

and Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health

June 1, 2023

In-Person and Virtual Meeting

In Person Attendance, Department of Human Services, 540 Cedar Street (Anderson Building), Saint Paul, MN 55101, ROOM 2223, Second Floor (Public Area).

Virtual Attendance:

State Mental Health Advisory Council on Mental Health and Children's Sub-Committee on Mental Health State Advisory Council on Mental Health and Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health Council Meeting

Thursday, June 1st, 2023; 10am-1pm https://minnesota.webex.com/meet/mhadvisory.council.dhs

State Advisory Council on Mental Health Members

Present: Al Levin, Alison Wolbeck, Amy Jones, Angela Schmitz, Barbara Weckmann Brekke, Beth Prewett, Claire Courtney, Cynthie Christensen, Dave Lee, David Nathan, Ellie Miller, Eric Grumdahl*, Jennifer Springer, Jode Freyholz-London, Mary Kjolsing, Michael Trangle (Chair), Eren Sutherland, Rodney Peterson, Rozenia Fuller (joined at 12:20), (20) Quorum = 16 (out of 31 active members); Quorum met

Not Present: Amanda Larson, Anna Lynn, Ashwak Hassan, Claudette Larson, Claudia Daml (Co-Chair), Dave Lislegard, Kenneth Moorman, Mandy Meissner, Samantha Hedden, Sophie Strzok, Shanna Langston (11)

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Present: Alyssa Greene (replacing Sarah Dunne), Bravada Garrett-Akinsanya, Corey Harland, Danny Porter, Dave Johnson, Donna Lekander*, Jeffrey Lind, Kimberly Stokes, Thomas Delaney (10)

Not Present: Addyson Moore, Cecilia Hughes (Chair), Danna Trebesch, Dawn Ammesmaki, Debra Peterson, Ed Morales, Erin Marrone, Kimberly Baker, Linda Hansen, Maleenia Mohabir, Holly Hanson, Nicole Frethem, Jennifer Bertram, Lisa Hoogheem (Co-Chair), Michael Gallagher, Michelle Schmid – Egleston, Sarah Fuerst, Steve Hansberry, Success Suehne (10)

29 Active Members. Quorum = 15, Quorum not met

*Donna Lekander and Eric Grumdahl represent for both Council and Subcommittee

Others in attendance: Eliot Butay (NAMI), Christine Graume (DHS), Mikki Maruska (DHS), Sara Nelson (DHS), Sam Nord (DHS), Lea Bittner-Eddy (Alliant), Toni Malanaphy-Sorg (Alliant), Breanna Bertozzi, Chris Ederer, Heather Prior, Liz Harri, Pam Sanchez, Teri Peterso

NOTES

- I. Welcome, grounding and housekeeping, Chair, Michael Trangle, 10:00 10:08
 - Michael opens the meeting and welcomes everyone
 - Housekeeping reminder: location of bathrooms for in-person attendees; refreshments will be coming later from BIPOC vendors; this month is Pimento Kitchen (Jamaican food); mute mics

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when not speaking, use cameras when speaking if possible, raise hands for speaking and don't interrupt others, including use of chat, be respectful when speaking, can use chat

