

IMHP Illinois Mental Health Planning and Advising Council Meeting

March 4, 2021 12:30pm-3:30pm

Attendees: Lee Ann Reinert, Nanette Larson, Shirley Davis, Sue Schroeder, Ronald Melka, Patty Johnstone, Eric Foster, Isaac Palmer, Stephanie Frank, Ray Conner, Michael Miroux, Sidney Weissman, Debbie Shepard, Sarah Weimeyer, Christine Walker, Dennis Hopkins, Sandra Frazier, Andrea Cook, Pearl Matlock, Kristine Herman, Sarah Scruggs, Chris Stohr, Amy Starin

DMH Support/Resource Staff: Matthew Christensen, Courtney Aidich, Mary Schepler, Lisa Betz, Brock Dunlap, David Albert, Donell Barnett, Irwin Kerzner

Meeting called to order by Sue Schroeder at 12:34

Approval of minutes for last meeting

Moved by Ron Melka

Seconded by Andrea Cook

Last week's minutes open for discussion, none at this time.

Stephanie Cook- noted that role call only needs to be made if someone dissents. Lee Ann Reinert- confirmed.

Unanimous- Ayes 0-opposed 0- Abstentions

January 14th meeting minutes approved

DMH Report:

Lee Ann Reinert- Recognize Mary Schepler and Matt Christensen as note takers, meeting being recorded for accurate minutes and motions.

Brock Dunlap -Governor made his recommendations which included 11.3% increase to DHS budget. Legislators in House and Senate will meet and create budget bill, hopefully taking recommendations. Once passed then will go to Gov for signature so he can sign or reject. This is not the final budget but the governor's recommendations. 2% increase to grant funding included and additional money coming in through Mental Health Block Grant funding (which SAMHSA will give guidance on).

Lee Ann Reinert confirmed SAMHSA grant and 988 funding. 988 will be general mental health crisis line including suicide prevention 24/7. Crisis response will be integrated into the 988 system and services to be dispatched by 988 staff. There are allowances for other services that are yet to be determined. SAMHSA requiring committing spending money on crisis continuum of care that is consistent with SAMHSA recommendations for state prep of roll out of 988 next summer. SAMSHA tool kit can help with this.

SAMHSA Took Kit (provided by Lisa Betz)

https://store.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/SAMHSA_Digital_Download/PEP20-08-01-001%20PDF.pdf

988 call centers will need the ability to dispatch local crisis response. Currently this does not exist everywhere but SAMHSA asking states to create access to this response including Crisis Receiving and Stabilization Units- physical locations that offers up to 23 hours of services responding if they are in crisis and helping to assess and refer.

David Albert announced Dr. Donell Barnett as new Deputy Director of Clinical Operations for DMH. Dr. Barnett is a decorated Army Veteran, President Elect of the Association of Black Psychologists, and a Chicago native. Dr. Barnett was on the call and introduced himself.

Nannette Larson announced a new training calendar for CRSS and other trainings for people in recovery support fields posted on the Illinois Mental Health Collaborative website.

Amy Starin- Question about coordination with HFS and SAMHSA funding for mobile crisis response for adults and children.

Lee Ann Reinert- Confirmed that a statewide coalition will be formed, and there is already discussion between DMH and HFS on this initiative and how these efforts need to be coordinated around existing services. 988 not tied to Medicaid and always available. Working to not duplicate services but also to be sure that offered services are available to everyone.

Ron Melka - Hoping that as this is developed that 211 social service line centers throughout the state can be linked rather than having to start a new call.

Other questions or comments? None at this time.

HFS Report:

Kristine Herman- HFS applied for 1915i waiver for children under the age of 21 and other more flexible supportive services. Population specific but making sure all pieces are coming together. Going to have to make sure all warm handoffs are established and functioning well to prevent a call ending up in the wrong place. You call one of these lines, we will get you to the correct responder.

1915i supportive employment and housing to be phased in year 2&3. Application submitted and can be seen on HFS website. Comments and application available. Anticipating approval in mid-April. This timeline would keep on pace to get services for children under 21 online by December. Crisis triage beds to provide 3-day length of stay to assist with continuum of care. Transformation legislation has passed- 150 million dollars for pilots to give local neighborhood resources.

Questions or comments? Glad to have HFS participating in the council.

Committee Reports:

Development Committee-

Ron Melka- co chair of Development Committee. One application for membership. Shronda Jiles – provides Youth and Family services at a CMHC that serves south and west sides. Committee recommends that she be elected as Member of Impact. Could not attend today but plans on attending in future.

Development Committee motions to approve Shronda Jiles for new Membership of Impact.

No second needed on this motion since already moved through the committee.

Vote from full membership needed.

Question or discussion? None at this time.

Unanimous-Ayes 0-opposed 0- abstentions

Shondra Jiles elected as Member of Impact.

Two elected officer positions open on Impact Council. Co-Chair and Secretary.

Andrea Cook agreed to run as committee co-chair. Development Committee recommends that she be slated for open position.

Development Committee motions to elect Andrea Cook as Consumer Co-chair

Unanimous- Ayes 0- opposed 0- abstentions

Andrea Cook elected as Consumer Co-Chair

No nominations for position of secretary, Committee calls for nominees for this position.

