

## MEETING OF THE WCHSA EXECUTIVE BOARD

Thursday, January 7, 2021

(Zoom Only)

### Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Diane Cable at 9:32 a.m.

**Zoom Attendance:** Diane Cable, Dawn Buchholz, Mary Rideout, Lori Thuli (DCF), Liza Daleiden, Michelle Buehl (DJC), Nina Taylor, Elizabeth Skulan, Tom Slaney, Kris Korpella, Jeff Lockhart, Sarah Reese-Socha, Anna Carlson, Kate Luster, Kathi Cauley, Vicki Tylka, Tamara Feest, Dave Longsdorf, Bill Topel, Allison Fern, Paul Grahovac, Sue Voigt, Paula Winter, Lisa Roberts, Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf (WCA), Jill Bender, Joe Krebsbach, Todd Campbell, Cally Bucknell, John Rathman, Shawn Tessmann, Judy Wright, Jenny Hoffman, Patricia Lancour, Doreen Wehmas, Deb Suchla, Tim Easker, Darin Smith (WCWPDS), Matt Strittmater, Kathy Markeland (WAFCA), Doreen Lang, Terry Barningham, Jason Jersome, Shane Schumacher, Renee Krueger, Stacey Frolik, Julie Anstett (DHS), Christine Hovell, Pamella Kernan, Claribel Camacho, Heather Gove, Ron Schmidt, Mandy Stanley, Liza Drake, Liz Aldred, Fred Naatz, Dan Williams, Ron Hermes (DJC), Patricia Dodge, Bob Rohret, Ron Hamilton, Shakita LaGrant, Liz Hecht (Family Voices of Wisconsin), Lynn Brenner, and Katie Davis

### Approval of December 3, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes:

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Bill Topel with a second by Chris Hovell. **MOTION** carries.

### President's Report – Diane Cable

Diane reported she is humbled and excited to serve as President and in this next year it is her hope with all of us together to provide leadership that is responsive to the needs of our association and its members for the overall betterment of those we serve. Diane did note that in February we will be doing an evaluation of our Executive Director. Input will be sought from all WCHSA members through a survey and then bring that to discussion during our county only closed session next month.

### Treasurer's Report – Deb Suchla

Deb provided an overview of the written report submitted.

### Executive Director's Report – Katie Davis

Katie sent out the WCHSA Watch yesterday and in there was the memo that was sent to Speaker Voss related to the Assembly Bill that impacts local Public Health authorities. Conference planning for the spring conference will begin soon and lastly Katie will be putting together membership due invoices.

### Regional Updates

Northern – May Rideout

- Introduction to the new DCF Area Administrator, Kim Edwards.
- Updates on COVID 19 enhanced FMAP funding and CCS cost settlement.
- Presentation from Carlton Frost in regards to Marcy's Law and any procedural form/notification changes related to youth justice.
- Discussion on recruiting and retaining social workers and how it continues to be an issue as well as discussed using non-certified social workers.

Northeastern – Bill Topel & Matt Strittmater

- Video presentation tribute to Robin Elsner who will be retiring mid-January.
- Roundtable discussion on supervised release placement experiences. Some counties reporting increased suicide rates during pandemic.
- Discussion on Behavioral Health inter-county agreements along with a number of other topics.

Western – Ron Schmidt  
No update

Southeastern – Kathi Cauley  
No update

Southern – Tom Slaney

- Update and discussion from the Telehealth Committee, Jeff at Unified.
- Discussion on whether fleet vehicles are an option compared to mileage reimbursement.
- Discussion on telecommute travel and policies.
- Lengthy discussion on vaccine protocol. Katie reported there has been no response to the letter sent requesting human services social workers and first responders be prioritized to receive the vaccine.

### **Partner Agency Reports**

Department of Health Services – Julie Anstett

In addition to the written report submitted, Julie reported there is a vaccine briefing this afternoon at 1:30. Julie forwarded the media briefing link to Katie. Also, the CCS manual payment form has been published to DHS website.

Department of Children and Families – Lori Thuli

Although there were no additional updates to the written report submitted, there was discussion around the phase out of Alternative Response.