- Reviews agenda
- Rod Peterson requests discussion of new state agency on Children and Families; Sara says this
 is a robust issue requiring time and today's agenda is full so this will be put on the August
 agenda
- II. Land Acknowledgement Sara Nelson asks for volunteer member, 10:08 10:10
 - Read by Dave Johnson (Advisory Committee)
 - We, the members of the State Advisory Council on Mental Health and Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health, acknowledge that the wealth of this country was built on stolen land and with enslaved and underpaid labor of African American, Native American, and Immigrant people. We acknowledge that the recent global uprising, which was sparked by the murder of George Floyd here in Minnesota, paired with the COVID-19 pandemic, makes for a time of profound uncertainty, shame, fear, and distrust. We also recognize that despite those feelings, we all must actively challenge the impact of our own implicit biases and how they may influence our decisions as individuals and leaders.
 - Furthermore, we recognize that racism also expresses itself in policies and practices that
 either target or erase BIPOC communities and erect barriers to their prosperity. Therefore,
 we pledge to be vigilant in monitoring the formulation of policies and practices that produce
 harm to vulnerable populations. We also commit to being open to other people's truths as
 we acknowledge the resilience, creativity and generosity of the human spirit and we hold
 firmly to a persistence of Hope.
 - With these issues in mind, we commit to dismantling systemic and structural racism by initiating and supporting policies, practices, and the allocation of resources that promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and shared power.
- III. Member Roll Call via Padlet including workgroups Roll Call, Sara Nelson 10:10 10:16
 - Sara gives instructions for using Padlet: Click + and add name, pronouns, membership (Advisory Committee or Children's Subcommittee), and workgroup participation
 - Quorum for Council but not for Subcommittee at present
- IV. One Voice discussion on approach to legislators for Council's recommendations, Michael Trangle introduces Dr. Bravada Garrett-Akinsanya (Dr. B) to initiate this discussion, 10:16 10:40
 - Discuss how to have one voice in approaching legislature
 - Working with NAMI has been very beneficial
 - Group worked hard to create the recommendations report with an Executive Summary and separate talking points which can be helpful for the approach
 - Proposes brainstorming ideas on how to better approach legislators and get this group's work out and acknowledged
 - Rod Peterson brings up issue of new agency and the importance of this group lifting its voice toward how this agency should be stood up; wants to work with other groups and have good communication to hear same message

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- Amy Jones via chat: need to put in our mental health in schools workgroup update- we did
 not meet this month due to waiting on final ed omnibus timeline and our speaker had to
 cancel as they were involved in that process. I need to leave for another meeting. Thanks.
- Dan Porter: who works on our behalf and shares recommendations on our behalf? Does someone from Governor's Office assist us?
- Michael: statutory responsibility is to get feedback and information to arrive at recommendations for Governor and all state agencies; state agencies have restrictions on actions; have been sending report to agencies which have been receptive to recommendations
- Support staff have limitations in lobbying efforts therefore resources must come from group for lobbying
- This is first year NAMI and MHLN worked together on one bill for legislator; seems to have gone well, especially with Minnesota's budget surplus; wonders if this will continue
- Lobbying efforts were mild; could show up with shirts and hats to make presence better known
- Mary Kjolsing says it's confusing to know where the line is; advisory council's role is to come
 up with recommendations, but furthering those recommendations is up to individual
 members to work with their legislators; if this group wants to make an impact, would need to
 hire a lobbyist to connect with interested legislators; wonders if this group is indeed a
 lobbying group or if its official responsibilities end with recommendations; also makes it
 difficult to know where recommendations are and any responses
- Eric Grumdahl: wants to move toward having a written reply from state agencies to better track actions and responses; this can also help shape Governor's priorities and budget proposals; this path may be less about lobbying and another way to track actions
- Mary: each bill has implications for state agencies implementing actions; this is where miscommunication can result so working with state agencies on implementation may give clarity to intention of recommendations; this seems to align with Advisory Council's remit;
- Dr. B acknowledges much discussion in chat; wonders if state agencies are recognized in the recommendations; for example, listing specific agencies to interface with in order to realize recommendations
- There was a question about membership to the MHLN and how much this group's recommendations form part of their work with NAMI; lobbyist was by proxy through MHLN and NAMI; may not have finances among members to pay lobbyist
- Had discussed having press release about priorities and action expectations but haven't realized this to make recommendations available for all
- Have had talking points provided in other groups to remind members of points to make with legislators
- Chat comments: Do we need to clarify roles between advisory and lobbying? Time needed to
 educate legislators is expensive; Why aren't there more voices of those using services?
 Agreed; this may be a call to work with other groups that are able to lobby
- Dave Lee: there are many actions this group's members could be taking to get recommendations in front of legislators; have minimal impact with MHLN and in DHS RFPs; would like to see comprehensive actions this group's members can take; many of this group's



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recommendations were considered in part by this year's budget which speaks to MHLN's lobbying efforts which should be utilized

