

## WCHSA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

Thursday, November 4, 2021

### Call to Order:

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

**Zoom Attendance:** Katie Davis, Diane Cable, Liza Daleiden, Cori McFarlane, Julie Anstett (DHS), Matt Strittmater, Mandy Stanley, Nina Taylor, Fred Naatz, John Rathman, Erik Pritzl, Stacey Frolik, Ray Przybelski, Doreen Lang, Vicki Tylka, Judy Wright, Todd Campbell, Tom Slaney, Dawn Buchholz, Kathy Welke, Kathy Markeland (WAFCA), Bob Rohret, Kris Korpela, Jason Jerome, Dan Williams, Tim Easker, Jim LeDuc, Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf (WCA), John Tuohy (DCF), Kelly Oleson, Jill Bender, Jessica Mijal, Heather Gove, Terry Barningham, Liz Aldred, Elizabeth Skulan, Kathi Cauley, Julie Krings, Patricia Dodge, Ron Hermes (DOC), Michelle Buehl (DOC), Bill Topel, Patricia Lancour, Ron Hamilton, Sue Voigt, Paul Grahovac, Kristin Latus, Amy Bell-Ferries (DHS), Doreen Wehmas, Allison Fern, Rachelle Armstrong (DCF), Renee Krueger, Jen Vote, Zachary Todd (DHS), Kenya Bright (DHS), Donald LeBarre (DHS), Larissa Tomczak (DHS), Robin Raj (DHS), Mary Rideout, and Mark Zeihen (DHS)

### Executive Director's Report – Katie Davis

Katie announced that she decided to pursue a new career opportunity. Effective January 3, 2022, she will begin her new role as Child Welfare Manager in the Bureau of Permanence and Out of Home Care at DCF. Katie expressed working for WCHSA has provided many opportunities for her and she enjoyed meeting and working with all its members and state partners. Katie's primary focus for the remainder of the year is planning a virtual conference and OE summit in December.

### President's Report – Diane Cable

Diane mentioned there will be no treasurer's report and an updated report will be forthcoming. Diane expressed how grateful WCHSA is for all Katie has done for the organization and she will surely be missed. Diane reported with the ending of Premier as the current employer, WCHSA is in the beginning phases of setting up a new relationship with a new entity and more will be shared as they move forward in this process.

### Treasurer's Report – Deb Suchla

No report

### Regional Updates

Northern – Vicki Tylka

- Presentation from ICPC.
- Presentation from John Tuohy on Civil Rights.
- WCHSA updates and asked for volunteers for the OE team.
- Discussion around how all counties struggle with recruitment. Some counties have even converted social work positions to family support specialist type positions to support social workers.

Northeastern – Erik Pritzl

- Met 10/22 and similar to what Vicki said, they have designated representatives in terms of participation in OE.
- Discussion on ARPA funding. There's a lot of infrastructure spending and some counties are using ARPA dollars to fund Behavioral Health positions or other service needs that might have become more prevalent during the pandemic.
- Discussion around conflict of interest requirement related to Children's Long-Term Support.
- Discussion around pain free emergency detentions and transportation which varies by county in terms of getting invoiced/billed.
- Erik announced he will be transitioning to the Oconto County Administrator position starting January 3, 2022.

Western – Stacey Frolik

- Bulk of the meeting was spent searching for solutions in placing children with complex needs. Counties shared case examples and a few alternate care providers gave their perspective on cases that were being shared.
- Lengthy discussion around recruitment and looking at possibly creating a regional pool and sharing human resources.

Southeastern – Kathi Cauley

No update



Southern – Dan McWilliams

- Presentation from Katie Bale (DHS) on IDP. It is hoped that basic training for IDP will start back up again in November.
- Updates from DHS and DCF.
- Discussion on the difficulties with recruitment.

### **Partner Agency Reports**

Department of Health Services – Julie Anstett

In addition to the written report submitted, Julie announced that Becky Luebke was promoted to Area Administrator for the northern region and she will begin in this new role effective Monday, November 8, 2021. Julie also reported the Veyo transition began this week and a news release went out November 3, 2021, approving COVID-19 vaccinations for children ages 5-11. Lastly, Julie shared that colleagues from DHS will be joining the meeting to talk through the contract language changes that were shared previously. Donald LaBarre talked about the changes to 2022 Allocations Memo/State County Contract and Kenya Bright talked about CLAS Standards Requirements (refer to the written reports submitted for further detail).

