

IMHPAC Illinois Mental Health Planning and Advising Council Meeting

May 6, 2021

Attendees:

Amy Starin	Irwin Kerzner	Nanette Larson	Sondra Frazier
Beatriz Ponce de Leon	Jennifer McGowan-Tomke	Patty Johnstone	Stephanie Frank
Brock Dunlap	Joan Lodge	Rashad Saffir	Sue Schroeder
Chris O'Hara	Kristine Herman	Ray Conner	Sydney Weissman
Chris Stohr	Lee Ann Reinert	Robert Phillips	Yasmine Diodonet
Christine Walker	Lisa J. Betz	Ron Melka	
Courtney Aidich	Meg Lewis	Sarah Scruggs	
David Albert	Michelle Churchey-Mims	Sarah Wiemeyer	
Donell Barnett	Mike Davis	Sharonda Giles	
Erin Brumfield Grima	Mike Miroux	Shirley Davis	

Call to order/Introductions

Meeting called to order by Sue Schroeder

Minutes being taken from the meetings recording.

Approval of minutes for last meeting

Amendments- Christine Walker name misprinted in last minutes, incorrectly listed as Sydney. Sondra's name was also misspelled.

Moved by Christine Walker

Seconded by Amy Starin

No roll call needed unless there are individuals that abstain

Unanimous- Ayes 0-opposed 0- abstentions

March 4th meeting minutes approved

Note: in accordance with open meetings the chat function cannot be used to communicate business. Also noted that participants do not need to use video, preferred that they don't for bandwidth reasons.

DMH Report:

Reinert- Review of increases DMH had received for the Block Grants. Amendments to plans made and happy to report both plans approved by SAMHSA in first round.

988 planning grant- 988 web page launched. Significant planning for 988 roll out in July 2022. Stakeholder coalition launched and everything will be put onto webpage including calendar, log in information and technical assistance.

Barnett- Psychiatric Bed Registry effort follow up. IDPH has been regularly collecting information from hospitals across the state which may be a promising way to gather psychiatric bed information.

Hospitals using a third-party software which is then collected by IDPH and shared on their website. Currently reporting at county level, not hospital level.

Dunlap- Question about stipends to participate in council. Reimbursements pre COVID were pre-coded per event including the main IMHPAC meetings in addition to any committee meetings and travel reimbursement. If you are being paid to attend these meetings through another source you are not eligible for this payment. This information will be sent out. The treasurer (Sarah Wiemeyer) can sign off on approvals of attendance. Important to get reimbursement forms to DMH by July. Question about stipends that were already submitted- can follow up with Brock Dunlap over email. DMH will also send out the information about stipends to the group including Sarah Wiemeyer's email. Budget for FY22- Waiting on final budget bill. Hope to have exact report on what budget looks like at next meeting.

Ponce de Leon- May is National Mental Health Awareness month. Planning team celebrating and focusing on a different community each week with information forwarded each Monday. Last Monday was older adult mental health, this Monday child adolescent and young adult. Then people of color, veterans, and LGBTQ populations. Materials on the site available for anyone to use and share.

Reinert- Upcoming Block Grant Planning Activities- It is within the bylaws if there is interest in the council in creating subcommittee to work directly with DMH on this. Planning committee is allowed to be created through bylaws. Any revisions of the Bylaws need to be made through the development meeting.

Members of the council interested in a planning committee to help with the Block Grant: Michelle Churchey-Mims, Amy Starin, Sarah Scruggs, Chris O'Hara, Chris Stohr, Ron Melka, Joan Lodge, Sydney Weissman and Robert Phillips all volunteered.

Walker- Question about hospital reporting being voluntary not mandatory. Can we make it mandatory if there is no participation?

Barnett- Currently most hospitals are participating so they can also access this information. No law that compels them to participate and a change with this would need to be explored. System can customize bed types as needed. IDPH is the owner of this system and discussing who would manage a psych specific arm. Currently hospitals in this system are reporting psych beds if they have them. We would work to include other hospitals in this process so we would have full range of those who are focused on psychiatrics and general hospitals that have psych capacity. Currently both safety net and private hospitals in the system.