- Lobbying role was clarified by AG office who said while it's not the statutory role of these groups, it is up to members as individuals to take action to forward recommendations
- Don't have capacity to write recommendations in legislative language although Michael was
 able to have someone write recommendations for parity and access in legislative language;
 this would be helpful moving forward; also need to tap into MH Day on the Hill to get in front
 of legislators; if we had this language ready to go MHLN would be more welcoming of taking
 up recommendations
- Agreement that focus could be on helping state agencies implement recommendations
- Jode Freyholtz-London: some legislators were surprised to hear there were mental health
 issues in MN so part of this group's work is to make personal relationships to make them
 aware of the council and of concerns, but this requires much time for someone to volunteer
- Dr B: advocacy is education and all members need to continue to make efforts to reach out to legislators who are often unaware of this group and of recommendations and efforts in progress; we have more power that can be harnessed
- How to empower selves is part of this group's mission that needs to be continued and refined over time; lobbyists will be open to meetings once they've rested a bit after session break so now if the time to approach them
- Elliot adds that working the MHLN requires timing and having all recommendations ready to go by November/December before session starts
- Much comments and chat (see chat record below)
- V. Mental Health Legislative Network Updates Michael Trangle, Update from Elliot Butay, NAMI, and Kristy Graume with legislative session summary 10:44 11:34
 - Member requests access to PPT slides shared by Kristy; Sara has and will be able to share with members
 - Kristy Graume Leg Dir BH Housing, Deaf and Hard of Hearing Disability Services, DHS; Elliott Butay = Senior policy coordinator, NAMI
 - · Omnibus bills passed into law
 - SF 2995 4th engrossment, chapter 70; mental health, health care, children and families, Economic Assistance, Housing/Homelessness, MDH
 - Hum Servs SF 2934 4th engrossment Chapter 61
 - Hum Services Pol HF 1403 3rd engrossment, Chapter 50
 - Edu HF 2497 5th engrossment, Chapter 55
 - · Judiciary and Public Safety SF 2909
 - Recreational cannabis HF 100 12th engrossment, Chapter 63
 - Mental Health Workforce: increasing loan forgiveness for mental health professionals, additional psychiatrist residency slot, training pediatricians with child psychiatrists, paying for BIPOC mental health profs to become supervisors, mental health agencies to provide free supervision to trainees, Cultural and Ethnic Minorities Infrastructure Grant (CEMIG) paying for consultation and interpreters in residential settings, provider supervision grant funding
 - Member comment how important this is as professional psychiatrists are only paid when providing services to people and not for supervision



- Clarify supervision payments help support supervision of training; some agencies
 provide for this in various ways, but this will be very important for individual
 providers to get payment for supervision activities;
- Kim Stokes asks for clarification in the grant application process; Kristy says DHS is working to streamline the process but is not familiar with the specific process; both provider supervision (\$1.4m) and CEMIG (\$6m) grants have ongoing funding over 4 years; this may be a future conversation; members can view statutory language for specific intended audiences which include rural providers
- Rate increases also related to workforce:
 - 3% beginning Jan 1 2024 for non-cost-based rates, yearly 1% increase for cost-based rates for inflation, 14.99% increase for Early Int3ensive Developmental Behavioral Intervention, 12% increase for CADI/BI customized living, 21.3% for PCA, phase out of 23.7% mental health critical access rate add-on, 50% for adult day treatment
- Commercial and public insurance Commerce Committee
 - Changing definition of network adequacy beyond 30 miles/minutes and including wait times and access of culturally specific care;
 - Requiring private insurance to cover Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities and psychiatric collaborative care
 - Establish a mental health parity enforcement office
 - Changing life insurance suicide clause to one year instead of two years
 - Fixing the timely filings and exceptions for mental health care providers and Medicaid management care plans
 - Audio-only telehealth extensions
- Public Safety and Education
 - Free phone calls from jail to mental health providers or for mental health support
 - Better discharge planning from jails for people with mental illness
 - Study to allow for mental health services in jails (run by counites) and prisons (run by state)
 - Restorative justice practices in prisons, especially for children and families
 - Increased funding for Individual Placement Support (IPS) evidence-based employment program for people with mental illnesses; this has been very successful and funding was due to run out this year
 - Funding for school support personnel
 - Creating a mental health lead in the Department of Education
- Children and youth
 - Begin to address issue of families being reported to child protection when child is boarding in ER and no service are available
 - Allowing minors 16 and older to consent to outpatient health and mental health services
 - Allowing a brief diagnostic assessment for children under 6 years old
 - Requiring six hours of training for crisis teams and crisis stabilization that service children and families



