

I. **Call to Order** *The meeting was called to order at 10:03.*

## II. Attendance

Mike Lappen, Katie Davis, Kathi Cauley, Kristin Korpela, Dawn Woodard, Alicia Carlson, Amy Hart, Becky Bell, Brian Bezier, Chana Rymarkiewicz, Christin Skolnik, Heather Foust, Jackie Moglowski, Jessica Barrickman, Jim Jones, Jim LeDuc, John Tuohy, Kirk Yauchler, Leah Ramirez, Linda Hall, Melissa Freeman, Nichol Wienkes, Sue Norton, Teresa Steinmetz, Todd Campbell, Zachary Todd

## III. Review and Approval of Minutes from 02/23/21

Motion to approve the minutes from 2/23/21 by Mike Lappen, Second by Kathi Cauley. Passed unanimously.

## IV. Updates

### A. 10:00 a.m. Jim Jones, Medicaid Director

#### - Information re: Draft memo on CCS and Homelessness

Mr. Jones presented on the topic of CCS enrollment for people who were homeless. Apparently, Counties were requiring residency for CCS admission and were not enrolling people who were homeless as they did not have a permanent address in the County. A memo will be issued that CCS is a statewide plan, and that the MA rules do not allow for a residency requirement. Mr. Jones indicated that this policy could potentially lead to a large MA disallowance as it violates the Statewide plan. Memo will be published shortly. PAC members provided robust discussion and feedback.

### B. 10:30 a.m. Presentation/Discussion: Mental Health Core Group for people with hearing loss

The PAC observed a presentation, and was asked to formally support the funding in the proposed State budget to create an office focused on improving access to mental health and SUD services for people that are deaf and hard of hearing. Motion By Mike Lappen to ask the WCHSA Exec Committee to include this item as one supported by WCHSA. Second by Jessica Barrickman. Motion Passed unanimously.

### C. DHS

- BPTR
- Covid Relief Funding
- Other

DHS presented on a number of Covid19 funding opportunities. One fund is for 2 years: 3/15/21 through 3/14/23 for \$4 million per year in MH funding and \$8million for AODA.

There is also new “ARPA” finding that must be spend by 9/25/21 and DHS is seeking ideas for how to spend it. The funding details were not yet certain in thins ARPA funding.

D. DCF

John Tuohy presented on new funding opportunities.

E. Office of Children’s Mental Health

Linda Hall presented on several new web resources, which were shared via email during the meeting to all participants.

F. WCA

No report.

G. Other

**V. Workgroup/Issue Updates**

A. SCAODA: *Nichol Wienkes attended for the first time. The group passed a motion opposing “grab and go” etoh sales that make it easier to buy etoh.*

B. Crisis Workgroup: *Scope statements from each group are aligning with “Crisis Now” and are exploring what State support for crisis expansion looks like. There are several pilots in the works, and several PAC members who participate gave brief updates.*

C. Mental Health Council: *Jessica still is waiting for confirmation form the Governor’s office. The Council has issued a “rapid response” letter supporting MA expansion.*

D. ACT 262 workgroup: *There is a workgroup and FAQ draft in progress.*

E. Telehealth Advisory committees: *COVID19 measures stay in pace for now, the hope is that these become permanent.*

F. Lifeline Advisory Committee: *No report.*

G. 988 workgroup: *There will be a new national suicide hotline rolling out in July 2022,with 4 call centers in WI.*

H. Other

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**VI. County Only Discussion**

A. Brainstorming re: Complex Youth: *Jim LeDuc recommended that this should be addressed as part of the State Strategic plan in collaboration with the Counties.*

B. 988 planning: *PAC Volunteers to join Bill Topel on this committee are welcome.*

C. Crisis Workgroups: *Participants shared their perspectives. Again, the PAC membership discussed how this should be part of a collaborative strategic plan.*

**VII. Decision and Action Items**

**A. Membership/vacancies**

1. Alicia Carlson – Sawyer County
2. Dawn Woodard

*Dawn Woodard and Alicia Carlson performed several feats of strength, agility and skills and were presented as new PAC candidates. Motion to approve both by Mike Lappen, Second by Brian Bezier. Both approved unanimously as new PAC members.*

**Motion to adjourn by Alicia Carson, Second by Dawn Woodard.  
Unanimous.**