Bylaws require that we have an elected secretary that keeps the minutes. This position also collects agenda items. Bylaws section 5 says duties of secretary- ensuring minutes are prepared and provided to council and records as the council and co-chairs may direct. Open meetings act requires that minutes be written approved and posted 10 days before next meeting. Recording assistance can be provided for secretary but, recording would not replace minutes.

Michael Miroux- Has a staff member on team that may have availability and time needed for this. Would need to be sent to the committee to be considered as a member?

Ronald Melka- Need appropriate number of providers and consumers, currently right at the border of that according to SAMHSA guidelines. Something that can be considered if we can bring in another consumer or another provider drops off. Recruitment for this position is on the agenda for next development meeting.

Member Surveys main issues that came up had to do with race, diversity, and geography. Recommendation to the committee to follow States Public Act on what these categories are to be sure in compliance when comparing with other data across state departments.

Irwin Kerzner- Thank you to everyone who sent in comments to draft of survey. Positive and helpful. Next steps going back to data management to fix the survey and will be sending it out.

No motion needed to accept the report.

Adult In-Patient Committee Report

Andrea Cook- co-chair. Letter finalized that was read to Director Albert and committee in January and Gov Pritzker by email and US mail. Letter stated that hospitals in state of Illinois should live up to contract parity division asking them to take in individuals who do not have insurance. Currently beds being held for patients with private insurance. Also discussed 988 number and how it will route people to local providers and how a small amount of money was coming from SAMHSA but the rest has to come from the state.

Justice Committee Report –

none at this time as currently no active Justice committee

Other Updates

David Albert- Working with Dept of public health and IDPH to explore what they are currently tracking for inpatient psychiatric beds and see what might be possible. As a result of the pandemic IDPH focused on tracking beds and ventilators. Currently system in place where daily updates on available staffed beds from hospitals that volunteer this information. Hospitals that agree to submit data every day have access to this data. 988 work recognizes bed registry needed as part of this continuum and array of services.

Sidney Weissman- Noted how incredibly important work this work was and important regardless of how an individual is funded (Medicaid, private insurance, self-pay, etc..) that we can identify and know where a bed and Acute Care Centers are available.

Christine Walker- Question regarding distributed copies of letter. Letter has been circulated, do we still need to send this or is there a new way to support efforts of the agency? Is there anything we can do to bring this policy together?

David Albert- Potential utility of new legislation would be related to participation in the system and we still need to know what this system needs to look like and what other states are doing. As we proceed with the work, we will have a better understanding of what is necessary/useful and better idea of what we are asking for.

Sidney Weissman-988 has changed the playing field, if legislation need, we will know that in a few months. 988 will unify services throughout Illinois and currently in the hands of state agencies and departments. Our job to watch and hold accountable if things are not going as we think they need to.

David Albert- 988 is very heavy lift and we appreciate the partnership moving forward.

Lisa Betz- SAMHSA tool kit will be a great place to start to see what the lift is going to look like and what the pieces are that are being built out.

https://store.samhsa.gov/sites/default/files/SAMHSA_Digital_Download/PEP20-08-01-001%20PDF.pdf

Call in user 2- Wants to note the correlation between finding a hospital bed in a timely manner and how it relates to assessing fitness, consequences of filling our jails. Appreciates all the work being done.

Kristine Herman- Working with counter parts with council state governments and a number of legislators that hold positions in those national groups. More than happy to make those introductions if facing any resistance or lack of information.

Lee Ann Reinert- Part of implementation grant is being involved in national learning collaborative. Very impressed with resources, videos with info and monthly meeting. SAMHSA also convening regional meetings, about 7 states in Midwest, to talk about crisis planning and thinking through legislation.

Chris Stohr- Is there a role for mutual health or peer to peer counseling in the SAMHSA tool kit for crisis continuum?

Lee Ann Reinert- Guidance around mobile response teams requires individuals with lived experience to be a part. Definition of crisis response and stabilization unit section also states “in a home like environment”, which sounds like a living room model. Still looking at what SAMHS has in mind and what the functions will be.

Other questions? None at this time

Child and Adolescent Committee Report-

None at this time.

New Business

Shirley Davis- Hard time getting stipend paid. Hopefully having a treasure can help with this.

May take at least two months to process stipend requests.

Kristine Herman- Do we know who new assistant secretary for SAMHSA going to be?

Nothing definite, request to have information shared when available.

Shirley- Didn't receive sign in sheet of council members with email addresses with agenda.

Lee Reinert- Sign in sheet be sent from the secretary with other meeting items if the council requests it. Concern about personal information being incorrectly shared in the past. Required on open meeting page is calendar, how to get there and agenda. Minutes need to be posed 10 days after approved from last meeting.

There was a request to include the new Treasurer's contact information for individuals who need to request a stipend for attendance. The Treasurer elected in January is Sarah Wiemeyer. Members can send their invoice for stipend to her at: swiemeyer@sertomacentre.org

Public Comment –

None at this time.

Motion to Adjourn by Sue Schroder

Moved by Ron Melka

Second by Shirley Davis

Unanimous- Ayes _____ 0 opposed _____ 0-abtenions

Meeting adjured at 2pm. Next virtual meeting in May