- Paying for childcare for low-income parents with a mental illness who don't have a work requirement but who need support
- Start-up and specialization funding (capacity building) for Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities (PRTF)
- Funding children's residential treatment so that families of children with serious mental illnesses do not need to go through the children protection system (3rd path)
- TEFRA fee reduction allows parents of kids with disabilities to buy into medical assistance
- Acute and early interventions
 - 988 lifeline funding
 - Increasing grant funding for: early childhood mental health services, schoollinked behavioral health services, mobile mental health crisis teams, include tribal teams, first episode of psychosis programs
 - Providing new funding for an online program to find mental health and SUD providers
- Housing and Homelessness
 - Increasing funding for the bridges housing program for people w mental illnesses and landlord risk mitigation program
 - Creating Transition from Homelessness grant funding
 - Housing Support presumptive eligibility for people leaving jails/prisons for three months
 - PATH funding and eligibility expansion
 - · Basic standards and tenants bill of rights for sober homes
 - OMMHDD will now take complaints from sober homes
- Community Mental health
 - Placing certified Community Behavioral Health Centers back in the federal demonstration project
 - Transition to community initiative expansion
 - Funding for the White Earth Adult Mental Health Initiative
 - Ban on conversion therapy
 - Funding for peer services streamlining and standardization
 - · Revenue for cannabis for future discussion
 - Acknowledgement of work that has been ongoing for many years and the huge accomplishment these bullet points represent
- VI. Voting to approve May's meeting notes Michael Trangle, 11:34 11:36
 - Mary Kjolsing moves and David Nathan seconds approval of may's minutes
 - Toni calls names for voting: 16 in favor, motion passes
- VII. Subcommittee Co-chairs Vote Michael Trangle, 11:35 11:36
 - No quorum for Children's Subcommittee so this will be delayed



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VIII. BREAK 11:36 - 11:45

- IX. State Agency Updates Sara Nelson, 11:45 12:00
 - Sara will send Claire Courtney's update to members; individual placement and support is most important funding increase (see msg in chat)
 - Other agencies requested to wait until legislative session ends and will send later
- X. Mental Health Grant Review process discussion, Eric Grumdahl, DHS, Michael Trangle, 12:00 12:34
 - Eric Grumdahl, DHS: continuing discussion from December's meeting on how best collectively to respond to statutory obligation regarding mental health grants
 - Minnesota Statute 245.697 to review and comment on all grants related to mental health
 - This is different to an RFP review and is much broader all grants related to mental health
 - Background on state procurement and grant making to provide context
 - · Review of legal requirements and policies related to grant-making functions
 - Discussion with leadership team about purpose and intent of today's discussion
 - Considerations about scope: pertains to DHS roles in mental health grants only
 - Focus on mental health as *primary* aspect of grant; could encompass so much more and may be funded by other agencies other than DHS
 - Scope is not specific to funding source; other bodies may be involved in advisory or governance roles depending on source
 - State procurement requirements
 - Law and policy governs grantmaking processes and is intended to:
 - Set standards for grantmaking, promote fair, equitable distribution of taxpayer resources, preclude inappropriate influence or access that would compromise competitive processes
 - Key provisions related for today's discussion include:
 - MS 13.599 "Data created by a grantmaking agency to create a request for proposal is classified as nonpublic until the RFP is published."
 - Office of Grants Management Policies including conflict of interest.
 - Lifecycle stages for a grant program
 - 1 Need/gap identified
 - 2 Program or grant ideation (including establishing legislative authority)
 - 3 RFP development including defining essential duties and qualifications, rating and evaluation criteria
 - 4 Solicitation and recruitment
 - 5 Review and evaluation
 - 6 Selection
 - 7 Contracting
 - Evaluation and performance management
 - WITW has sole source funding; does this mean it will move more quickly? This will be a faster path than RFP; designates only one provider can provide service; skip steps 4, 5, and 6 and go straight to 7 (contracting)



