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**STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH**  
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April 1, 2021 – 10am-1pm

## Attendees

Addyson Moore, Al Levin, Alison Wolbeck, Amy Jones, Angela (Bartolomeo) Schmitz, Anna Lynn, Beth Prewett, Cici Hughes, Claire Courtney, Claudette Larson, Corey Harland, Cynthie Christensen, Danny Porter, Dave Lee, David Nathan, Debra Peterson, Donna Lekander, Eren Sutherland, Jode Freyholtz-London, Kenneth Moorman, Kristie Graume, Linda Hansen, Lisa Hoogheem, Maleenia Mohabir, Mary Kjosling, Maychee Mua, Michael Trangle, Rod Peterson, Rozenia Fuller, Sam Smith, Shanna Langston, Tabatha Amundson, Tanya Carter, Tom Delaney

## Joint Meeting Minutes

### **Welcome and Introductions, *Dave Lee***

Last meeting's minutes and today's agenda approved.

Added Sam Smith to agenda for legislative update.

No public comment given.

### **Workgroup updates, *Michael Trangle***

#### **Parity and Access**

Focusing on bills currently in legislation.

#### **State Fair**

Sent letter to organizations that have been involved in Mental Health Awareness Day in the past. There is an application process. Plans are moving full steam ahead with the caveat that we may have to pivot if there are restrictions at the fair. Still looking for ideas for stage shows. Also looking for people to emcee the stage. If there are new organizations we should invite, let Dave know.

Design for shirts was set up last year. Moved forward to this year.

Aug 30 is event. 630a-630p

#### **Juvenile Justice**

Guest attending workgroup next month to report on MAYSI. Also, had a task for all members to contact legislators.

Discussed shortage of beds available.

#### **Schools**

Legislative update discussion at most recent meeting.



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**Family Systems, Prevention, Intervention, & Supports**

Shelley White spoke about the Family Peer Support Specialists with workgroup. Family Voices being invited to present so workgroup can learn more about their resources.

**Recovery Supports**

Still struggle with membership. Jode London-Fryholtz (former council member) joined the meeting along with 2 state employees. No other council members attended. Jode is hoping to recruit some more members from outside of the Council to join the group. It is still not clear if this group should continue as Council member attendance has been low and sporadic.

**Outreach to Cultural Diversity**

Focus has been on BIPOC workforce legislation.

**Request for Proposals (RFP)**

See section and notes below.

**RFP/Grant discussion, Dave Lee**

In [Minnesota Statute](#) it states that it is the duty of the Council/Subcommittee to review and comment on all grants dealing with mental health and on the development and implementation of state and local mental health plans.

The RFP workgroup is designing the process in collaboration with the Department of Human Services (DHS). It will be expected that all members be involved in a review. This is helping to redefine what we do: to elevate our involvement in RFP decisions is a place where we can potentially make the greatest change.

**Legislative Update, Sam Smith, NAMI MN & Kristy Graume, Department of Human Services**

Sam Smith gave an update on bills that NAMI MN is supporting.

Kristy Graume gave a legislative update on bills DHS supporting.

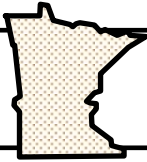
**Other topics, Dave Lee**

**Future Tasks**

Communication with the Governor's office about our statutory roles should be added to the list.

Perhaps explore reimbursement rates for providers. How the process works. Is there anything we as a council can do about it? Also thinking about web based mental health, are they going to be able to come into MN. How is this going to impact our state and how do we protect our current providers that have credentials.

Department of Health is having conversations about online resources. It is a priority in children's cabinet. Wide range of services. Finding some who are involved. Perhaps former



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DHS commissioner in agency that is promoting on online resource. This would be a good community to have that conversation to unpack this. (Maybe Patricia Frasier).

