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**STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH**  
*and Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health*

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December 1, 2022

In Person and Virtual Meeting

**In Attendance:**

**In person:** Michael Trangle (Chair), Claudia Daml (Vice Chair), Cici Hughes (Children's Subcommittee Chair), Alison Wolbeck (Council member), Dave Johnson (Council member), Claire Courtney (Council member, DEED), Mikki Maruska (DHS), Sam Nord (DHS), Toni Malanaphy-Sorg (Alliant Consulting – assistance and backup) and Lea Bittner-Eddy (Alliant Consulting – note taker)

**Virtual:**

**Observers:** Marcus Padilla, Melissa Dau

**SAC Committee Members:** Al Levin, Angie Schmitz, Amy Jones, Barb Weckman-Brekke, Cynthia Christensen, Dave Lee, Jennifer Springer, Jode Freyholtz-London, Mary Kjolsing, Rodney Peterson, Shanna Langston, Laura Jean attending from Pacer for Maleenia Mohabir, Amanda Larson

**Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health Members:** Lisa Hoogheem (Chair), Corey Harland, Donna Lekander, Debra Peterson, Dr. BraVada Garrett-Akinsanya, Erin Marrone, Holly Hanson, Jennifer Bertram, Nicole Frethem, Thomas Delaney, Jeff Lind, Kimberly Stokes, Dan Porter, Sarah Dunne,

**DHS Support:** Eric Grumdahl, Amanda Calmbacher, Andrea Abel, Amber Maki, Nelly Torori, Heather Prior, Andrea Orengo, Heather Prior

**Absent:**

Antonina Puentes,

**SAC Committee Members:** Anna Lynn, Beth Prewett, Ashwak Hassan, Dave Lislegard, David Nathan, Ellie Miller, Mandy Meisner, Pa Kong Lee, Pastor Rozenia Fuller, Brittany Wright, Claudette Larson, Eren Sutherland, Ken Morman, Maleenia Mohabir

**Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health Members:** Addyson Moore, Danna Trebesch-Brown, Ed Morales, Kimberly Baker, Michael Gallagher, Sarah Fuerst, Success Suehne. Garrett-Atkinsanya

**AGENDA**

I. Welcome, grounding and housekeeping: Chair, Michael Trangle

- Need to be flexible with agenda as agenda is modified due to Timmerman speaking at next month's meeting
- Workgroups will meet separately later in the meeting to work on strategies to drive recommendations

- November minutes moved to be approved by Claire Courtney and seconded by Dave Johnson; 18 in favor, passed

## II. Land Acknowledgement: read by Lisa Hoogheem

## III. ~~Recap on by laws, voting, questions and meeting with legal representative, Chair, Lisa Hoogheem, Eric Grumdahl, DHS Assistant Commissioner 10:10 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.~~; tabled for January meeting

## IV. RFP Process Discussion: Chair, Claudia Daml introduces Eric Grumdahl, DHS Assistant Commissioner

- Wants to ensure the Council is consistent with state's procurement policies and not providing inside track/access to information not available to members of public
- Need to develop protocol for Council
- What does this group want?
- Jode: State Council has integrated into RFP process so it's not just from a DHS brain; execution is very frustrating; takes very long time; several months; organizations who are not successful want to work and they have to wait for DHS; if State Advisory Council could overview RFPs and help make process more efficient that would be a big gain for stakeholders
- Eric: acknowledges there are 85 steps in RFP process as referenced by Commissioner; wants to engage with legislative partners to have credible process to protect and also be nimble to be responsive
- Dave Lee: Dr. B did work on how to impact RFP process; want to have input on early end of RFPs
- Alison: review and comment on all grants related to mental health; want to be part of development of these RFPs; understands conflict of interest; wants to be more inclusive; may need to small number of people who feel confident enough to comment; want to invite ALL people to the RFP process
- Eric: this is the spirit desired
- Michael: Ethics Officer coming to talk to this group in January; must be a competitive process and wants to honor conflict of interest and no special treatment and these people can recuse selves from process; conflict of interest has been inconsistent; asks DHS to be more consistent
- Michael: State's Advisory Council (SAC) prioritizes issues every year and this could give state agencies a sense of what the SAC is focused on;
- Michael: some dollars come naturally, federal dollars come for grants or sometimes people have to search for dollars; SAC should seek these opportunities; want to use the professionals that are part of this council to help structure RFP to be more meaningful;
- Dr. B: federal grants require proof of evaluation to determine outcomes of efforts; this is best practice and should be incorporated elsewhere.
- Eric: scope of statutory reference is not DHS-specific
- Michael: may still be useful to examine DHS RFP policy and process
- Eric: thank you for this input
- Claudia: language is to review "all" RFPs; does this group have the capacity? There is an opportunity to make a meaningful impact; excited about the role; need to build out what this looks like for SAC
- Eric: thank you; Also wonders what "all" means; effects scope; this could be interpreted very broadly; need to look at overall number to determine totals; DHS has more than 800 grants in 1 area so in total there would be many more than this; volume may help guide eventual scope development