- question about members being public and able to view or not and distinction between Subcommittee and Council members as part of this process
- dissemination of information to potential responders may be a primary role of this group
- Opportunities for Council engagement (visual)
 - Earlier in process the better and more open-ended conversations can be
 - Member involvement ok in steps 1, 2 and 4; no distinction between Council and Subcommittee membership
 - Once RFP development begins (step 3), members have no clear role; also no clear role for steps 6 (selection) and 7 (contracting)
 - Opportunities may exist with some limitations in steps 5 (review and eval of applications) and 8 (evaluating performance management)
 - Must verify no conflicts of interest
 - Could have conversation in future between DHS and Council about evaluation measures to use in DHS' process
 - Questions?
 - Is this different to what's happened in past?
 - May have been ambiguous in past
 - Opportunities to identify gaps in future is exciting
 - Issues such as directing agency to conduct a study give opportunities for the group to recommend processes and subject matter experts
 - Comment this is clearer to the group
 - Examples of how Council could engage in this process
 - 1 Need/gap identification
 - Council discussions about gaps and unmet needs
 - Coordination with local advisory boards
 - Leveraging research and member expertise and experience
 - 2 program or grant ideation
 - Council discussions about how to deploy available resources or recommendations about grantmaking process improvements
 - 4 solicitation and recruitment
 - Broad distribution of funding opportunities (RFPs) through networks
 - Dr B brings up the importance of getting opportunities in front of BIPOC communities especially as they may not be part of responders or reviewers but are over-represented in terms of services needed; request for this language to be included specifically for DHS to address BIPOC communities
 - Intentional engagement of potential applicants who otherwise might not seek resources
 - How DHS might support Council engagement
 - 1 need/gap identification
 - Share relevant data, experience, national trends, etc. with the Council
 - 2 program or grant ideation



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- Review available resource such as newly appropriated funds from legislature
- 4 solicitation and review
 - Timely notification of publication of RFPs and other solicitations
- Questions?
 - Consider having workgroup address some of these activities, especially for steps 5 and 8 as these may often be overlooked
 - Recalls the Whatever It Takes Fund to help engage people
 - Hear speakers coming in August on research on rural engagement and what works in certain communities
 - This clarity will help the Council and other state agencies engagement in implementing new actions
 - Opportunities for new members to get involved in these processes
 - New members are expected in June, though there is no July meeting
 - When looking at workgroups, look at how new legislation is going to be implemented as possible new focus/ role for various workgroups; propose this for August meeting discussion
 - Sara says this will be held for potential August agenda item including overall functioning of workgroups
 - Thank you Eric for your time and an informative presentation!

XI. Updates from Members – Michael Trangle, 12:34 – 12:38

- Alison Wolbeck: after Clay County, Adult and Children's Advisory Council's gave updates, the local newspaper published an article on this which Mikki has and may be able to be distributed to members
- Jode Freyholtz-London: wants to celebrate 10th anniversary of Wellness in the Woods peer support organization and the recognition of what peers do; moving into 7th year of warm line for peer support network; expanding re-entry program for peers and ability to support mental health in diverse communities including rural areas; will be having party to celebrate; serves on MN Certification Board which now has 55 staff who are peers and is receiving volumes of applications; 95% retention rate
- MMA report 2 days ago about ER boarding; Michael will give link to Sara for sharing with members

XII. Membership and DHS Updates –Sara Nelson, 12:38 – 12:43

- Conversation with GO who mentioned new members will be appointed by June due to new staff appointments
- Leadership and DHS want to look at orientation process including documentation of expectations; Dave Johnson shares his physical orientation handbook which has been helpful; DHS want orientation to be a collaborative process
- Website framework completed; looking to members on information to spotlight and for quotes to give public idea of Council and its goals;
- 365 site is now live; members may have received links from DHS IT to invite to site