Department of Children and Families – John Tuohy

No additional updates to the written report submitted.

Department of Corrections – Ron Hermes

Ron reported the last on-site monitor's visit was mid-September and he expects the report will be coming out shortly. Ron anticipates the report will be reflective of past report(s). Ron also mentioned DOC is preparing to implement the next stages of the overall system of care. Early next year they will be looking at implementing the prosocial matrix where DOC will start focusing on identifying positive behaviors youth are exhibiting in which youth can earn points and those points will act as a token economy for them. Lastly, Ron shared a song recorded by a young man that talks about depression, anxiety, and thoughts of suicide.

WCWPDS

No report

Office of Children's Mental Health

No report

WCA – Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf

- Guardianship bill passed the Senate a couple of weeks ago, was then voted out of the Assembly committee, and it is hoped it will be out on the Assembly floor next week and then to the Governor shortly thereafter for signature. Following that WCA will work with DCF to get the request to the Joint Committee on Finance to release the funds.
- Sarah began working on Legislative priorities for next year. Starting next week, she will be working with the Health and Human Services Steering Committee.
- With regard to the \$10 million that is in the Joint Finance appropriation, WCA is still waiting on additional information from DHS with regard to their proposal and what it is they would like to see happen with that money.

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

Behavioral Health – Todd Campbell

Todd provided a summary of their October meeting:

- Matthew Stanford from Wisconsin Hospital Association came to discuss the hospital bed tracker which is expanding its scope to include crisis facilities and peer run respite availability. Matthew stressed that it's a voluntary registry and not a reservation system and because it's a voluntary registry it doesn't give a complete picture of bed availability. Todd will share the link Matthew provided which gives additional information on the bed registry/bed locator.
- Time was spent on strategic planning. Work was done on PAC meeting structure and workgroup participation.
- The two legislative priorities the BH PAC will be focusing on is to have the State fully fund crisis services and CSP. This will be discussed in further detail at the next PAC meeting.
- ACTION: **MOTION** to nominate Jim LeDuc as BH PAC Tri-Chair was made by Todd Campbell with a second by Kathi Cauley. **MOTION** carries.

Next meeting: January 28, 2022, 10:00 a.m. Zoom

Children, Youth, and Families – Vicki Tylka

- UPDATE: Youth with complex care needs summit and OE process  
Sponsor team met with Kate Kelley to set agenda for the December 1, 2021 summit. The morning session from 9:00-11:00 is open to a wide audience where you will be able to listen to an overview of what the OE process is and what our results hope to be and then hear from panels of providers on their recommendations. The afternoon session from 1:00-3:00 is open to counties only where a discussion will be had on what was learned from the morning session. There will be a link to register for both sessions.
- UPDATE: Progress on work efficiency requests in Child Welfare workload  
Acknowledgment went out to DCF for the work they have done on the workload study and Vicki reported there will be changes made to improve Permanency Plan to help shorten and mainstream the process.

There will be no meeting in November.

Economic Support – Kathy Welke

- UPDATE: 2022 IM and Child Care contract negotiations  
DCF – Consortia and DCF settled contract.

DHS – PAC continues to meet with DHS on a couple contract negotiation points. The points the PAC are looking to finesse relate to overpayment cap incentive language performance measures due to unwinding COVID policies and to add language to request a workgroup to study the impacts of the overpayment and SWICA changes.

- UPDATE: ARPA funds  
Funds awarded to Consortia for the period January-September 2021 can be used for claims during that time period and any unspent funds will rollover into a new contract from October 1, 2021 to September 2022.

Next meeting: November 18, 2021, 9:30 a.m. Zoom

Long Term Support –

Although there was no report from the PAC, Katie asked if counties continue to have lingering concerns with the dementia care specialists funding to contact her.

Next meeting: November 19, 2021, 9:00 a.m. Zoom

**Association Business and Action Items:**

- DISCUSSION: Addressing MCO placement challenges  
After some discussion, it was decided Katie will connect with the LTS PAC and gather data to present to DHS. Katie announced the next meeting with the Secretaries will take place in January or February 2022.

**Adjournment:**

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

**Next WCHSA Executive Board Meeting**

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Thursday, December 2, 2021

ZOOM ONLY