHS;

Kathi Cauley, tri-chair	Kate Luster, tri-chair	Todd Campbell, tri-chair IP
Melissa Freeman	Kris Korpela	Renee Soroko
Jessica Barrickman	Mike Lappen	Amy Hart
Jackie Moglowsky	Nichol Grathen	Liza Drake
Jim LeDuc	Becky Bell	Tamara Feest
Sue Shemanski		

Sue Norton, Kirk Yauchler, Teresa Steinmetz, DCTS; Diane Cable, Kevin Lunog, Annelise Skoda; Bob Rohret; Chana Rymarkiewicz, Dr. Rick Immler; Neal Moglowsky

III. Review and Approval of Minutes from 10/23/20

Motion by Sue Shemanski, second by Liza Drake, motion passed.

IV. County Only Discussion

A. Crisis Workgroup/subgroups

PAC Chairs and Katie have requested a meeting with DCTS

Administrators and BPTR Director to discuss areas of improvement in the workgroup process after receiving feedback from WCHSA membership regarding the first few workgroup meetings. Key points of discussion

surround the following topics: the nature of the working relationship between the counties and state, roles and responsibilities of the counties and state, use and interpretation of data, strategic plan timeframes and problem definition, and coordination with other groups working on similar projects such as law enforcement associations and the hospital association. Since there is confusion as to the goals and expectations, we need to define if the *Crisis Now* and *SAMHSA Best Practice Standards* reports are what we want to establish goals and workgroups after. If so, we need to communicate to the state that we would like to agree on these reports and define the goals in alignment with these reports. PAC membership is to review the reports (emailed by Kate Luster on 1/22/21) and provide feedback to the Tri-Chairs. There are also concerns regarding the pace of the meetings and that the ability to accomplish goals will be long.

B. Residency Workgroup

Area Administration has had contact with Katie regarding the lack of official guidance being published. Katie and Kathi Cauley have been invited for an initial conversation on residency issues.

C. PAC Priorities/Strategic Plan review

Executive Board has asked each PAC to identify their top 2-3 priorities for 2021. After discussion, the PAC identifies the issues regarding Crisis Mental Health Services outlined in the WCA Issue Paper captures the priorities we have previously identified in that area. The other two priorities would be improved relationship with DCTS and adequate funding for all behavioral health services.

D. Secretaries Meeting planning

Relationship building with state leadership will be a topic for the Secretaries meeting.

E. Lifeline Advisory Committee

PAC needs a representative for this committee. The purpose of the committee is to review the statewide award to Family Services and how linkages with local crisis services programs is occurring. Renee Soroko will serve as the WCHSA representative.

F. Membership/vacancies

Sue Shemanski is retiring in March; therefore, needs a replacement on SCAODA. Nichol Grathen will take her place. Dr. Toni Morgan-Jones

from Waushara county may be interested. Kristin DePrey from St. Croix county submitted her resume for consideration. Chana Rymarkiewicz from Price county is also considering requesting membership. PAC will vote on new members in February.

PAC plus Partners 11-1pm

V. Updates

A. DHS Updates

1. BPTR, Teresa Steinmetz provided the following updates:

1) DHS 75 Rule Rewrite is in the Governor's Office for final approval and will then be forwarded to the Legislature for approvals.

2) Emergency Behavioral Health COVID-19 Grant will have another round of funding opportunities. DHS was awarded nearly \$2.9M through SAMHSA with timeframes of 2/1/21-5/31/22. DHS will be assessing current awardees needs and then posting RFA for these expanded grant funds.

3) Residential SUD Benefit will begin 2/1/21, to date there are 34 registered treatment providers. DCTS did submit a budget proposal to cover funding for room and board rates that can no longer be covered by Block Grant funds.

4) Telehealth Administrative Rule – scope has been approved and stakeholder meetings are occurring for DMS to receive feedback. DCTS will be pursuing review of all administrative rules under an omnibus rule to change face to face to include telehealth formats.

2. DMS – no report

B. Office of Children's Mental Health- no report.

C. WCA, Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf provided general updates including Crisis Services recommendations developed in collaboration with other stakeholders.

VI. Workgroup/Issue Updates

A. SCAODA

Sue reported that she was not able to attend the last meeting, but agenda items included 262 Committee, MA Residential SUD Benefit, and creation of an ad hoc committee to be formed on Equity and Inclusion.

B. Crisis Workgroup

See county only discussion.

C. Mental Health Council

Jessica Barrickman reported that she has attended meetings as a citizen member while she awaits official appointment to the Council. Dr. Rick

Immler provided the following update: The Council is developing an Access and Equity for Persons of Color sub-committee. The MH Council will be partnering with SCAODA for this issue. Dr. Immler described the necessity to be aware of all various workgroups and taskforces that are addressing this topic from the Governor's Office throughout DHS and the Division of Public Health and how these topics can be related to mental health.

D. ACT 262 workgroup

DSPTS is reviewing the FAQ document. Will need to look at DQA variances when the FAQ document is published.

E. SUD Residential benefit

Providers will be responsible for completing the ASAM. Question about the number of providers willing to register to be an MA provider and how to fund room and board portions of residential treatment. Awaiting a response from DMS on how clients in residential care on February 1st will be handled.

F. Telehealth Advisory committees

There are two committees on this topic, one has not started yet. The other started in December is a group anyone can join to provide feedback on the Telehealth rules across all services, not just behavioral health. The next meeting of this group will be 2/08/21 and will be addressing behavioral health along with other areas.

VII. Presentation: Neal Moglowsky, LPC - Overview of Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT)/ Benefits for Human Services populations

DBT has a strong evidence base as an intervention for multiple for many populations served by public BH. Training and program fidelity is essential but difficult for; therefore, requesting DHS to provide resources across the state to increase access to this model of care should be a priority. Counties shared their implementation strategies, successful outcomes and the barriers that exist for true implementation. Discussion re reimbursement rate also occurred.

VIII. Decision and Action Items

No items to forward to Board.

IX. Follow-up

- A. Review follow-up items, assignments: Crisis Workgroup meeting with BPTR Administration
- B. Communication planning



C. Complete follow-up report

X. Adjournment

Next Meeting

February 26, 2021

10:00 A.M.

Location: Zoom

Minutes: