

Meeting of the WCHSA Executive Board

Thursday, February 4, 2021

(Zoom Only)

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Diane Cable at 9:30 A.M.

Introductions:

None

Zoom Attendance:

Katie Davis, Claribel Camacho, Diane Cable, John Rathman, Lori Shifflett, Mary Rideout, Nina Taylor, Paula Winter, Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf (WCA), Cally Bucknell, Carly Keller, Dave Longsdorf, Julie Anstett (DHS), Elizabeth Skulan, Kris Korpela, Matt Strittmater, Renee Krueger, Ron Hamilton, John Tuohy (DCF), Shawn Tessmann, Tamara Feest, Liza Drake, Liza Daleiden, Tom Slaney, Kelly Oleson, Jell Bender, Tim Easker, Jason Jerome, Deb Suchla, Doreen Wehmas, Kathy Markeland (WAFCA), Terry Barningham, Su Voigt, Vicki Tylka, Todd Campbell, Paul Grahovac, Ray Przybelski, Kathi Cauley, Jim LeDuc, Jeff Lockhart, Bob Rohret, Linda Hall (OCMH), Dan Williams, Patricia Dodge, Fred Naatz, Dan McWilliams, Cammi Cat-DeWyre, Bill Topel, Anna Carlson, Allison Fern, Michelle Buehl (DOC), Ron Hermes (DOC), Scott Feldt, Jenny Hoffman, Shakita LaGrant

Approval of January 7, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes:

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Matt Strittmater with a second by Jason Jerome. **MOTION** carried.

President's Report – Diane Cable

Addressed engaging in critical conversations and gave a statement of appreciation and gratitude to all members along with discussions and actions that will continue as an ongoing plan and as a board. The plan will be distributed out by Katie, Diane authorized to share with everyone.

If you have not completed the survey sent out for input about the Executive Director position, please consider completing. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Deb Suchla

- Provided an overview of the written report submitted.

Executive Director's Report – Katie Davis

- Reminding everyone that the Regional Reps terms are coming up.
- Updated on her office space and that it will be a co-working space and an address will be sent out to all once the move has been completed.

Regional Updates

- Northern – Mary Rideout
No updates, next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2021.
- Northeastern – Matt Strittmater
They discussed representations for DCF's system mapping teams, a presentation on child welfare worker training and had a roundtable.
- Western – Tim Easker
Had a meeting on psych bed expansion prior to regional meeting.
Regional meeting, talked about updates on covid, discussion on Medicaid residential substance abuse benefit and counties roles on vaccine distribution.
- Southeastern – Kathi Cauley
Nominates Liza Drakes to be on the Executive Board, she would fulfill Liz Aldred term.
They did meet in January and there was an update on Winnebago staff.
- Southern – Kelly Oleson and Tom Slaney
Discussed New worker training, Covid vaccines and the roleout, along with emergency protective placement and some of the issues on finding beds & how many inappropriate placements are happening at Winnebago. Tom talked about a dementia stabilization unit and if so, to look at this to be something to be replicated across the state.

Partner Agency Reports

- Department of Health Services – Julie Anstett
See written report submitted and recent email with key points, also Karen Timberlake is back and is committed to staying through covid. Also gave an FYI that the WMHI is experiencing a high census at this time.
- Department of Children and Families – John Tuohy
See written report and "Late Breaking News" for DCF today , The State reached an understanding with Children's Rights, there was a joint motion that was filed to the Smith's with a settlement agreement for Milwaukee Child Welfare, hopeful that the Federal Court will approve that soon.
- Department of Corrections – Ron Hermes
Talked about recent articles and headlines that do not represent entire description or situations for Lincoln Hills or Copper Lake. He then presented and shared on screen The Monitors Report PowerPoint for Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake from Sept through December and how they are managing covid crisis, talked about the Administration Confinement Data, System changes and Mental Health updates. They are also implementing on DBT skills and practices they are moving away from and how their stage program progression will work starting March 15th, 2021.
- WCWPDS – No Report