- Dr. B: an RFP's relevance to our workgroup themes could determine whether our group engages with it or not
- Eric: thank you for these comments
- Cici: once we develop a process we can determine our capacity
- Rod: appreciates growth of DHS; grateful it's understood that other agencies have part in the process; group is a collage of partnerships; need to lobby legislators to work with DHS; group has expertise and knowledge to contribute
- Eric: thank you
- Elliot: is there a user-friendly website to list all RFPs to help stakeholders understand what's in the works and then contribute to the discussion"? This is better than DHS reaching out to each stakeholder.
- Mikki: comment from chat: may be helpful for DHS to send out description of RFP for interested stakeholders to get involved
- Eric: will take notes on input to others for further discussion; DHS has largest volume of grants that fall under RFP; review needs to think how to structure relationship with SAC on grants work; Will share thoughts with group then bring back comments in hopes of working together to develop response and propose a practice
- There is idea generation phase, etc. selection process and all steps need to reflect expertise; think in terms of life cycle of grant to involve others in the process.
- Thank you all for the input.
- Cici: Is there a timeline when Eric expects to have information back for the Council's consideration?
- Eric: wonders if January/February is feasible; asks if other state agencies think this is reasonable
- Michael: This is an iterative process so let's share information as its available and work collaboratively. Will have summary of SAG's recommendations which highlight what this group thinks are pivotal issues.
- Cici: if big RFP comes up during this interim time, requests that SAG is consulted.
- Eric: acknowledges request and thanks Cici.
- Comments: several thumbs up
- Eric: knows of one RFP to be published this month that will involve mental health; he will huddle with internal colleagues to determine if any others exist

V. Mental Health Legislative Network Updates – Claudia Daml, Update from Elliot Butay, National Alliance on Mental Illness, NAMI, 10:35 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.

- Criminal Justice Coordinator at NAMI
- Retreat in fall as many new legislators (68), new chairs and staff, etc.; want to go in on joint bills with NAMI rather than keeping separate; 13 bills
- **Will send out high level summary**
- Working through consensus model for passing MH legislation
- Want to introduce all MH bills together
- Needs to go to another meeting but will come back at noon to discuss more
- Update #2: Legislative network will work together with NAMI on bills: adult MH bills, more funding for S grants, fund and expand first episode psychosis; increase rates for protective transport (non-emergency) for dignified transport; sober home working group from last session; expand telephonic care beyond peace time emergency and become permanent; pilot funds for involuntary engagement (replaces involuntary intervention) for county to engage person for up

to 90 days; increase ceiling for elderly waiver to stay in own homes; children's MH bill; children able to consent to out-patient treatment; allowing psych treatment centers to specialize; school link MH; separate residential MH treatment from child protection system and clarify sources of funding; smoothing over language to help people using Youth Act transition more smoothly; state medical review teams to increase staff and allow parents/families whose child is boarding in ER to petition SMRT team directly; requiring SMRT team to make decision on these requests within 30 days (sometimes takes 6 months); respite care for families; expanding qualifications; looking for innovative ways to address children boarding in ER; PCAs for kids having difficulty finding placements; changing definition of neglect; allowing child care for infants of parents with mental illness; requiring crisis teams to have more training on working with children and families; pilot program in Henn Co on family response and stabilization – now want to extend to rural location; new evidence-based practice for children's grant programs; Commerce changing discriminatory language in life insurance policies for suicide within 2 years of policy; create open networks (current is 30 minutes within 30 miles) to expand to any willing provider; enforcing parity; requiring MA to cover collaborative care model; fix regulatory issues around prioritization; requiring MN Care to pay for room and board; criminal justice to make phone calls from jail free;

- Not in bill but supported: Mental health training for 1<sup>st</sup> responders; funding for jail re-entry programs and DOC to update model discharge policy for people with MH and expand to all people; education funding for suicide prevention; increase school support personnel; create MH needs at Dept. of Ed to focus specifically on this; employment to increase IPS funding; taskforce at DEED to look at barriers to employment for people with MI; equity bill; provide culturally competent provider consultations; cultural healers and healers for children and adults in residential settings; training community MH workers in MH; increase funding for college-link services; increase funding for rental assistance and risk mitigation fund for landlords to be encouraged to rent to people with MH; provider rates increased; adjusting PRTF per-diem rates
- Workforce bill establishing education center to include one-stop-shop website for employment for those with MH issues; fund supervision; expand interstate compacts; peer specialists want organized leadership to be joint venture with Recovery Board; fund 988 through telecom fee including appropriation for funding until new funding takes places; culturally responsive tools for suicide prevention
- Some have been sent to the State Revisor; others being updated now; busy session; feeling good about having a united front
- Questions:
- Dr B: Thanks to Elliot for the update; has detailed questions: Is this agenda of legislative target coming out of MN Legislative Network? Yes; members of SAC are members of the Network and leaders have been attending these meetings; how are recommendations being brought to Legislative Network?
- Michael: emailed recommendations report to Sue Abderholden and much is embedded in these recommendations which were received by NAMI workgroups; still working through process;
- Dr. B: this SAC group is meant to influence the Legislative Network
- Wants to ensure diversity is considered across all workgroups in this process
- **Elliot happy to talk with Dr. B** on inclusion of language where possible

