

**WCHSA Executive Board
Meeting**

Thursday, June 3, 2021

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Shawn Tessmann at 9:31 a.m.

Zoom Attendance: Tamara Feest, Vicki Tylka, Mary Rideout, Tim Easker, Tonya Eichelt, Stacey Frolik, Kathi Cauley, Liza Drake, Liz Aldred, Dan McWilliams, Kate Luster, Kelly Oleson, Erik Pritzl, Jason Jerome, Matt Strittmater, Diane Cable, Shawn Tessmann, Deb Suchla, Katie Davis, Fred Naatz, Julie Anstett (DHS), Nina Taylor, Paula Winter, Doreen Wehmas, Greg Erickson, Claribel Camacho, Tom Slaney, Elizabeth Skulan, Liza Daleiden, Mandy Stanley, Michelle Buehl (DOC), Lori Shifflett, Dave Longsdorf, Bob Rohret, Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf (WCA), Doreen Lang, Jill Bender, Jenny Hoffman, Allison Fern, Ron Hamilton, John Tuohy (DCF), Dawn Buchholz, Todd Campbell, Jim LeDuc, Renee Krueger, Heather Gove, Julie Driscoll, Joe Krebsbach, Terry Barningham, Sarah Reese-Socha, Dan Williams, Bill Topel, Kathy Markeland (WAFCA), Ted Phernetton, Paul Grahovac, Kris Korpela, Patricia Lancour, Cally Bucknell, Jeff Lockhart

Approval of May 6, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes:

A **MOTION** to approve was made by Jason Jerome with a second by Liz Aldred. **MOTION** carries.

President's Report – Katie Davis

No report

Executive Director's Report – Katie Davis

- Discussed May 26th meeting with DCF & DHS Secretary's, with many different topics. Katie is working on getting a meeting together with DCF & DHS to continue efforts and with more discussions to try and work together.

Treasurer's Report – Deb Suchla

Still looking for members for Financial Management, membership dues are coming in with about one fourth still outstanding. Went over some expenses, see written report.

Regional Updates

Northern – Mary Rideout

- No Meeting & no updates.

Northeastern – Matt Strittmater

- No meeting and no updates.

Western – Paula Winter

- No meeting and no updates.

Southeastern – Kathi Cauley

- Great presentation on changes and advances on nutrition sites and home meal program.

Southern – Kelly Oleson

- Presentation by Wisconsin Community Services about crisis stabilization facility, also had some discussions on masking, operations and the root training for Child Welfare.

Partner Agency Reports

Department of Health Services – Julie Anstett

See written report, Julie gave a brief update on a correction to their website and that a CCS homeless memo is published.

Department of Children and Families – John Tuohy

See written report, John also noted a correction to the report, top of 2nd page should read 161 agreement not 1616.

Department of Corrections – Michelle Buehl

No updates.

WCWPDS

No report or updates.

Office of Children’s Mental Health – Linda Hall

See written report submitted.

WCA – Sarah Diedrick-Kasdorf

Gave a brief update on DHS & DCF financials may be taken up on June 15th, she also stated due to an odd Budget year it’s not likely to have any major issues taken up within the next week or two and QRTP bill signed into law early May. She also noted talk about budget related items; such as, Lincoln Hills closure along with emergency detention related bill and Medicaid expansion.

Policy Advisory Committee Action Items/Reports

Behavioral Health – Kate Luster

- No Updates.

Children, Youth, and Families – Vicki Tylka

- DCF reached out to get ready for the QRTP operational piece, Vicki gave a brief update and good information along with joint effort decision making processes in the works, still being discussed by the PAC with a meeting scheduled for next week.
- Katie gave a brief update on Tribal/County child welfare OE, she is working on coordinating a meeting among the tribes and counties.

Economic Support – Doreen Lang

- General Updates, they had discussions with Secretary Timberlake on the impending bubble of workloads as the covid policy changes and how it will impact the call center volume of calls due to some renewals and eligibility changes. They are working on more details and getting some reports on any updates and changes so they can manage their workload and get any resources they may need or have. Waivers have been postponed for the July through September FS renewal interviews that were not already postponed for 12 months along with some of the 6 month report forms, more detail/reports to come.
- Claribel will be retiring in August. If anyone is interested to let Doreen or John know.

Long Term Support – Deb Suchla

- Deb reported that there is a tri-chair open as Aubry Martine took on a Public Health position in LaCrosse County. Looking for a new member along with 2 opening on their PAC.
- Shared on screen the ADRC timeline scope of services revisions and recommendations.

Association Business and Action Items:

- Katie received 50 responses to her Survey Monkey on resuming in person meetings for the board, at first glance possible quarterly in-person meetings and virtual for all the other meetings along with some interest in moving the meetings around throughout the state to different regions. Katie will review the surveys better, with more to come.
- Shawn Tessmann presented and looked for feedback on WCHSA strategic planning process. She stated there is a healthy set of reserves right now and would like to get something initiated to get ahead of the bi-annual budget process along with priorities for future and to get to a place with a process for WCHSA priorities articulated in June of every even year. Shawn is looking for feedback on time, energy and resources for a possible outside consultant to help lead WCHSA through a strategic planning process for 2022 and teaching WCHSA on how to implement the framework for future, so as not to have an ongoing consultant. Discussions will continue , any ideas please send to Katie.
- Katie discussed the WIMCR EFT as DHS approached WCHSA asking if counties would be supportive on EFT's vs Checks, etc.
- Katie talked about children with complex needs, it was decided a couple months ago that WCHSA is not satisfied with the discussions with DCF & DHS. The PAC Chairs discussed; Looking at bringing in providers from within the state along with project managers and counties to be advocating for this. Katie emphasized the importance and who is responsible. She also stated that this requires strong state leadership. Some suggestions would be to look at possibly having a consultant to come in, go to another state to oversee their processes, etc. Vicki Tylka gave input on this topic and the importance of much needed progress as well as the money piece going out of state and the children & families. Diane asked that Katie draft a letter for the next meeting with DCF/DHS next week with expectations.
- Diane discussed the Medicaid Expansion and as an association it is much needed to keep a voice supporting this. Diane asked about a drafted letter by WCHSA to address how important this is. After further discussion Katie will work on and review any supporting information and draft something and share.
- Katie talked about what was proposed in the Governor's budget for Crisis Services and that DHS has been actively pursuing WCHSA's support for the Governor's proposal. DHS is putting WCHSA in the middle and WCHSA has been putting off a meeting with the Secretary as they are not supportive of the proposal. Katie shared a document from DHS providing what exactly they are looking for from WCHSA on this topic. Further discussion with the PAC and

getting the Secretary together for more discussion.

- Katie added: B-3 dismal review results. It appears to be flawed material by Medistar Staff. She forwarded information from Julie Anstett to everyone's email. Diane asked for this to be put on hold and ask for documents. More to come. Katie will do a follow-up email to Directors for more input, etc.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Next WCHSA Executive Board Meeting

Thursday, July 1, 2021

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