

MEETING OF THE WCHSA EXECUTIVE BOARD

Thursday, April 1, 2021

(Zoom Only)

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Diane Cable at 9:31 a.m.

Zoom Attendance: Katie Davis, Fred Naatz, Greg Erickson, Christine Hovell, Dave Longsdorf, Liza Daleiden, Diane Cable, John Tuohy (DCF), Elizabeth Skulan, Erik Pritzi, Jenny Hoffman, Julie Anstett (DHS), Mary Rideout, Matt Strittmater, Shelby McCulley (DCF), Melissa Roberts (DOC), Nina Taylor, Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf (WCA), Paul Grahovac, Dawn Buchholz, Jim LeDuc, Kahy Markeland (WAFCA), Lance Horozewski (DOC), Doreen Lang, Claribel Camacho, Dan Williams, Bob Rohret, Linda Hall (OCMH), Liza Drake, Michelle Buehl (DOC), Patricia Lancour, Pamella Kernan, Paula Winter, Nadya Perez-Reyes (DCF), Ray Przybelski, Ron Hamilton, Ron Hermes (DOC), Sarah Reese-Socha, Sue Voigt, Terry Barningham, Shawn Tessmann, Tim Easker, Liz Aldred, Cally Bucknell, Bill Topel, Shane Schumacher, Heather Gove, Kelly Oleson, Kate Luster, Shakita LaGrant, Jason Witt, Doreen Wehmas, Ron Schmidt

Approval of March 4, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes:

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Kathi Cauley with a second by Mary Rideout. **MOTION** carries.

President's Report – Diane Cable

As a whole we are surviving, figuring it out and working together with great efforts and engagements with keeping communities and staff safe. April 13th is Designated Health & Human Services Day.

Treasurer's Report – Deb Suchla

Deb provided an overview of the written report submitted with a reminder that some dues are still unpaid at this time.

Executive Director's Report – Katie Davis

- Initial Strategic Planning discussions are in place, more to come next month.
- May 6th is WCHSA Day, trying to confirm a May speaker.
- PAC Chairs are working on future lunch & learn sessions, trying to get specific topics.

Regional Updates

Northern – Mary Rideout

- No Meeting & no updates.

Northeastern – Matthew Strittmater

- Roundtable of topics, general updates, Employer/Public screening, soft re-opening discussion along with waiver renewal summary & DCF updates.

Western – Tim Easker

- Secretary Amundson joined their meeting, discussions on substance abuse, CLTS waiver renewal, along with staffing issues on filling CPS positions and the retention piece as well. The majority of the meeting was discussing out of state placements for youth.

Southeastern – Liz Aldred

- Met with Secretary Amundson discussing Juvenile Justice and coming up with a plan, good conversations. They also discussed in their meeting about the CLTS waivers.

Southern – Tom Slaney

- Presentation on CLTS program and defining the renewal process with a shared a PowerPoint. Discussion on looking for guidance on post pandemic and what the rules will be and concerns on vaccinated versus non-vaccinated staff and masking.

Partner Agency Reports

DCF/DOC – Nadya Perez-Reyes, Melissa Roberts and Shelby McCulley

Nadya presented herself and explained that they are working on how to best serve children statewide in home and closer to home, along with blended funding for older youth and youth aids un-restricted. They will make sure information gets out onto their website and shared with WCHSA. Nadya also addressed she would like to see things go right, as far as implementations and timelines along with answering any questions or concerns.

Melissa from DOC, introduced herself and then went over some highlights on budget pieces for transforming the Youth Justice system and goals for youth that are incarcerated.

Shelby gave a brief introduction and went over a Timeline for Youth Justice by sharing screen shots on how Copper Lake and Lincoln Hills closure processes would or could start July 2021, along with the effect on long term placements and dispositions. She addressed basic youth aids funding and how to get the necessary resources and funding into the right places and moving seventeen year olds back into the Youth Justice system with an added budget proposed for this change. Shelby also discussed the SJO process and the shifting of pools of funds.

Department of Health Services – Julie Anstett

In addition to the written report submitted, Julie talked about the DCTS memo within the written report and would like to see counties consider applying for this target outreach program, applications are due by April 30th and the DQA memo from February will be published today April 1, 2021.

