

**I. Call to Order** - The remote meeting was called to order at 10:00 AM

**II. Attendance**

Mike Lappen, Katie Davis, Kate Luster, Kathi Cauley, Kristin Korpela, Dawn Woodard, Amy Hart, Lisa Drake, Becky Bell, Brian Bezier, Renee Soroko, Christin Skolnik, Greg Winkler, Jim LeDuc, John Tuohy, Melissa Freeman, Nichol Wienkes, Teresa Steinmetz, Caroline Crehan Neumann, Marjorie Blaschko, Katie Davis, Chana Rymarkiewicz, Pam Lano, Annelises Skoda, Kris Kropela and Rick Immler

**III. Review and Approval of Minutes from 04/23/21**

Motion to approve the minutes from 4/23/21 by Lisa Drake, Second by Jim LeDuc. Passed unanimously.

**IV. Updates**

A. DHS

- Teresa Steinmetz - DHS 75 still in final review. Requesting a 30 day review. Teresa will update at next meeting.
- COVID -19 – Supplemental funds - SAMHSA funds still waiting for approval for March 2021 – March 2023. Request for applications will be made as soon as State hears from SAMHSA. Application process will be high level.
- ARPA Funding – Plan is due July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Funding is focused on crisis and harm reduction services. Total allocation approx. 14 million with a majority to behavioral health and substance use treatment services. More to come on this.
- Pam Lano – Residential SUD – launched in Feb., 2021. Over 60% of providers are credentialed and more providers are coming on-board. Overall process is going very well. State has technical assistance calls that have move to every other week. Continue need assessment is in process. Room and Board is provided by some counties and not others. Helpful to have providers in Regions functioning in similar capacity. Q&A link has been posted on the Resource Page. Here’s the link:

[https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/content/html/news/rsud\\_resources.html.spage](https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/content/html/news/rsud_resources.html.spage)

Please email any questions on the SUD Residential benefit to:  
DHSMedicaidSUD@dhs.wisconsin.gov

- Housing Needs for SUD consumers is also being further evaluated and new initiatives will be forthcoming.
- Hub and Spoke Help Phone (Integrated Recovery Support Services) – Pilot project in specific regions of the state. Focus on chronic SUD issues and other health concerns. Provides information on connection to medical and dental services related to chronic SUD. Coordinator can assist with connecting

consumers to other essential resources that they may need. Currently there are 3 Hubs. Milwaukee area has the first and additional two are awaiting contract signatures. Press release likely in July, 2021.

Capacity will be limited at first, but will continue to expand. More to come on this program.

- **988 Call Centers Update** – Caroline Crehan Neumann- On-going project working in conjunction with call centers. Review slides related to WI suicide trends. Lifeline call data has increased by 14% each year since 2005. Emergency services dispatched for 2% of calls. There are 4 Lifelines in WI. 988 – 3 digit number for individuals in mental health crises would better serve the Nation. July 2022 is projected start date. State wide planning in WI is focusing on building capacity, creating a funding system, developing technology and public messaging.

What will numbers look like in WI? Data is being reviewed to assess Baseline Volume, Volume likely to be diverted toward 988 (calls from 911 or county systems) and New user volume (difficult to assess). Growth in WI is projected to be moderate growth (year one – year five) for 988 volume through 2027. Volume will increase due to changes in technology with texting and chat lines. Time on these calls are higher and will require more time of staff.

State Planning Grant for 988 to focus on – ensuring State-wide coverage, funding structure for 988 centers, capacity building, development of standards, identify key stakeholders, 988 centers being able to maintain resource information and referral listings, State agencies to ensure 988 can provide follow-up services that align with best practices and align with national initiatives around 988 public messaging.

988 Call Centers will need to collaborate with other parts of crisis systems – 911 dispatch, law enforcement, emergency services, county programs, peer respite center, referral resources (211), community providers, schools and other stakeholders. Collaboration with counties is developing. Counties should consider contacting 988 Call Centers, consider how counties will handle the increase in calls to county crisis lines, work with 911 dispatch centers and coordination of these calls. Work force and training of call centers staff will be challenging.

Funding of 988 Call Centers – telecommunication fees for users, MA reimbursement, mental health block grants, state legislative budget and partnership with stakeholders (e.g., United Way/211, private insurers, hospitals, etc.)

Caroline will be attending Director Meetings to start this discussion and provide overview to County Administration.

- B. **DCF** - John Touhy – Rules for licensure of QRTP is being developed.  
DCF State wide nursing contracts for QRTP is in process.  
Funds for a new QRTP in Milwaukee was not approved.  
Prevention – Joint Finance Committee did not approve increase to counties.

**C. Office of Children’s Mental Health**

No report.

**V. Workgroup/Issue Updates**

- A. SCAODA: No report.

- B. Workgroups:

Telehealth Workgroup – Mike Lappen – some discussion occurring with positive movement reported. Sara Coyle – 8 counties expressed interest in purchasing tele-psychiatry services from Milwaukee.

SED and Assessment Policy – Jim LeDuc – SED crisis calls and focus on curriculum development. Good progress being made.

Law Enforcement – Melissa Freeman - meeting regularly. Several pilots in process.

Medical clearance – Jim LeDuc – continues to meet and developing a pilot with WMHI with a SMART form. Interest in review of SMART form at August meeting

Diverse Populations – Kris Korpela – looking at crisis best practice and partnering with Family Services to develop a curriculum. Next meeting in September.

- C. Mental Health Council: Rick Immler – reviewed council members. State positions being filled. Access and equity is focus. Focus on Medicaid expansion which has been a challenge. Focusing on a rebuilding process. Information Zoom meetings to be scheduled in the Fall with communities of color and advocate groups.

- D. ACT 262 workgroup: Kate Luster – no workgroup meeting scheduled or update. Q/A document is still being pursued. State legal staff are reviewing this document.

- E. Telehealth Advisory committees: Sarah Coyle – policy draft of report is due by August 15, 2021. Update to be published in July, 2021. Hope is to continue seamless transition to Administrative Code.

- F. Lifeline Advisory Committee: No report – meeting monthly.

- G. Other – none.
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## **VI. County Only Discussion**

- A. Katie Davis - Children with Complex Needs – focus on lack of residential resources has been raised with State over years. DCF is reported to be working on these issues, but no details have been reported. Not getting leadership we hoped for from DHS and DCF. Data dashboard for providers is a hindrance. Trying to learn more from a provider perspective as to why they may be refusing acceptance of these children. Top priority for WCHSA to continue focusing on this area of significant concern by counties. Jill Chafee may be of assistance in looking into this matter.  
Counties to consider surveying the number of children that have been placed out of state for services due to inability to find such resources in WI. Need to define what we are seeking in the survey? What is nature of this population, funding issues, need, etc?  
Workgroup for Complex Children Residential Needs – Katie Davis, Dawn Woodward, Jim LeDuc, Renee Soroko, Christin Skolnik and Kris Korpela. Workgroup to combine with DCF Workgroup at later point.
- B. Crisis Budget Proposals – Kate Luster – Regional Crisis Facilities and what is needed to support counties. Counties support regional solutions and this has been conveyed. State does not appear to be advancing on this. Overall vision for Crisis services has not been provided.

## **VII. Decision and Action Items – None**

## **VIII. Follow-up:**

**988 Crisis Call Centers**  
**Complex Youth Workgroups**

**Motion to adjourn by Mike Lappen, Second by Katie Luster. Unanimous.**

## **IX. Next Meeting August 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM**

**Location – Zoom**

**Minutes: Liza Drake**