VI. State Advisory Council Report to Legislature, Responses from State Leaders, Chair, Cici Hughes, Updates and next steps from Eric Grumdahl, DHS Assistant Commissioner

- **Will package and send** all responses received so far in their review

- Still awaiting other agency responses
- Theme so far is appreciation for recommendations and much alignment with agencies considerations in relation to Governor's budget
- Opportunities seem good to be able to shape state agency actions
- Thanks Council for recommendations
- Details to come when all responses are received
- MDH submitted written response, MDE, Children's cabinet, DHS; waiting on DEED
- Claire Courtney: no one at DEED was able to find request so wondering if DEED leadership was inadvertently left off initial request
- Eric: confirms it was sent to appropriate people today; **Eric and Claire will connect separately**
- Cici thanks Eric for update

VII. Workgroup Breakouts (handout instructions from email), Chair Claudia Daml, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

- Workgroup leaders will comment on what's happening in each workgroup
- Family Systems – Anna had to leave
- Integrated Care – Mary: developing document to use with targeted audiences
- LAC – Alison: no recent meetings; when final legislative report came out, there were some inaccuracies in subgroup's recommendations; these need to be addressed
- Claudia recommends everyone check their section for accuracies
- Mikki: can be corrected electronically
- Alison: **send updates to Mikki**
- Cici: Juvenile Justice hasn't met yet
- Mental Health in Schools – Amy: no update provided
- Outreach to Diverse Communities – Dr. B: reminding that every workgroup needs one member to also attend this group on 1<sup>st</sup> Thurs of each month; Dr. B wrote letter reminding others to participate so hopes numbers go up
- 1 goal is to provide quarterly workshops to group; first one will be in January with guest speaker Jack Dovidio on implicit bias and decision making; He is a godfather expert on implicit bias and is well-known in psychology community; how does this research apply to hiring and policy development? Hopes everyone can attend and hear what the research says so we can modify our behaviors.
- As we look at planned legislation and saw section on Cultural and Ethnic Minority Initiative Grants funding, CEMIG, and more accountability with data to be better able to tell what's working and changing; funds given to organizations should come with requirement for data to be submitted on outputs; Dr. B wants to see this highlighted in the legislative agenda.
- Request for **Dr. B to send link to speaker** to members
- Recovery supports – hadn't met this month due to Thanksgiving holiday; last 2 meetings only had 2 people attending; need more participants
- State Fair – Dave: next meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm to ramp up so haven't met lately; NAMI is co-sponsor; August 28<sup>th</sup> is date; **please notify Dave of potential exhibitors**; have time to speak during day so looking for volunteers to take slots; If Dr. B has ideas on how to take advantage of this platform, please let Dave know;
- Claudia: is there a summary of this year's State Fair? NAMI has it and thought it was shared earlier; some people were no-shows; can circulate who was there with group; **Dave share info**;
- Groups now meeting to discuss action strategies for recommendation report

- Workgroups need to review and develop template sent by Claudia to continue work on legislative committees to further report recommendations
- Elliot's advice on working with legislature:
  - NAMI has 3 trainings in January (2 in person and 1 in Zoom) to address this; will **send details to group**
  - Know what committee people serve on
  - Know own representative
  - Can send letter as member of group, but working through own legislature can also be impactful
  - So if speaking to Education Committee, know educational issues from the recommendation report to bring in front of the right person
  - Introduce self at Capital
  - Have pitch prepared
  - Write letters, email, call and know when to do these specific activities
- Claudia reminds members they've received the list of committees and chairs for both House and Senate
- Sam Smith's previous visit prompted breakdown of previous information from Claudia which was also sent by Mikki; some information may be outdated (21-22) and needs to be updated, but is helpful information
- Dates to know for framework would be helpful
- Jen Bertram: <https://www.minnesotanonprofits.org/events/event-detail/2023/01/06/default-calendar/2023-session-lineup>

VIII. Updates on Plans to Meet with Governor, Connections with Eren Bailey – Michael Trangle

- Michael heard from Eren Bailey that Governor is unlikely to be able to attend SAC meeting but will work to arrange separate meeting time

