

# Illinois Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council Minutes

November 1, 2018

## **Attendees from Council in Chicago:**

Ray Connor, Yasmin Diodonet, Thane Dykstra, John Fallon, Stephanie Frank, Fred Friedman, Brenda Hampton, Patty Johnstone, Meg Lewis, Ronald Melka, Jen Negowi, Matt Perry, Margo Roethlisberger, Amy Starin

## **Attendees from Council by Telephone:**

Mary Ann Abate, Andrea Cooke, Cindy Daxenbichler, Norwil Frial-Lopez, Sondra Frazier, Dennis Hopkins, Tracy Hopkins, Nanette Larson, Pearl Madlock, Janet Martin, Susan Schroeder, Christine Walker, Sarah Wiemeyer, James Kellerman, Irene O'Neill

## **Attendees from the Council in Springfield:**

Sidney Wiessman, Belinda Gunning

**Resource Personnel:** Lisa Betz, Brock Dunlap, Diana, Knaebe, Lee Ann Reinert, Dan Silbert

## **Call to Order:**

The Meeting was called to order by Margo Roethlisberger at 12:30 p.m.  
Thane Dykstra took attendance.

## **Approval of Minutes**

John Fallon moved to approve the Meeting Minutes from September 6, 2018, seconded by Thane Dykstra. Fred Friedman abstained. Correction was made, Irene O'Neill was shown as absent, however she joined the call later and was in attendance. Motion Passed.

## **Division of Mental Health Report**

- During the last meeting it was reported that promoting primary integration of behavioral health care grant was received. This project is in the early phases. DMH is working with agencies that will be partnering with them. Funds will be utilized to develop high quality integrated services as opposed to care coordination.
- UIC has received a grant to bring a 3 day WRAP class to centers for senior citizens, bringing WRAP to a new population. The classes are offered to persons 60 and older identified as needing some sort of mental health intervention. This is a 3 year program with the first classes starting this month. Twenty-six individuals were trained in Chicago and Springfield to deliver this particular style of WRAP for seniors. Bruce Goth was hired as Project Coordinator.
- In September DMH was awarded a grant providing early intervention for people aged 13-25 at high risk in Cook and Du Page Counties. With outreach education coordinated specialty care will be provided. Thresholds is the Service Provider for this grant.
- The Block Grant report is in the final stages of completion. The report is due in December. The plan is to have it out to everyone on Monday for review. The final draft will be submitted in December before the deadline. The Final report will be given to the council in January.
- Brenda Hampton announced her intention to retire at the end of the calendar year. Brenda Hampton reported that the Williams program did not meet the target this year. They have reached a plateau and expect another peak in the future. The majority of placements have been successful; however there are difficulties with MCOs, medication, etc. We now have people that are more difficult to transition. DMH is meeting with providers regularly to talk about the challenges. Fifty-nine members have been

transitioned with the target of one hundred by the end of October. The semi-annual report is on the website. Brenda was thanked for changing lives throughout the state.

**IHFS Report:** No Report

**Strategic Planning Committee:**

- The committee has developed recommendations in conjunction with technical assistance. John will commit before the January meeting to pull together with other members and get a report out for the council for review and approval at the January meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

• **Development Committee:**

- Development Committee minutes from 10/25/2018 were approved by the Council.
- Ron Melka summarized the election of membership of Dr. Sidney Weissman and Jennifer McGowen-Tomke. Committee motioned Dr. Weissman for membership and John Seconded. A vote was taken and the council elected both into the council.
- Ron recommended reappointment of members who's terms are expiring on 12/31/18. Emily Miller and Mark Heyrman declined reappointment. Orson Morrison, Christine Walker, Amy Starin, and Cindy Backstein accepted reappointment.
- Anne Irving had notified Ron that she is no longer able to serve on IMHPAC. Meg Lewis is recommended to replace her. The recommendation had no objections. Meg is now replacing Ann. John suggested a thank you letter be sent to Ann Irving for her service to the council.
- With the election of many new members a training will be held in the near future to orient council members. We will email council members with potential dates for December training.
- Fred inquired as to how many members are currently on the council. Ron has an updated roster which he will share with the secretary. Six to seven family members and/or consumers need to be added.

• **Adult Inpatient Report:**

- The conversation on inpatient care will be tabled until March, as Dr. Weissman will be unable to attend the January meeting. A continuation of the conversation we had today regarding hospital care, emergency rooms, living rooms, preventative care and community care will be discussed in March.
- Conversation on committee structure – Are existing committees and their organization with IMHPAC appropriate for the present position of IMPHAC and the state of mental health care in Illinois? Do we need to create new committees? There exists no committee for adult supports and services, a matter which was then brought up as a reactive point to statements made by the adult inpatient committee. As another member addressed to the council, there were also concerns raised about the organization of existing committees.
- A discussion was held regarding members certification for the Illinois DHS training. Information regarding how to access the training will be sent to all council members.
- Bylaws – Multiple questions about bylaws were raised today, and bylaws will be distributed to council

• **Justice Committee Report:**

- Fred Freidman announced that he will be stepping down as chair.

**New Business:** None

**Public Comment:** None

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made at 2:35 p.m. Motion Carried.

**Next Meeting:** Scheduled for January 10<sup>th</sup> – 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Thane Dykstra  
IMHPAC Secretary