## Next Council/Subcommittee Meeting

Date: May 6, 2021  
Time: 10:00am-1:00pm  
Location: [WebEx Only](#)

## Request

Submit written updates from your Agency/Organization/Community about current mental health activities by 9am on the day of Council and Subcommittee meetings. These written updates will be included in meeting minutes.

## Reminder

More information about the State Advisory Council on Mental Health and Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health, including meeting minutes, reports, and membership lists, can be found online: <https://mn.gov/dhs/mh-advisory-council/>

## Updates from state agencies

### Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) / Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS)

*Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VRS) at the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) provides employment services directly to individuals with disabilities, as well as through community service providers. VRS provides specialized, one-on-one employment services for individuals with disabilities such as job counseling, job search assistance, training, and job placement services.*

VRS recently launched an exciting new partnership with the departments of Education and Human Services to provide coordinated and seamless services to persons with severe disabilities who are on disability waivers. This partnership is called **E1MN** (Employment First MN). E1MN will implement a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the partner agencies with a focus on the sequencing of and provision of employment services leading to competitive integrated employment between the VR program and people who receive disability waiver services in MN. The program will launch on July 1, 2021.

The **Biden administration** is reconsidering **what should qualify as competitive integrated employment** for people with disabilities. The U.S. Department of Education (Federal agency over the VR program nationally) said it plans to update a 2017 frequently asked questions document that serves as guidance for the vocational rehabilitation program and the agency is [soliciting public comment](#) on its [proposal](#).

### DEED Updates:



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Last week DEED hosted a quick [webinar to speak on business capacity limits specific to venues with mixed settings](#). There are nuances to the calculation of how many people can be guests at a particular venue if they can host people both indoors and outdoors or if the business had mixed seated and non-seated areas. New [industry guidance](#) that has been provided for businesses.

Last Wednesday was **Broadband Day on the Hill**. DEED's Broadband office was invited to speak at this virtual event by the MN Rural Broadband Coalition. The event also featured other lawmakers including U.S. Senator Tina Smith and U.S. Representative Angie Craig.

[February's Jobs Numbers](#) showing that Minnesota's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate made a slight dip to 4.3% from 4.5% in January. Disparities continue in our recovery. See more details at the link above.

Last Friday, DEED hosted a **roundtable with different BIPOC-owned small businesses** across Minnesota. The goal was to connect directly with these business owners to hear about their experiences during this pandemic and seek advice on how the state can further assist them and other BIPOC business owners to be more successful as we work towards economic recovery.

During March, DEED hosted a roundtable on **employment of young Minnesotans** who have been particularly hard hit by pandemic-related job losses. In January 2021, the unemployment rate for Minnesota teens (16-19-year-olds) was 13.8% as compared to 7.6% in January 2020. There was a large decline in the number of teenagers employed in Minnesota, from 132,900 in January 2020 to 117,800 in January 2021. In addition, the total number of teenagers in the labor force declined, from 143,800 available workers in January 2020 to 136,700 workers in January 2021, the smallest teen labor force since 2016. Youth job programs are an important part of youth employment in Minnesota, and many of these programs are provided by DEED through its partner grantees throughout Minnesota. **DEED has set a goal with partners of placing 6,000 youth in jobs or internships through these youth programs this upcoming summer.**

**Department of Human Services (DHS)**

No updates provided at this time.

**Department of Corrections (DOC)**

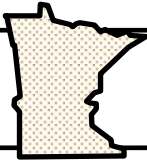
No updates provided at this time

**Department of Education (MDE)**

No updates provided at this time

**Department of Health (MDH)**

No updates provided at this time



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**Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA)**

