

WCHSA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Thursday, July 1, 2021

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Diane Cable at 9:30 a.m.

Zoom Attendance: Katie Davis, Diane Cable, Christine Hovell, Dawn Buchholz, Anita (Jackson County), Stacey Frolik, Jamie Fawcett (DCF), Tracy Thorsen, Jeff Lockhart, Mandy Stanley, Kelly Kupitz, Renee Krueger, Kathi Cauley, Nina Taylor, Kathy Welke, Deb Suchla, Dave Longsdorf, Ray Przybelski, John Rathman, Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf (WCA), Mary Rideout, Julie Krings, Jen Steber, Patricia Dodge, Michelle Leccia, Liza Drake, Kathy Markeland (WAFCA), Patricia Lancour, Judy Wright, Michelle Buehl (DOC), Doreen Wehmas, Sarah Reese Socha, Jason Jerome, Shawn Tessmann, Zachary Todd (DHS), Tim Easker, Jim LeDuc, Tonya Eichelt, Claribel Camacho, Kate Luster, Ron Hamilton, Heather Gove, Paul Grahovac, Julie Anstett (DHS), Terry Barningham, Jill Bender, Dan Williams, Allison Fern, Joe Krebsbach, Paula Winter, Elizabeth Skulan, Dan McWilliams, Dale Tickler, Linda Hall (OCMH), Vicki Tylka, John Jansen, Liza Daleiden, Todd Campbell, Eve (Waukesha County), Geri Vanevenhoven, Jenny Hoffman, Julie Driscoll, Larissa Tomczak (DHS), Kelly Oleson, Greg Thousand, Erik Pritzl, Ann (Chippewa County), Laura Holmes, Ellen Moldenhauer, Lisa Stephan, Bill Topel, Alicia Stensberg (MetaStar), Deb Rathermel (DHS), Sarah Witte, Kelly Firlus, Robin Raj (DHS), Debra Konitzer, Ron Hermes (DOC), Cori McFarlane, AZ Snyder, Trista Piccola, and Matt Strittmater

Approval of June 3, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes:

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Deb Suchla with a second by Christine Hovell. **MOTION** carries.

President's Report – Diane Cable

Katie will be participating in today's meeting on a limited basis.

Treasurer's Report – Deb Suchla

Deb reported \$24,500 was received in membership dues and is just short about \$4,000. Almost all routine expenses this month with the exception of purchasing a survey monkey subscription for just under \$300. Fiscal Committee will meet in July to start talking about investment strategies.

Executive Director's Report – Katie Davis

No report

Regional Updates

Northern – Mary Rideout

- Addressed with Secretary Amundson the concerns with regard to youth with conflict needs and the increasing need to place kids out of state.
- Talked about the uniqueness of northern rural as opposed to rural when it comes to providing prevention and in-home services.
- Talked about the delays with DSPS social work licensing and certification.
- Presentation on CSP rate increases.
- 988 presentation.
- Some discussion on the use of ARPA funds.

Northeastern – Jason Jerome

- 988 presentation.
- Regional roundtable discussion on the proposed Lincoln Hills rates, alternative placement service options, how negotiations are going with MCO's & local providers, and use of ARPA funds.

Western – Stacey Frolik

- 988 presentation.
- General discussion around Family First and that led into DCF compass training.
- Talked at length about the CLTS and B-3 audit process.
- Talked about regional recovery residences and shared resources.
- Update(s) from WCHSA regional reps and committee workgroups.

Southeastern – Liza Drake

No update. Meet at the end of the month.

Southern – Kate Luster

- 988 presentation and discussion.
- Dan Brattset (Sauk County) announced his retirement.

Partner Agency Reports

Department of Health Services – Zachary Todd

In addition to the written report submitted, Zach reported registration is now open for the WHSFMA 2021 Conference to be held in Green Bay 8/25 – 8/27, Danielle Graham-Heine will be joining Area Administration as an Area Coordinator in the Southern Regional Office, and expansion of peer recovery centers throughout the state from 6 drop-in centers to 11; 3 of which will focus on substance abuse.

Department of Children and Families – Jamie Fawcett

Although there were no additional updates to the written report submitted, Jamie announced Lori Thuli will be out of the office for a period of time. Feel free to contact Tonya Fisher, Tonya Thompson, Jamie, and John Tuohy with any questions and/or concerns.

Department of Corrections – Michelle Buehl & Ron Hermes

Although Michelle did not have any updates to report on, she did announce DOC's proposal to cap the daily rate was rejected.

Ron shared there was another monitor's visit last week so sometime mid-July there will be another report. A memo will be coming out this month with the new community supervision daily rates (\$102 for alternate care supervision and \$237 for in-home supervision). Lastly, the rates for Lincoln Hills/Copper Lake for the next two years are FY2022 \$1,154/day and FY2023 \$1,178/day.