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- Must complete 5 short trainings in order to access site
- Largest group of invites hasn't gone out yet and will do soon

XIII. Workgroup updates – Sara Nelson, 12:43 – 12:55

- Integrated Care Mary Kjolsing had technical difficulties at last meeting, but spent time discussing how to impact passed legislation within state agencies
- Local Advisory Councils LACs Alison Wolbeck still struggling with attendance; moved meeting to Wednesday before Council meeting at 3:30; in her new role Mikki Maruska is now supporting this group
- June 15th invited to give presentation about LAC and what DHS is doing to support
 this; at DHS; Alison invited; will share work on county needs assessments and other
 data sources being used by counties to drive OAC activity; hope to hear more about
 LAC activities
- Mikki hopes to support LACs who need support to get up and running during months
 of June; Filmore County doesn't have LAC established yet; developing directory of
 LACs for all to see location, meeting dates/times, contact, priorities, etc.; hope to have
 recommendations for next biennial report around specific needs of LACs; will see
 where counties are combining
 - Clay County's LAC did survey of providers and those receiving services, but had very low response rates so decided instead to focus on one service per meeting to look at nitty gritty of what's happening within a county around this service to inform recommendations to county board;
 - Challenges and barriers exist such as employment, retention of employees, post-Covid activities, etc.
 - Beltrame County had priorities and had engaged service users; Dave Johnson can look into this more if helpful
 - Some counties may not have done a County Needs Assessment in a while due to Covid
- Mental Health in Schools Amy Jones via chat didn't meet this month due to waiting on Omnibus bill and speaker was involved in that process
- Mental health Awareness Day at the State Fair Dave Lee will meet next week –
 have many spots filled with some openings; opening and closing being done by
 American Indian drum groups
- Outreach to Diverse Communities Dr. B workgroup now growing, had 13 attend last meeting;
 - had Assist Commission Grumdahl give legislative updates;
 - want to give assistance to diverse communities through schools;
 - want to have Dr. Joseph Fagen from Texas A and M speak on White Racial Framing on how policies are made;
 - also want people from communities
- Recovery Supports only had Gary and Angie attend which has been typical; discussed legislative updates



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XIV. Next steps and closing – Alliant Facilitator, 12:55 - 1:00

- Members were thanked for their time and contributions
- The next State Advisory Council and Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health is August 3, 2023, 10:00 1:00
- NOTE: NO JULY MEETING due to summer vacations
- June meeting minutes and resources from guest speakers will be emailed to members

Next Steps:

- Sara, send link to Clay County LAC newspaper article to members by 6/15/23.
- Sara, send link to MMA report to members by 6/15/23.
- Members, submit information or quotes to Sara for inclusion on new website; asap and ongoing.
- Members, after receiving invite to new website, complete all trainings prior to website access upon receiving invitation.

Chat log:

from Samuel Nord to everyone: 9:33 AM Test

from Sara Nelson to everyone: 9:37 AM

Hello all! In order to track attendance, please complete the Padlet. https://padlet.com/sarafrnelson/remake-of-state-advisory-council-on-mental-health-and-subcom-ct53euub3l9t9d4h

from Sara Nelson to everyone: 9:38 AM

Please include your name, pronouns, whether you are a Council member, Subcommittee member, or guest, and which work group you participate in.

from Samuel Nord to everyone: 10:02 AM

Hello all, this meeting is being recorded for the sole purpose of note taking and will not be distributed in any shape or form. Thank you.

from Jode Freyholtz-London to everyone: 10:04 AM

jode- Wellness in the Woods- peer run org



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from BraVada Garrett-Akinsanya to everyone: 10:08 AM

Thank you for bringing it up (CYF)

from Sara Nelson to everyone: 10:09 AM

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from Sara Nelson to everyone: 10:09 AM

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from Jen Springer to everyone: 10:11 AM

Is it okay that my entry got covered up? I can't figure out how to move the boxes.

from Amy Jones to everyone: 10:12 AM

dont' worry about moving the boxes. They are all still there even when they get covered up

from Beth Prewett to everyone: 10:12 AM

I think I did it correctly --not sure

from Alison Wolbeck to everyone: 10:13 AM

I can't see mine so not sure if it posted

from Eren Sutherland they/them MDLC to everyone: 10:15 AM

I am not able to hear, is there audio happening right now?