No updates provided at this time

**Governor's Office**

No updates provided at this time

**Governor's Children's Cabinet**

No updates provided at this time

## Workgroup Minutes

**Family Systems, Prevention, Intervention, & Supports**

Notes not yet available

**Integrated Care & Access**

Minutes from 3/16/21 Parity and Access Work group

1. Attendees: Mary Kjolsing, Ken Moorman, Claire Courtney, Claudia Daml, Dave Lee, Rod Peterson
2. Minutes from 2/16 meeting were approved as is.
3. Discussed best ways to track bills moving through the legislature and considered using bill tracker to follow individual bills, signing up for tracking bills brought to specific committees (most people found this overwhelming eventually), utilizing NAMI legislative updates, listening in to the Mental Health Legislative Network's discussions/minutes, and whether any individuals may have an excel spreadsheet that is kept up to date (after talking to key individuals this probably does not exist).
4. Telehealth 9SF 1160) Update- Sen Rosen seems to be holding firm on including telephone only at par (other provisions already accepted without push back). Dave Lee is active in pushing for a task force to work on a central interoperable broadband network for the state. Dave Lee will work on sending a last letter from the Advisory Council and Subcommittee (with recent JAMA article) highlighting the benefits of telephone only. Ken asked us to consider ways to engage the public in some of our discussions as a way to leverage market forces to promote appreciation/value of telehealth.
5. Workforce/Loan Forgiveness ( SF 1362 HF 970) Claudia Daml trying to do the same with focus on trying to get Benson to schedule a hearing in the Senate by the end of this week before the deadline and bird-dogging it in the House as well.
6. Interstate Psychologists Compact- Claudia Daml will follow and support (sticking point is trial lawyers attempting to change the (already accepted by a number of states) threshold for liability to a lower standard.
7. Family First (SF 1063 HF 1340) We are trying to support this in order to allow families to arrange for their kids to access residential treatment without having to give up custody of their kids (which is now required by the Feds if MA is paying). Issue is the cost to state.
8. The group encouraged Michael to reach out to the State Department of Commerce to improve access and possibly utilization of collaborative care billing codes to promote best practices and improve access.



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**Local Advisory Council**

Date: 3/31/21

Workgroup Name: Local Advisory Council (LAC)

Chair: Pastor Rozenia Fuller

Attendees: Rozenia Fuller, Guest: Patricia Siebert

Workgroup Goals: To develop a “legislative” ask for the SACMH LAC

Agenda / Current Tasks: Welcome new member, Nancy. Look at history of funded position? What & who it was and how was it funded? What happened?

Discussion: Historic overview about SACMH from perspective of Pat.

Decisions made: Revisit the conversations- Review the last ask –Invite new members to share how they want to see us move forward –education about current resources.

Action items:

| Action Steps                            | Person Responsible | Due Date |
|---|--------------------|----------|
| Have Tabatha send invite to LAC meeting | R. Fuller          | 5/2/21   |
| Discussion about history of \$ position | R. Fuller          | 5/2/21   |
| New LAC member next steps               | R. Fuller          | 5/2/21   |
| Invite guest to next meeting            | R. Fuller          | 5/2/21   |
| Review last LAC leg. Ask? Not an ask?   | All                | 5/2/21   |
| WebEx link would not work today         | R. Fuller          | 5/2/21   |

**Mental Health & Juvenile Justice**

Chair: Cici Hughes, Co-Chair: Melissa Dau

Attendees: (Members bolded were in attendance) Cici Hughes, Linda Hansen (rep to cultural diversity), Corey Harland, Melissa Dau, Stephanie Podulke, Rod Peterson. (Members not in attendance) BraVada Garrett-Akinsanya, Jeffrey Lind, Angie Hirsch, Michael Gallagher:

Workgroup Goals:

Agenda / Current Tasks:

1. Linda to Schedule Regina Acevedo to a future JJ workgroup meeting Done
2. Workgroup members to at a minimum E-mail talking points to your Legislators Partly done
3. Cici to request presentation on Families First initiative for full council meeting Done
4. Linda and/or Jeff to request presentation update on PRTF’s and CABHS from providers and DHS to discuss barriers. Done
5. Other topics

Discussion:



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1. MASSII – Regina Acevedo is coming next month to update. Developed questions.
  - a. When are they delivered and who does them?
  - b. What has been learned in the audit across the state?
  - c. Did they separate out Race and Gender, if not are they heading in that direction?
  - d. Next step are they leading to DA, when will that come?
  - e. Are the suicide prevention/ideation questions? What’s the follow up with those?
  - f. How many kids are meeting exempt criteria? Kids coming to the attention of the court would be a new situation would that qualify them even if they are currently seeing a therapist?
  - g. Will get life events list from Melissa Dau connection to the exempt criteria question – is state satisfied? Discussion.
2. Workgroup members to at a minimum E-mail talking points to your Legislators Partly done
  - a. Stephanie sent personal letters to all southern senators and leg. Did get a response back.
  - b. Linda tried twice but not finish.
  - c. Cory worked with employer and got response from Sen Hoffman and Sen Abeler and they are going to actively look into funding sources and rates match the need.
  - d. Cici sent emails to both Rep Peter Fischer and Senator Chuck Wiger has not heard back. Sent another email today.
3. Other topics discussed

We still have such an emergency with kids and openings.

Also there is a staffing shortage right now. PRTF can’t get staff so can’t bring in kids, so don’t have funding to train and recruit staff. Do we want the DHS lead to discuss the issue and see if DHS can provide training on high acuity kids right now when they come to counsel meeting?

Linda is working on presenting “think trauma training” 16-hour trauma training. DHS take on a trauma training. NCTFN may invite outsider agencies.

Melissa on how things are going with suicide during COVID – suicidal ideation and suicides are up hospitals see more. Questions around Substance use and suicide. Gets tricky to determine if MH or Drug over-dose.

Sen file 116 Military Vet Justice on SUD and MH: Seems to correlate with JJ. Could we collaborate with Vets on Mental Health and SUD? Brainstorming for now. Rod will research more and bring back.

Decisions made:

Action items:

| Action Steps   | Person Responsible | Due Date    |
|--|--------------------|-------------|
| PRTF – DHS lead request to come to council meeting to update and discussion on staff shortage and need for training resources. Can DHS help? | Cici Hughes        | May meeting |
| Senate file 116 research and bring back up to WG   | Rod Peterson       | Non set     |



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**Mental Health & Schools**

Notes not yet available.

**Outreach to Cultural Diversity**

Chair: BraVada Garrett Akansanya, Jode Freyholtz-London

Attendees: Jode, BraVada, Dave N, Gary T, Tabatha A, Lisa H, Linda H, Abdullah

Workgroup Goals:

Agenda / Current Tasks: No agenda created

Discussion: Two guests attended including a student interested in the work the group does. Sam was unable to attend and give a legislative update. Jode will invite Stan from the Vital app, a tool to use to let law enforcement know of a person's barriers to law enforcement response. Also invite a member of Brainerd law enforcement who use Vitals.

There are numerous incidents of racial inequality in health care. Kids in charter schools are not having the same access to mental health support as public schools, There is a white lens when creating crisis and treatment plans, Board exams for social workers show a much higher rate of passing for white exam takers.

Decisions made: Jode will invite Stan Allen from The Vital App to the next meeting

Action items:

| Action Steps                          | Person Responsible | Due Date |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Invite Stan Allen from the vitals app | Jode               | done     |
| Agenda                                | BraVada            | April 20 |
| Leg update                            | Sam                | April 21 |
| Minutes                               | Jode               | Mar 22   |
| Minutes in April                      | Tabatha            |          |

**Recovery Supports**

Notes not yet available.