WCWPDS

No report

Office of Children's Mental Health – Linda Hall

Linda reported there will be two upcoming listening sessions this month. The first is on 7/20 and will focus on Culturally Sensitive Supervision and the second is a youth listening session on 7/29 and the focus is on Why Understanding Intersectionality Matters. Linda will share the registration links in chat.

WCA – Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf

Sarah reported the state budget passed in both houses of the Legislature and provided a summary of the action taken by JCF on the budget (refer to the written report Sarah sent out 6/16). Sarah announced the Governor signed the Opioid Litigation Bill and lastly she reported on two (SB395 and/or AB400 and SB402 and/or AB412) of three bills that are up for public hearing next week.

Policy Advisory Committee Action Items/Reports

Behavioral Health – Kate Luster

- UPDATE: 988 legislation
Everyone is encouraged to stay in touch with the information being shared about 988 and to make sure your crisis units are aware of the planning that's going on now and the pending change effective July 2022. There will be an influx of calls and referrals as this becomes fully implemented.

Children, Youth, and Families – Vicki Tylka

No June meeting but there is a very full meeting planned for July.

Economic Support – John Rathman

- ACTION: Confirm Kathy Welke as tri-chair
A **MOTION** was made by Vicki Tylka with a second by Kathi Cauley. **MOTION** carries.
- UPDATE: 2022 IM and Childcare Contract Negotiation Process
It's that time to start the 2022 IM and CC negotiation process and John asked that items get sent to Katie.

Long Term Support – Deb Suchla

- ACTION: Confirm Beth Roberts as tri-chair
A **MOTION** was made by Deb Suchla with a second by Vicki Tylka. **MOTION** carries.
- UPDATE: NEMT update
New MA provider (Veyo) will be starting in November.
- DISCUSSION: B-3 Review (BCS and MetaStar)
Deb Rathermel reported on the B-3 program review purpose, protocol overview and adjustments (refer to the written documents submitted for further detail). After Deb's presentation, counties voiced their concerns with regard to the lack of communication from DHS as to what went into these assessments and the scoring criteria. It was requested of DHS that WCHSA get a written response to the questions presented in chat as well as a written narrative of recommendations.

Association Business and Action Items:

- ACTION: Hiring strategic planning facilitator
No action was taken at this time.
- DISCUSSION: 2022 IM funding allocations
After some discussion, there continues to be no plan as to whether WCHSA will take a position and to just wait to see how the process unfolds.
- DISCUSSION: DSPS SW certification challenges
As this continues to be an ongoing issue, it was suggested DSPS be invited to the August WCHSA meeting. It was also mentioned in discussion that Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf is willing to run interference if in dire need such as you have a candidate but you can't hire them because of something timing wise or you had someone hired and they were going to be let go because of certification.
- DISCUSSION: Children with complex care needs
The Behavioral Health PAC and the Children, Youth, and Families PAC have had intense discussions on this subject in an effort to coordinate an action plan due to the urgency of this matter. Vicki Tylka and Kathi Cauley shared these discussions. The CYF PAC presented to the State a couple of quick things that could be done but were asked to bring back more ideas. The PAC had another discussion with WAFCA and joined together to present at their next meeting specific requests that could be done more quickly. The BH PAC focused on things that can be done right now in the system we have such as: The DCF dashboard could come down so providers would not be so concerned about the scorecard and be able to tolerate some more risks. Why do we have to wait for PRTF's? We have IMD's in our state that are serving youth from across the country on a private pay basis. Can't we work with them and find a way to quickly have cameras allowed in certain settings? Can we come up with ways to augment our level 5 and treatment foster homes? If one of the trends in youth needs is for cognitively challenged youth, Central Center does have some options. We have the Mendota Juvenile Treatment Unit who have outstanding psychologists and staff. Can we use them to do assessments and train other providers? Great Lakes also has slots to train 10 teams. There's also a skilled training system that we used that has been very helpful for providers. QRTP's are coming to Wisconsin and the state budget has funding in them to augment providers ability including nursing care. Kathy would like to see our energy focused here to get some quicker wins for our youth and families. Diane mentioned the WCHSA quarterly PAC meeting is today and they are specifically talking about this topic and bring together all that was shared here and put together a strategic plan as an association with more immediate action items and longer term items. There is a scheduled follow-up meeting with the state departments on what they worked on and what our recommendation request is.
- DISCUSSION: CFA methodology
Regional representatives are being asked to have conversations within their region about certain key points that were talked about at the last meeting. The workgroup meets August 26th. The end goal is to have a recommendation to bring back to the Executive Board in September for discussion/action.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Next WCHSA Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, August 5, 2021

ZOOM ONLY