from Sara Nelson to everyone: 10:15 AM

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from David Nathan to everyone: 10:15 AM

Eren- I think we are still doing attendance

from Sara Nelson to everyone: 10:15 AM

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from Al Levin to everyone: 10:16 AM

My view is also messed up a bit...many padlet boxes on top of one another...even after refreshing and using a different browser...and don't see my own entry...hope it's there

from Amy Jones to everyone: 10:16 AM

dont' worry about moving the boxes. They are all still there even when they get covered up

from Alison Wolbeck to everyone: 10:16 AM

Same for me Al.

from Alison Wolbeck to everyone: 10:16 AM Echo

from Amy Jones to everyone: 10:19 AM

I agree. We are putting a lot of energy into building the report, but we don't have a great way to track our impact and that makes us less effective.

from Dan Porter to everyone: 10:20 AM

Who works on our behalf to advocate and share our legislative requests? Is there someone in the governors office to work with?

from Dave Lee to everyone: 10:21 AM

Do we need to clarify our roles between Advisory vs. advocacy?

from Rod Peterson to everyone: 10:22 AM

Dave: Look at the attachment on the legislative report and what our task is.

from Jode Freyholtz-London to everyone: 10:23 AM

the time needed to do the "education" of legislators is extensive to ask for volunteers. The Legislature asked often why there are not more voices from people using services.

from Rod Peterson to everyone: 10:23 AM Spot on Jode!

from Rod Peterson to everyone: 10:26 AM

Per statute, the Council and Subcommittee are charged with:

 Advising the Governor and heads of state departments and agencies about policy, programs, and services affecting people with mental illness



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- Advising the Commissioner of Human Services on all phases of the development of mental health aspects of the biennial budget
- Advising the Governor about the development of innovative mechanisms for providing and financing services to people with mental illness
- Encouraging state departments and other agencies to conduct needed research in the field of mental health
- Educating the public about mental illness and the needs and potential of people with mental illness
- Reviewing and commenting on all grants dealing with mental health and on the development and implementation of state and local mental health plans
- Coordinating the work of local children's and adult mental health advisory councils and subcommittees

from David Nathan to everyone: 10:27 AM Thanks Rod

from Dave Lee to everyone: 10:27 AM

Thank you Rod. I see advising, encouraging, educating, but no clarity on advocating.

from Rod Peterson to everyone: 10:29 AM

THis is why I stressed working with other groups and having a shared vision, because these other groups are able to Advocate.

from David Nathan to everyone: 10:29 AM

I agree Dave. And it really looks like our job is to educate and advise the departments and Governer's office, as opposed to the legislators. And I agree Rod, that working with other orgnizations is key as well.

from Rod Peterson to everyone: 10:32 AM

It is kind of curious that our group is stood-up by statute (by the legislatures) but no requirement to advise the legislatures.

from Amy Jones to everyone: 10:34 AM

I agree Rod, that is curious. I wonder why? I also wonder if we are precluded from advising legislators.

from Al Levin to everyone: 10:37 AM I need to head out for a work meeting. Hope to be back soon.

from Dave Johnson to everyone: 10:37 AM

There appears to be so many tentacles in the vast Mental Health arena, but I as well think it would be great to get some sort of great and powerful Oz to coordinate all these important topics

from Rod Peterson to everyone: 10:39 AM



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The Juvenile Justice Group just had a dicussion to invite all groups involved in Juvenile justice to attend our meetings and give updates on their groups and see how we can help each other.

from Alison Wolbeck to everyone: 10:40 AM David Nathan has his hand up

from Jode Freyholtz-London to everyone: 10:41 AM amen, Dr B

from Eren Sutherland they/them MDLC to everyone: 10:47 AM

Could the main room mute there is background noise?

from Eren Sutherland they/them MDLC to everyone: 10:49 AM

Hi all - I am still getting a lot of background noise.

from Sara Nelson to everyone: 10:51 AM Sorry about that! Is it better now?