IX. Membership Updates and Next Steps– Michael Trangle, 12:47 p.m.

- Process no longer on hold; leaders reviewing and processing candidate applications for new positions on this group
- **Will email updates to members**

X. Member Updates – Chair, Cici Hughes, invites members, 12:10 p.m. - 12:35 p.m.

- None volunteered

~~XI. Attorney General's Office, Michael Trangle and Jeff Timmerman, By laws, voting members, 12:35p.m. – 12:55 p.m.~~

~~XII. State Agency Updates – Updates from DOC, DHS, MDE, MDH, and DEED **will be emailed** with the December 2022 Minutes.~~

~~XIII. 2022 Governor & Legislature Report Electronic Copy Sent and Hard Copies at Meeting~~

XIV. Other announcements, next steps and closing – Alliant Facilitator, 12:35 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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## Thank You!

Our Next State Advisory Council and Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health is January 5, 2023,  
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

NOTE: December Meeting Minutes will be emailed with December State Agency Updates

### **Next Steps:**

<b>Task</b>	<b>By Whom?</b>	<b>By When?</b>
Relay feedback from SAC on RFP process in discussions with other state agencies/leaders	Eric	January/February
Inform SAC of incremental progress in RFP discussion to allow for a collaborative, iterative process	Eric	ongoing
Notify SAC of any RFPs which involve MH and which will be posted soon	Eric	As information is available
Send high level summary of Legislative Network Update	Elliot	12/7/22
Discuss MN Legislative Network proposed language with Dr. B for possible DEI influence	Elliot	ASAP
Will collect and send all responses to group's recommendation report received from state agencies to date to members of this group	Eric	ASAP
Connect with Claire Courtney to discuss DEED response opportunities	Eric	ASAP
Send recommendation report edits to Mikki for inclusion in the electronic version of the report	Alison	ASAP
Choose one person from workgroup to attend DEI meeting 1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month	Workgroup Chairs	Before first week of January and ongoing
Send information on January guest speaker to members	Dr. B	DONE
Mark calendars for August 28 <sup>th</sup> Mental Health Day at the State Fair; notify Dave of ideas for exhibitors; consider volunteering to speak during day	All members	ongoing
Share summary of 2022 State Fair Day with members	Dave	When possible
Send details of NAMI trainings on legislature to members	Elliot	ASAP
Know legislative calendar <a href="https://www.minnesotanonprofits.org/events/event-detail/2023/01/06/default-calendar/2023-session-lineup">https://www.minnesotanonprofits.org/events/event-detail/2023/01/06/default-calendar/2023-session-lineup</a>	Members	Immediately
Update members on review of new member applications	Michael	As available

Chat record from Teams:

[10:45 AM] Alison Wolbeck (Guest)

It may be helpful for DHS to send out the idea for the RFP and ask for individuals who have an interest or knowledge to be involved.

[10:46 AM] Deb Peterson (Guest)

Great idea!!

[10:55 AM] Langston, Shanna (DOC)

That sounds like a good starting point.

[11:13 AM] Sutherland, Eren

Hi all - sorry I am late, I had a conflicting meeting.

[11:15 AM] Jennifer Bertram (she/her) (Guest)

Data is useful and I would be happy to help in whatever way I could, with the background in data collection I have.

[11:16 AM] Marcus Padilla

Dr. Bravada, could you send out a link or more information about the meeting you were referring to about Implicit Bias.

[11:16 AM] Hanson, Holly (DOC)

Yes, please!

[11:21 AM] Marrone, Erin C

for those who are in person - can you please talk louder, it is so hard to hear you

[11:21 AM] Marrone, Erin C

thank you!

[11:21 AM] mary kjolsing (Guest)

Difficulty hearing speaker

[11:25 AM] Marrone, Erin C

yes, Mary. I've addressed the hearing issue a couple of times - it is really hard to hear the individuals who are in person

[11:27 AM] Donna Lekander

MH Juvenile Justice



[11:27 AM] Claudia Daml (Guest)  
who was it that needs to go to a different room

[11:30 AM] Claudia Daml (Guest)  
Laura Jean, hold tight as Mikki is working on the rooms

[11:32 AM] Weckman Brekke, Barb

I am not seeing any listings of groups or rooms

[11:32 AM] Marrone, Erin C

there's unfortunately no listings

[11:32 AM] Donna Lekander

me either

[11:33 AM] Marrone, Erin C

only the individual who creates the group gets them i believe

[11:34 AM] Calmbacher, Amanda H (DHS)

We are taking a 10-minute break until approx. 11:43A.

[11:35 AM] Deb Peterson (Guest)  
Are all the groups on break?

[11:48 AM] Maruska, Michele K (DHS)

Samuel Nord is inviting you to a Webex Personal Room meeting in progress.

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