

MEETING OF THE WCHSA EXECUTIVE BOARD

Thursday, March 4, 2021

(Zoom Only)

Call to Order:

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

Zoom Attendance: Katie Davis, Liza Daleiden, Nina Taylor, Jenny Hoffman, Dan Williams, Tom Slaney, Judy Wright, John Rathman, Diane Cable, Doreen Lang, Jill Bender, Tamara Feest, John Tuohy (DCF), Bill Topel, Paula Winter, Claribel Camacho, Elizabeth Skulan, Liza Drake, Jocelyn Lingel-Kufner, Patricia Lancour, Sara Benedict, Mandy Stanley, Liz Aldred, Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf (WCA), Anna Carlson, Kelly Oleson, Fred Naatz, Heather Gove, Kristin Korpela, Dawn Buchholz, Ray Przybelski, Jim LeDuc, Todd Campbell, Shane Schumacher, Greg Erickson, Ron Hamilton, Jason Witt, Kate Luster, Paul Grahovac, Tim Easker, Deb Suchla, Michelle Buehl (DJC), Kathi Cauley, Shawn Tessmann, Doreen Wehmas, Kathy Markeland (WAFCA), Julie Anstett (DHS), Linda Hall (OCMH), Dan McWilliams, Carly Keller, Sarah Reese-Socha, Scott Feldt, Rick Gedemer, Vicki Tylka, Mary Rideout, Bob Rohret, Patricia Dodge, Cally Bucknell

Approval of February 4, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes:

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Bill Topel with a second by Deb Suchla. **MOTION** carries.

President's Report – Diane Cable

March is National Social Work Month. The theme by NASW this year is promoted as “social workers are essential.” Diane also reported WCHSA engaged in their quarterly secretaries meeting with DHS and DCF and this afternoon the Executive Board will be engaging in discussion and planning on the priorities of WCHSA.

Treasurer's Report – Deb Suchla

Deb provided an overview of the written report submitted

Executive Director's Report – Katie Davis

- Membership dues/W-9's went out to Directors March 1
- Office move pushed back to July
- Brief recap of the secretaries meeting

Regional Updates

Northern – Tamara Feest

- Presentation from Bureau of Permanency
- Presentation on security delegates in eWiSACWIS system
- Discussion on APS funding
- Discussed residential substance use disorder MA benefit and room & board piece
- Discussion on staff safety training
- Tamara nominated for continuation as regional representative

Northeastern – Bill Topel

- Discussion with Secretary Amundson with regards to Family First, budget, and what's it going to take to improve Child Welfare service array and out-of-state placements
- Bill's last month as an elective representative with WCHSA. Thanks went out to Bill for his 30 years of service with the association.
- Nomination of Erik Pritzl, Brown County Health & Human Services Director, as regional representative

Western – Tim Easker

No update

Southeastern – Liz Aldred
No update

Southern – Kate Luster

- Update from Alison Lund on what's happening at Winnebago
- Further discussion with Darin Smith with regards to new worker training concepts
- Discussion on residential substance use room and board benefit
- Discussion regarding the supplier diversity contract requirement for DHS
- To be discussed at the next regional meeting the possible nomination of Dan McWilliams as regional rep replacing Tom Slaney.

Partner Agency Reports

Department of Health Services – Julie Anstett

In addition to the written report submitted, Julie reported the COVID-19 webpage is enhanced regularly, the DHS webpage is pretty robust and there is a link that can be downloaded & printed if interested, and lastly there is a link on the CLTS webpage for counties, providers, and families to download to provide feedback on the CLTS waiver. Contact Julie if you need help finding the sites. Julie also added DHS will be taking a deeper dive into the budget for counties later in March. No dates have been confirmed.

Department of Children and Families – John Tuohy

With regards to the biennial budget, DCF is hopeful that counties will find the resource tools provided in the update useful when talking to stakeholders, county board members, etc.

Department of Corrections – Michelle Buehl

No report from Michelle. Katie asked if DOC will be doing a budget briefing on the Juvenile Justice changes. Michelle will check and forward to Katie to share with the board.

