

WCHSA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October 7, 2021

Call to Order:

President Diane Cable called the meeting to order.

Zoom Attendance:

Approval of September 2, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes:

MOTION to approve was made by Erik Pritzl with a second by Jason Jerome. **MOTION** carried.

President's Report – Diane Cable

Diane reported in 2022 we as an association are going to work towards establishing/developing a place on the website where tools of resources can be shared amongst staff, our Board, and the community. More information forthcoming.

Treasurer's Report – Deb Suchla

Deb provided an overview of the written report submitted. Deb mentioned there will be no treasurer's report at the November meeting as she will be out of the country.

Executive Director's Report – Katie Davis

- There will be a Treasurer election later this year. Those interested in becoming Treasurer should let Katie know.
- Katie verified although the in person fall conference was cancelled, there will be a virtual fall event on 12/2 & 12/3. Katie is working with the planning committee on the agenda. There was also discussion on looking at doing a per county fee vs. per person fee.
- Katie is hoping to get the WCHSA Watch out later today.
- Katie is going to the Virgin Islands and will be out all next week.

Regional Updates

Northern – Elizabeth Skulan

No update. Next meeting 10/21/21.

Northeastern – Matt Strittmater

- Conversation with John Elliott regarding Civil Rights.
- Discussion on the 988 presentation and the upcoming system change.
- Discussion on ARPA funding.
- Discussion on how counties are handling family visitation with the increase in COVID.

Western – Tim Easker

- Interesting children with complex needs discussion with a local group home.
- Presentation on Civil Rights compliance.
- General discussion around flexible work schedules.

Southeastern – Liza Drake

- Conversation on 988 and Civil Rights plan requirements.
- Conversation about DHS proposal with regards to Emergency Detention Transport Reimbursement.

Southern – Dawn Buchholz

- Conversation with John Elliott regarding Civil Rights.

Partner Agency Reports

Department of Health Services – Julie Anstett

In addition to the written report submitted, Julie reported the MTM transition to Veyo will occur in November, the survey in lieu of the CCOP plan are due 10/8, DHS announced the hiring of Dr. Michelle Robinson as the new Director of the newly formed Office of Health Equity, and lastly the annual 10/1 child count certification for the B-3 program report is due 10/29.

Department of Children and Families – John Tuohy

In addition to the written report submitted, John provided one correction to Page 2 of the written update, Promoting Safe & Stable Families.

Department of Corrections – Ron Hermes

DOC is continuing with the development and implementation of the new system of care and behavioral motivation system and looking forward in taking steps early next year in developing a new token economy for youth. Lastly, DOC developed a unique music program. Ron reported they have a musician on site and hired a music producer to teach youth how to record/produce music. Ron then shared a song recorded by a young female.

WCWPDS

Although there was no report from WCWPDS, Vicki reported the top three priorities counties are putting forward are:

1. Civil Rights training with focus on Child Welfare.
2. More work around in-home safety.
3. More attention to secondary traumatic stress.

Office of Children's Mental Health

No report

WCA – Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf

- Subsidized guardianship bills AB503 and SB491 are both scheduled for Public Hearing next week.
- Discussion continues amongst the Mental Health Coalition and DHS with regard to the \$10 million that was set aside in the budget as it relates to mental health crisis services.
- Representative Dittrich put out seven adoption bills for co-sponsorship.
- Training for bed tracker users is scheduled for 10/21. More information to follow.

Policy Advisory Committee Action Items/Reports

Behavioral Health – Todd Campbell

- General Updates
Although the PAC has not met since the last Executive Board Meeting, the chairs have been participating in the planning around children with complex needs, keeping tabs on Act 2019-105, and Todd and Kathi are grateful to Jim LeDuc for stepping in during Kate Flanagan's absence. The PAC hopes to bring a formal action to the Executive Board at next month's meeting with regard to filling that third tri-chair seat.

Next meeting: October 22, 2021, 10:00 a.m., Zoom

Children, Youth, and Families – Vicki Tylka

- UPDATE: Child welfare transformation stakeholder interviews and focus groups
Root, Inc. is moving forward in terms of interviewing stakeholders and focus groups in the different categories recommended. The timeline for the Steering Committee to receive/report on the recommendations on how to proceed is about one month.
- UPDATE: Youth with complex care needs summit and OE process
Vicki shared a PowerPoint presentation that was created yesterday by Kate Kelley and the OE sponsor team.

Next meeting: October 8, 2021, 9:30 a.m., Zoom

Economic Support – Doreen Lang and Kathy Welke

- UPDATE: 2022 IM and Child Care contract negotiations - Doreen
Doreen reported the Childcare Scope of Services contract is near completion and IM negotiations continue. Next negotiation meeting is scheduled for 10/21/21 immediately after the ES PAC and IMAC meetings.
- UPDATE: Changes to overpayments
Doreen reported on the four changes DHS is looking at changing, the four concerns brought forward by the PAC, and the discussion PAC had with Katie, Diane, and Shawn.
- UPDATE: COVID policy rollbacks
Kathy reported on the information DHS shared at the most recent IMOA meeting.
- UPDATE: ARPA funds
Doreen verified the deadline to use ARPA funds awarded to Consortia is 1/1/21 – 9/30/21 but unspent funds will rollover into the new contract period 10/1/21 – 9/30/22.

Next meeting: October 21, 2021, 9:30 a.m., Zoom

Long Term Support – Deb Suchla

- UPDATE: Dementia Care Specialist funding
Counties affected by a reduction in funding should contact either Katie, Deb, or Beth and they will make sure Kate Mitchell and Tom Balsley contact you.
- Next meeting is November 19, 2021, and not November 5 as noted.

Association Business and Action Items:

- DISCUSSION: Changes to Energy Assistance Program
To be addressed at a later date.
- DISCUSSION: Addressing MCO placement challenges
Because Katie has been getting more and more comments from Directors and others about the challenges they are having with MCO's, Katie opened the floor for discussion in an attempt to get an understanding of how widespread this is and what can be done as an association.

Adjournment:

Next WCHSA Executive Board Meeting

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 4, 2021

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