Julie also reported April is County Government Month.

Department of Children and Families – John Tuohy

Written report submitted, along with an updated memo on Child Welfare funding for out of home care placements for victims of sex trafficking, these funds are available to cover costs the first few months of 2021, applications are due by April 28, 2021.

Department of Corrections – Michelle Buehl

The Grow Academy will be taking on youth for residential treatment/placement again in May.

WCWPDS

No report or updates.

Office of Children's Mental Health – Linda Hall

Assembly Mental Health Committee had a hearing and she was invited to attend along with DPS and DPI, they discussed the need to invest in preventative mental health services by helping kids before they get to stage 4 in terms of mental illness and she also spoke about Medicaid Expansion. She was pleased to see these were covered in the Wisconsin Health newsletter.

Children's Mental Health Awareness Week will be the first week of May, they will have a social media event and be distributing visuals and messages that people can put out along with a Team Panel.

Linda shared once again that they are in the last stages of developing with DPI, a mental health curriculum that will be available on their website, more to come. They are starting a collaboration with Dept of Justice around their access card. The Youth Voices of Wisconsin report will be coming out later this month and will focus on how they are learning and coping with the stressors in their lives during Covid. Their monthly fact sheet will be coming out soon and a Youth Art event, more information will be shared.

WCA – Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf

Reported on the Supreme Courts ruling on the Governors authority to issue multiple Public Health Emergencies, a memo did go out and more to follow.

Human Services Day at Capitol on April 13th from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. Sarah is asking for people to get registered for this. There were some glitches with the registration piece, which has been fixed and registration will stay open, up until the event occurs.

Public Hearings on the budget start next week Friday April 9th at UW-Whitewater from 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. See website for all information and schedules. Sarah also shared an article on Medicaid Expansion.

Policy Advisory Committee Action Items/Reports

Behavioral Health – Todd Campbell

- No Updates, they have 2 vacancies at this time. Next meeting April 23, 2021.

Children, Youth, and Families – Vicki Tylka

- Written report submitted and a shared screen with the PowerPoint on Tribal/County OE. Wisconsin Division of Children and Families, Tribes and County Agencies Partnerships for Child Welfare Services and the OE Plan Overview. Vicki stated that there are 11 Tribes in Wisconsin and 4 Tribes participated, the tribes who participated will share with the other Tribes, however they all speak for their own Tribes. She also shared that all Tribes have their own children's codes. Discussion on flow of Tribal/County OE participation and questions on volunteers Statewide with it starting out with Directors only. Also, discussion on committing as a Statewide level or a local regional level or both. They will be having further conversations with Indian Child Welfare, etc. and next steps as they continue will be brought back to WCHSA to share.

Economic Support – Doreen Lang and Claribel Camacho

- General Updates, PAC strategic planning had good participation, workload changes on FS renewals starting in April for those already participating, Smerfs start back in July, FS interviews waived until July. All remaining renewals are still being worked on at this time. FNS/DHS working on extensions for benefits, more to come. Next meeting April 15, 2021.
- Shawn Tessmann talked about calls and peaks for the Consortium.

Long Term Support – Deb Suchla

- Deb reported on general updates and PAC strategic planning. Next meeting April 9, 2021.

Association Business and Action Items:

- Deb Suchla reported and shared her screen with an outline on documentation on investment objections, Asset Allocation Ranges and Risk Tolerances.

ACTION: To authorize creation of a workgroup to create recommendations for WCHSA financial planning of investment income in reserve, asset allocation ranges and risk tolerance.

A **MOTION** was made by Deb Suchla with a second by Shawn Tessmann. **MOTION** carries.

- **DISCUSSION:** IM Funding Allocation
Katie reported that in a previous meeting this was a topic and then it was placed on pause. She has now received feedback on this topic and will bring this back for discussion at the May meeting.
- **UPDATE:** Review of Executive Director Role Survey
Diane thanked everyone for responding to the survey, she stated very positive comments of having the Executive Director position and the usefulness and value it brings to WCHSA.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 12:06 p.m.

Next WCHSA Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, May 6, 2021

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