HFS Report:

Herman- Continuing to collaborate with DMH on 988. Moving forward on 1915i negotiations, application for children's behavioral health services and high-fidelity wraparound, intensive care coordination, home based services, peer support respite, supported housing and supported employment. Public notices coming out in near future with anticipated timeline. Launched transformation grant, targeting five different areas of the state for grants that bring together hospitals, community providers and other providers that can help with social determinates of health. Application out and responses sent back already being scored.

Question about key residential spots for kids closing or those eliminating residential options. What is Illinois, DMH or HFS doing to fill this void and work towards capacity building?

Herman- HFS in discussions with DCFS to maximize use of residential capacity that we have. Looking at in state and out of state providers that we can bring into network. Issue exacerbated by workforce shortages. Happy to take recommendations from the council and talk internally to sister agencies.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Development Committee Report-

Melka- Unable to meet last week due to lack of a quorum. Daniel Frey has resigned from Impact. Andrea Cook has submitted a resignation for co-chair and membership position due to work, will attend in July to say goodbye. No nominations for secretary position and now have consumer co-chair position open.

Kerzner- Member survey. Sent out and 25 responses received, about half of the membership. Deadline is May 10th. Survey takes under 4 minutes to complete. Reminder with the link will be sent out. Hope to report on this at next meeting.

Adult In-Patient Committee Report-

Davis- Wants real time data from hospitals about mental health beds. 988 number consumer advisory committee report will be given at next meeting. Question about if the units have enough training to handle crisis. Is there a standard of inpatient treatment? Discussion about inconsistency of care. Note that being involved in the Block Grants was one of the reasons the council was created.

Weissman- Pleased that we are discussing how this committee can work with Block Grants. Note that inpatient psychiatry is more than just beds but the staffing. Hope we can become more effective in learning about beds and how they are staffed. Note to the significant service that Andrea Cook has made to this committee. Volunteer to participated in Block Grant committee.

Justice Committee Report –

None at this time, not active

Child & Adolescent Committee Report-

Sign in sheet shows Ray Conner as the co-chair but this is inaccurate.

Conner- This committee was active for many years, but council looked at committee and said it was inappropriate; too many people participating that were not members of the council. After this decision was made I resigned and I have not been co-chair for many years.

Reinert- Part of bylaws that every subcommittee must be made up of a minimum percentage of council members. Need to identify co-chairs and members first. If the council believes that the bylaws are a problem this needs to be brought to the development committee.

Christina Walker and Chris O’Hara both volunteer as co-chairs of the Child & Adolescent Committee.

Reinert- Council meets on odd months of the year and subcommittees on even months. If the state organizes the meeting, then it needs to follow open meetings act on WebEx.

Reinert- Intent of this committee is to be consistent with SAMHSA, making sure that just as we have a least 51% representation of the council of individuals with lived experience and representation on this committee of individuals with current experiences of having a child being treated in the system. This is important feedback for the state. We need to make sure that we are actively seeking input from those who currently have a family member in the system. Co-Chairs need to make sure that meetings follow open meeting acts so it can be posted on same meeting page where full council meeting is posted. Need the date and time of meeting, WebEx information and agenda sent to Courtney Aidch one week in advance of the meeting. Any other questions can go to Lee Ann Reinert.

Shirley Davis, Amy Starin, Joan Lodge, Michelle Churchey-Mims, and Erin Brumfield Grima all volunteer to be members. Sondra Fraizer was a member in the past and will continue to participate if appropriate.

New Business-

None

Public Comment-

None

Motion to Adjourn

Moved by Shirley Davis

Second by Sarah Struggs

Unanimous- Ayes 0- opposed 0- abstentions

Meeting adjured. Next virtual meeting in July 8th.

Sue Schroder will not be present, will need someone else to chair.