- Office of Children’s Mental Health – Linda Hall
Thanked everyone for sharing the information to help recruit birth parents to help with providing input to DCF around system improvements as they had a tremendous response. They recently posted an interview on their website between First Lady Kathy Evers and Dr. Marsha Slattery on the 4 P’s of Parenting during the pandemic and another video will be posted soon on First Lady interviewing a family on how they are using the Feelings Thermometer. Their Collective Impact Counsel meets on Friday February 5, 2021, so more to follow on budget information and what it relates to on children’s mental health.
- WCA – Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf
Assembly is on the floor today to take up and take action on the Governors emergency declaration to reverse the Governors public health emergency order. Sarah talked about the mask mandate and counties having the ability to issue their own mask mandate once the state mandate is gone and how they may need to go back to the public health guidance that was issued in early August 2020 for counties to issue their own orders, stay tuned for more information. The Attorney General has some draft recommendations based on the emergency detention summit that he will be sharing with some organizations including; WCA, WCHSA and the County Corp Counsel to sign-on to a Coalition, more to follow. Governors budget to come out on February 16, 2021. During the month of February, they are having a webinar series on Diversity, Equity and Inclusivity, if unable to sign-up for the live session they will all be posted on their website.

Policy Advisory Committee Action Items/Reports

Behavioral Health –Todd Campbell

- They met as a PAC at the end of January. They are working on improving the crisis intervention system and working on Act 262 FAQ documents and clarifications. Sue Shemanski from Waushara County and is also the PAC’s Rep for SCAODA, will be retiring next month and Nicole Gratham from Green Lake County will be taking that seat. Renee Soroko from Winnebago County has agreed to participate on the Lifeline Advisory Board. They have a few vacancies and hope to vote at the next meeting on February 26, 2021 to fill those vacancies.

Children, Youth, and Families – Vicki Tylka and Katie Davis

- Vicki discussed the QRTP’s and the need of authorizing legislation, she focused more on the aftercare options and funding.
- Katie updated on the Advocacy plan for Youth Aids non-base funding changes, Katie will continue to work on getting accurate budget information.
- Katie talked about the Intercounty agreement and how it has met as a small workgroup and engaged with Corp Counsel Association on their feedback. They will need to make some decisions on how to proceed.

February 12, 2021 is their next PAC meeting.

Economic Support – John Rathman and Claribel Camacho

- John talked about a new Business Associates Agreement with DHS and a draft is in the works at this time and more to come.

- Claribel presented for Doreen Lang on the IM innovative training project. The plan is to roll out at the end of this year.

Long Term Support – Deb Suchla and Katie Davis

- ACTION: Support for Disability Resource Center for Children and Families budget proposal A **MOTION** was made by Deb Suchla with a second by Mary Rideout. Discussion was started on the motion and **MOTION** not carried, it instead had an Amendment to the ACTION. AMENDED ACTION: Support for Disability Resource Center for Children and Families budget proposal with a plan to let the Bureau know WCHSA would like to be a part of the process of oversight and review of that service on a yearly basis. A **MOTION** was made by Bill Topel with a second by Tamara Feest, **MOTION** carries.
- Katie updated briefly on B-3 Subcommittee and what counties are doing around best practices.
- Deb gave an update on CLTS enrollment and continuing conversations.
- Deb talked about APS and ADRC funding.

Association Business and Action Items

- Update: Personnel evaluation and survey will be discussed at the March meeting.
- Katie discussed the Residency Manual and that they had a discussion with area administration to continue to rectify that the interpretation hasn't changed, along with updated guidance and advocating family care members. Information will be shared as it comes out.
- 2021 Strategic Priorities: An email has gone out to board members and they will be setting aside time to discuss further.
- Katie talked about conference planning and that the spring conference has been canceled and possibly having a spring one-day summit combined with a board meeting or additional sessions on different topics. Also, a contract for a fall conference in Stevens Point has been planned for December.
- Katie has no clear path on what to do next for the IM funding workgroup that was created by the board and whether it will continue or be set aside. It was decided to hold off on any decision at this time.
- Deb updated on the WCHSA financial planning as there is a sizeable balance sitting in the bank and would like to start putting drafts together on investment policies.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Next WCHSA Board Meeting

Thursday March 4, 2021 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Tentative: ZOOM ONLY