

Illinois Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council Minutes

January 10, 2019

Attendees from Council in Chicago:

Matt Perry, Margo Rothlisberger, Ron Melka, Amy Starin, Fred Friedman, Ray Connor, John Shustitzky, Meg Lewis, Tina Fogarty, Joan Lodge

Attendees from Council by Telephone:

Georgianne Broughton, Terry, Carmichael, Tanya Cooley, Andrea Cooke, Cindy Daxenbichler, Yasmin Diodonet, Thane Dykstra, Norwil Frial-Lopez, Sondra Frazier, AJ French, Joanne Furnas, Dennis Hopkins, Patty Johnstone, James Kellerman, Irwin Kerzner, Pearl Madlock, Janet Martin, Jennifer McGowan – Tomke, Orson Morrison, Irene O'Niell, Judy Rushton, Susan Schroeder, Christine Walker, Michael Wathen, Dr. Sidney Weissman, Sarah Wiemeyer

Attendees from the Council in Springfield:

John Fallon

Resource Personnel: Brock Dunlap, Diana, Knaebe, Lee Ann Reinert, Jennie Melton

Call to Order:

The Meeting was called to order by Margo Roethlisberger at 12:30 p.m. Attendance was recorded.

Approval of Minutes

Amy Starin moved to approve the Meeting Minutes from November 1, 2018, seconded by Ron Melka. Fred Friedman abstained. Two corrections were made, AJ French was present during the September 6, 2018 meeting. Also, during the Adult Inpatient discussion there was strong objections to developing more small group home institutional settings expressed by Council Members John Fallon, Fred Friedman and AJ French. Motion to approve the Meeting Minutes with revisions passed.

Division of Mental Health Report

- Lee Ann Reinert reported that the Council Members received notice that the Block Grant Annual Report has been published. Webcast and PDF versions were posted on the Open Meetings web page. Lee Ann requested questions and feedback from members. There was no feedback from anyone in Chicago. Michael Watson observed that it was difficult to follow without page numbers. Lee Ann stated that she would bring that issue to the appropriate person so that page numbers can be added. Some members had technical difficulty getting into the report. It was noted that members can go back in any time to view the report. Fred Friedman suggested that copies of all information that is sent out via email be available in the meeting room for those that are unable to print or access the internet.

Irwin Kerzner and Lee Ann Reinert met earlier in the day and have a suggestion on how to proceed with the 2020-2021 plan. Irwin suggested a strategy for the block grant that is due in September. At the next meeting they would like to get input from the members regarding some portions of the grant report. In April they will identify needs and in July a draft will be ready for discussion in July. Irwin suggested members go into the posting page where they can review the past year's plan in the Needs Assessment section to get a reference as to the kinds of things that will be discussed in upcoming meetings with respect to the plan.

- Andrea Cooke asked Brock Dunlap what form to use for reimbursement. Brock explained that members of the council who participate to represent an individual who is not representing an agency have funding available for reimbursement for participation in the meeting and travel. Forms will be sent out via email. The treasurer, Tracy Hopkins will receive the requests, sign them and send them to DMH.

- Amy Starin asked what impact DMH is expecting with the pending changes in the Governor's office. Brock Dunlap stated that DMH has been in conversations with people on JB Pritsker's team and they are attuned to where things are with DMH.

IHFS Report: No Report

Strategic Planning Committee:

- John Shustitzky stated that he had hoped that there would be a draft to distribute today, however that is not the case. He believes the best approach will be to convene one final meeting by conference call adhering to the open meetings act with one agenda purpose. The purpose is to distribute a draft recommended strategic plan to the council for discussion and feedback. Once there is a plan the next step will be to assign tasks to members to put the plan into action. There were no questions.

Committee Reports:

- **Development Committee:**

- Development Committee minutes from 12/03/2018 were approved by the Council.
- Ron Melka held a new member orientation with 23 in attendance. The training covered bylaws, OMA training and Ethics training.
- Ron Melka reviewed the request for Joan Lodge to replace Mary Ann Abate. The request letter and resume were sent to all members. Ron gave a brief description of Ms. Lodge's experience and credentials. Ron strongly encouraged supporting her membership. Ron Melka motioned, seconded by Fred Freidman. Andrea Cooke stated concern that there is not enough representation on the council by consumers and peers. This sparked a long discussion. Andrea Cooke and AJ French would not like to replace Mary Ann Abate's position on the council until more consumers are added. Discussion regarding what defines a consumer and how to find consumers unfolded. It was decided after the debate that the bylaws would be referred to and if able, the roster would be revised to show the preference in identity for those that are consumers as well as providers. During the voting process, John Shustitzky motioned to table the vote. A vote was taken to table whether to vote on Joan's potential membership. 10 opposed and 17 in favor of tabling the vote until the next meeting. The vote is tabled until the next meeting.

- **Adult Inpatient Report:**

- Adult inpatient report was distributed to the council members prior to this meeting. Amy Starin brought up a concern she had about the tone of the first paragraph in the report. She pointed out a lot of generalities and would like to know what data there is supporting the summations. Andrea said the report is referring to reports from various agencies and that this topic will be added to the agenda for Child and Adolescent Committee. Adult inpatient committee meets on the third Monday of even months at 11am.

- **Justice Committee Report:**

- The justice committee met on 12/13/18 to discuss three points.
 1. The committee met to identify volunteers to serve on the Justice Committee. Anyone that would like to join, please contact AJ French.
 2. The committee established consistent committee dates – The meetings will be held on the first Thursday of every other month opposite the Council meetings. Time to be announced.
 3. The committee updated models of evaluations, dispositions and wellness recovery action plans about getting WRAP into the prisons.
- Notes from the meeting will be emailed to the members in the near future. The time of future meetings will be included in the notes that will be sent out. At the next meeting they will discuss the structure of the meetings and what works best.

Mandatory Meetings Reminder :

- Members were reminded to complete the mandatory trainings which include the one time OMA training, Ethics training and Sexual Harassment training once a year. It was noted that for those that have taken the OMA training there is a public list noting those that aren't in compliance with the trainings.

New Business:

- A motion to have a special meeting was made by AJ French, seconded by John Fallon. Too many people had left the meeting to have a vote as it was 2:43 p.m.
- Matt and Margo will do some research and invite the appropriate person from the new Governor's administration to attend the March meeting.

Public Comment: None

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made at 2:45 p.m. Motion Carried.

Next Meeting: Scheduled for March 7 – 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thane Dykstra
IMHPAC Secretary