from Alyssa Greene she/hers to everyone: 10:54 AM Correct. Thanks, David.

from Elliot Butay they/them to everyone: 11:00 AM

NAMI will have a comprehensive summary of everything that passed with the amount of money etc. Hopefully finished next week!

from BraVada Garrett-Akinsanya to everyone: 11:14 AM

Right now, the people who were formally incarcerated have to re-apply for MA after they are released. The leave with no insurance. So, is this part of the discharge planning?

from Dan Porter to everyone: 11:20 AM

Im not seeing the information that passed for school social workers to bill for 3rd party billing thru the IEP.

from Sara Nelson to everyone: 11:24 AM @Dan Porter- Is this what you were referencing?

from Ellie Miller to everyone: 11:27 AM Bridges Rental Assistance Program received a 2 million base increase

from Dan Porter to everyone: 11:28 AM

This also passed: Medicaid Reimbursement for SSW Services on an IFSP/IEP was finally adopted.

from Tom Delaney, MN Dept of Ed to everyone: 11:28 AM

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@Alison may be helpful to check out the new website for our state's Ofice of Cannabis Management at https://cannabis.mn.gov/

from Alison Wolbeck to everyone: 11:30 AM Thank you Tom!

from Ellie Miller to everyone: 11:34 AM

White Earth in partnership with their Mental Health Inititative received Bridges Renatal Assistance to serve the urban Indingenous population in the metro living with opiod addiction

from BraVada Garrett-Akinsanya to everyone: 11:34 AM

Thank you Kristy and Elliot!!! What an EXCELLENT JOB!!!

from Amy Jones to everyone: 11:36 AM yes

from Alison Wolbeck to everyone: 11:39 AM

Does the Children's Subcommittee vote on their minutes?

from Alyssa Greene she/hers to everyone: 11:40 AM

We didn't have quorum I don't think for the subcommittee

from Alison Wolbeck to everyone: 11:44 AM Thanks

from Jeffrey Lind to everyone: 11:45 AM I'm going to have to step away for another meeting.

from Claire Courtney MN VRS to everyone: 11:47 AM

This is Claire from DEED-VRS. I'm out on the road and will not be able to give my verbal update. I sent a written update that will be included with the meeting notes. The most important item to note is that the IPS (individual Placement and Support) funding increase was one-time (again) and doesn't continue into the future. This allowed us to keep current programs from sustaining cuts. However, expansion to new areas may be very limited due to the one time nature of the funding.

from Al Levin to everyone: 11:59 AM Have to step away again...my apologies. Al

from Jode Freyholtz-London to everyone: 12:00 PM

So for example WITW has sole source funding, Will that move more quickly?

from Jode Freyholtz-London to everyone: 12:03 PM TY.

from PASTOR ROZENIA HOOD FULLER to everyone: 12:19 PM GREETINGS

from Alison Wolbeck to everyone: 12:35 PM YAY



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from PASTOR ROZENIA HOOD FULLER to everyone: 12:36 PM congratulations jode

from Alison Wolbeck to everyone: 12: :39 PM My law they have to be appinted before July 1st.

from Alison Wolbeck to everyone: 12:39 PM

from Jen Springer to everyone: 12:40 PM Love these updates!

from Amy Jones to everyone: 12:41 PM

need to put in our mental health in schools workgroup update- we did not meet this month due to waiting on final ed omnibus timeline and our speaker had to cancel as they were involved in that process. I need to leave for another meeting. Thanks.

from Jen Springer to everyone: 12:48 PM

I need to jump off a little early to make it to my 1pm but hope to make the next meeting in person. Thanks!

from Alyssa Greene she/hers to everyone: 12:50 PM

I also need to jump off - but there aren't any significant updates from MDH from my perspective. I cannot speak for Anna Lynn. But I hope to have some time set aside in the future for Todd Archbold from PrairieCare to discuss the Mental Health Collaboration Hub. Thanks everyone!

from BraVada Garrett-Akinsanya to everyone: 12:55 PM

I'm back now... I lost my page, I could hear, but I couldn't talk. I was on mute