**Request for Proposals**

Date: 3/30/2021

Workgroup Name: Request for Proposals (RFPs)

Chair: Michelle Schmid-Egleston

Attendees: Beth Prewett, Cynthia Christenson, Dave Lee, Michael Trangle, Jeffrey Lind, Claudia Daml, Tabatha Amundson, Gary Travis

Workgroup Goals:

Not yet formalized





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Agenda / Current Tasks:

Develop process for Council/Subcommittee to review RFPs

Discussion:

*Grant accessibility*

Discussed how to make grants accessible to people who have less resources (i.e. grant writers, certifications, etc.). Ideas discussed were:

- Simplifying the process (sometimes this is limited by legal requirements for completing the application)
- Feedback from the Council/Subcommittee
- Education from DHS such as training on grant writing or a video for people to watch if they are going through the grant application process

*Workgroup RFP Review Process (DRAFT and still in process)*

- DHS staff will contact council coordinator.
- Coordinator will request information on RFP by sending agreed upon list of questions (to be developed by workgroup).
- Have a process to vet RFPs. The Council/Subcommittee does not have the capacity to review every RFP. May need to develop a formula or algorithm to decide which ones to review.
- Present vetted RFPs at monthly Council/Subcommittee meeting to make final decision if Council/Subcommittee will review.

*Reimbursement for RFP reviewers*

Group decided to propose the following:

- Formula: 2 hours=\$55
- Base reimbursement for review time on what DHS anticipates the amount of time needed for review. For every two hours estimated, member will be entitled to \$55. When we ask members to review, we will let them know the rate for review.
  - Example: ABC RFP will take 6-8 hours to review. Member will be given a consultation fee of \$440. (I am guessing we want to estimate to the top amount of time)
- Meetings associated with RFP review: Member will received \$55 for every 2 hours of meeting time in which they participate.

*Other*

It would be helpful to have list of what RFP topics each member would be interested in reviewing.

Decisions made:

See action steps below.

Action items:



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| Action Steps  | Person Responsible   | Due Date                           |
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| Have RFP as standing agenda item for SAC mtg        | Coordinator & Chairs | ongoing                            |
| Feedback on standard questions to Tabatha           | RFP Workgroup        | 2 weeks (4/13/21)                  |
| Pursue authorization for compensation for reviewers | Tabatha              | Start process within a couple days |

### **State Fair**

Date: March, 31, 2021

Attending: Sara Carothers, Alison Wolbeck, Dave Johnson, Claire Courtney, Dave Lee

### *Save The Date Notices*

These have been sent to everyone we have invited to the event since 2018, including people who have not been able to attend. In addition, we invited agencies that have asked to be on our invite list, as well as agencies that participated in the MOA mental health event in 2019.

Invites are prepared to go out to email, with just a few details that have to be filled in, depending on how the fair chooses to move forward with events. Should take minimal time to get these out the possible exhibitors once details from the fair are available.

### *Finances*

Carry Over Dollars - \$3,717.46

P&L Review, Estimating for 2021

Expenses are expected to be largely the same as the past.

The committee determined they likely want to use the same pricing structure as last year, with a sliding fee scale based on the agency's size.

### *Timeline*

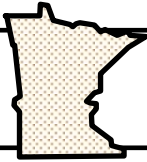
Most items are adjustable. We are really on hold until the State Fair decides the format the event will be in for the year. Once that is known, we will adjust the timeline to meet it. The Fair has indicated more details to come in April.

### *Misc. Discussion*

John Moe has a new podcast, Depresh Mode. May be a good entertainer to invite to be involved in some way.

Dave Johnson is going to take lead on working with the vendor for the shirts this year. Sara will find out what she has on this and send to him and help with the sales aspect of this.

Sara talked with Sue Abderholden to help set Emcees for the event. Sue will help with this again for 2021. She has some new ideas.



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Dave Lee has asked the Governor for the proclamation. Sara will work with Sue to request either the Governor or the Lieutenant Governor attend to read this. The Lieutenant Governor might also make a good Emcee, a suggestion Sara has passed to Sue.

Sara has asked NAMI Minnesota's marketing person to help again with the marketing plan and execution of this event again for 2021 and will ask another staff to assist with social media.

Dave Lee is going to assemble a panel of speakers for a mental health in ag panel.