Department of Corrections – Ron Hermes

- COVID update. Currently there are no youth in medical isolation although two staff tested positive.
- Deputy Superintendent, Lori McAllister, announced her retirement after 34+ years.
- DBT implementation is scheduled for the end of January. It is hoped to have all staff trained by mid-February.
- The new program point system is scheduled to be implemented in early February. More information to follow.
- Youth are now residing in newly renovated buildings. There are two vacant units still needing renovation.
- It is anticipated the next monitor report will be filed with the Courts late next week.

WCWPDS – Darin Smith

Darin reported the new worker training project is scheduled to be implemented January 2023. WCWPDS will continue to work with PAC chairs and Steering Committee and provide updates throughout the process.

During county only discussion, Vicki provided a recap of Monday's Steering Committee meeting.

Office of Children's Mental Health – Linda Hall

No report

WCA – Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf

Sarah provided an update on the COVID Assembly Bill. The first CAP meeting is scheduled for January 20 and there are applications still available for those interested in becoming a member. Lastly, WCA continues to meet with legislature leadership and finance committee members on budget priorities.

### **Policy Advisory Committee Action Items/Reports**

Behavioral Health – Kate Luster

- **UPDATE: Act 262 Workgroup**  
Reviewed draft of FAQ document. The finalized document should bring significant clarity to the issues & questions that continue to come up about Act 262. DQA's perspective is that there will continue to be some conflicts with administrative code, but it is their position to assist to achieve variances in those cases so that Act 262 guidance can be implemented without conflict until administrative code can be changed. Katie is in communication with DSPS on the next step.
- **UPDATE: Crisis workgroups**  
A decision was made to request a meeting with DCTS about seeking clarification on key areas about the nature of the collaboration between WCHSA and DHS on these workgroups will be before the next scheduled meeting later this month.

Children, Youth, and Families – Vicki Tylka

Updates to be provided next month.

Next PAC meeting will resume in February and not tomorrow as noted.

Economic Support – John Rathman

IM Funding Workgroup meeting this afternoon.

Long Term Support – Deb Suchla and Katie Davis

- **ACTION: ADRC Reinvestment Resolution**  
Although it was not the PAC's intention to seek action from the Executive Board but to ask counties to consider taking the resolution to their Board/Committees to support the request being made for additional funding for ADRCs, it was recommended that WCHSA support the resolution and action be taken in form of a letter of support. A **MOTION** was made by Bill Topel with a second by Tim Easker to approve the resolution supporting increased funding for Aging and Disability Resource Centers. After some discussion/clarification, **MOTION** carries. Katie to draft letter of support.
- **DISCUSSION: CLTS Waitlist Timeline Change**  
Deb reported the timeline change originally set for June 30<sup>th</sup> and now mandated all kids be served by the end of March continues to be a challenge for counties. Deb did point out that the numbers prove counties are doing their job (waitlist down from 2,588 to 1,358) and questioned with this mandate what will happen when counties are making a good faith effort. This will be a discussion item at tomorrow's PAC meeting.

- **UPDATE: Children's Disability Resource Centers**  
Liz Hecht, Family Voices of Wisconsin, presented on the Biennial budget proposal as it relates to developing and implementing a statewide Disability Resource Center for Children and Families. Refer to the written report submitted. This proposal will be addressed at tomorrow's PAC meeting and assuming the PAC approves the recommendation it will be brought back to the WCHSA Executive Board for support/action in February.
- **UPDATE: BCS Access Advisory Committee**  
Katie reported a meeting has been scheduled with Deb Rathermel and Autumn Knutson in a week or two.

**Association Business and Action Items:**

- **ACTION: 2021 WCHSA Budget**  
Deb highlighted on the changes made to the 2021 budget proposal for Executive Board (written report submitted). A **MOTION** was made by Bill Topel with a second by Tom Slaney to approve the revised 2021 budget proposal. **MOTION** carries.
- **DISCUSSION: WCHSA Office Space**  
Katie chose to move to a new location and will communicate any address changes.
- **DISCUSSION: WCHSA Financial Planning**  
Due to time constraints, it was decided to hold off on discussion until February's meeting.
- **DISCUSSION: OE Review and Future Planning**  
Another time will be set up to discuss.
- **DISCUSSION: Brainstorming 2021 Priorities**  
PACS to bring their top three priorities to the February meeting for discussion.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

**Next WCHSA Executive Board Meeting**

Thursday, February 4, 2021

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