WCWPDS

No report

Office of Children's Mental Health – Linda Hall

- Dynamic discussion with Collective Impact Council with regards to the budget. The Impact Council will revisit the budget again at its next meeting.
- Linda shared they are in the last stages of developing a mental health curriculum that will be available in the fall. There will be units of instruction for 3rd to 5th grade, middle school, and high school.
- Continuation with virtual listening sessions. There will be another youth listening session and another session for clinicians from diverse backgrounds (looking for geographic diversity especially right now with this group).
- Youth Voices of Wisconsin, DHS, and Wisconsin Institute for Public Policy has done a series of focus group sessions with kids about COVID-19 and it is anticipated their findings will be coming out soon. OCMH is looking forward to their findings and is thinking on ways to share that information.
- A new advisory council was created as part of their diversity and equity agenda. Their first meeting was in January.

WCA – Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf

- Sarah hopes to have the most up-to-date version of the Health & Human Services Budget Summary posted to their website tomorrow.
- WCA Regional Legislative Meeting to be held virtually on Monday, March 15th from 8:15 – 10:45 a.m.
- Update on adoption related bills
- Update on Permanency Plan/QRTP bill(s)

- Update on the discussion Sarah had with Sally Flaschberger (Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities) and Lisa Pugh (Arc Wisconsin) on the state statute related to APS. Consider asking the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to put together a memo with regard to APS funding in the state.
- Thanks went out to Kate Luster for recruiting Todd Campbell to represent counties at the Emergency Detention Luncheon/Webinar scheduled March 11th from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. put on by Wisconsin Health News.
- Human Services Day at Capitol briefing April 13th from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Sarah is hoping to distribute the materials either tomorrow or Monday
- Positive feedback on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusivity Four Part Series – Building a Foundation. For those interested in watching, all four weeks are posted to the WCA website under events/past event materials. There may also be a link on WCA's home page.

Policy Advisory Committee Action Items/Reports

Behavioral Health – Todd Campbell

- **UPDATE:** Crisis workgroups and subgroups
Crisis workgroup will focus on SAMHSA best practice standards and crisis now report. The subgroups will focus on forming small goals and having some concrete deliverables. Out of those subgroups is a number of areas including piloting some solutions. The subgroups are focused on regional telehealth models, substance use disorder as it relates to crisis, law enforcement and emergency detention, medical clearance, and prevention and diversity in crisis services.
- **UPDATE:** Residential Substance Use Disorder Benefit, Room and Board
Pam Lano and Marjorie Blaschko shared there are now 35 Medicaid providers enrolled. There are both low and high intensity providers. There are some IMDs. As it relates to room and board, DMS is not willing to give any guidance to counties on rate setting. Wisconsin ranks as having the highest rate. They also talked about having more ASAM trainings soon.
- **ACTION:** Confirm new PAC Member, Kristin Deprey
MOTION was made by Bill Topel with a second by Kate Luster. **MOTION** carries.
Todd mentioned the PAC still has two vacancies (slightly underrepresented in the northern region)

Children, Youth, and Families – Vicki Tylka

- **General Updates**
Sarah talked about the issues covered in the last PAC meeting with the QRTP and adoption bills. The PAC hopes to have an update for the Board next month regarding Tribal Child Welfare OE work.

Economic Support – John Rathman

- **General Updates**
Debi Waite announced her retirement next month
- **UPDATE:** Medicaid Advisory Committee
John was appointed as the WCHSA/Human Services Director Representative to the Medicaid Advisory Committee (MAC). Committee meets quarterly. Jim Jones, Medicaid Director, attended their 1st meeting and provided the Medicaid Overview PowerPoint. The focus at their next meeting is the Medicaid Quality Strategy Overview (PowerPoint submitted).

Long Term Support – Deb Suchla

- **UPDATE: CLTS Waiver Renewal**
Deb reported on the changes in the proposal and provided DHS timeline. Deb will forward the PowerPoint to Katie to share with members.
- **UPDATE: PAC Strategic Planning**
Discussion whether there should be two PACS, one for adult services and one for children's waiver and B-3.

Association Business and Action Items:

- **DISCUSSION: 2021-22 WCHSA Event Plan and 2021 Conference Update**
Katie reported contract is in place and deposit paid for the spring 2022 conference at Oshkosh Best Western and for the fall 2021 conference at Holiday Inn, Stevens Point. Katie shared on screen the Tentative WCHSA Event Schedule for 2021-2023. Although there is no spring 2021 conference, she is looking into having 2-hour virtual leadership webinar following the May board meeting.
- **DISCUSSION: WCHSA Financial Planning**
To be discussed at a later date. Because there seems to never be enough time to have a full conversation, it was suggested this topic be moved up on the agenda to allow for a full discussion.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Next WCHSA Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, April 1, 2021

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