

Hennepin County Children's Mental Health Collaborative (CMHC)
Governance Committee Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2021

Present:

Voting Governance Committee Members: Liz Gronert, Krista Phillips, Karen Malka, Pat Dale, Maureen Smith Seiwert, Stacy McClendon, Cindy Slowiak, Angela Watts, Debby Wells, Liz Franklin, Desola Oni, & Meredith Martinez

CMHC Coordination Team: Laura LaCroix-Dalluhn, Cheryl Holm-Hansen, & Margaret Sullivan

Guests: Emily LaCroix-Dalluhn, Raven Baker, Anna VonRueden, Sussie Voss & Molly Coyne

Meeting called to order by Pat Dale.

Approval of Meeting Minutes & Agenda: Pat takes the group through approving April 2021 meeting minutes and May 2021 agenda.

- April 2021 Minutes: Stacy McClendon moved approval of the minutes and Angela Watts seconds the motion. Vote approved.
- May 2021 Agenda: Liz Gronert made motion to approve agenda, Krista Phillips seconds the motion. Vote approved.

Committee/Coordinator Updates

Parent Catalyst Leadership Group

- Margaret: PCLG hosted the Let's Talk About event last night and it went well! Next Let's Talk About It will be with Parks.
- Liz G: We are beginning in person work and it is exciting.
- Laura: Gave a shout out to the PCLG and states to the Committee that parent recruitment for the PCLG is significantly important.
- Karen: Being able to be a parent volunteer has been priceless, it is truly amazing.

School Based Mental Health Committee (Mark)

- Laura: Please encouraged everyone to read the written update Mark Sander and be aware of the summer programs through schools.
- Cindy: Asks about funding.
- Maureen: A lot of the federal funding are focused on the learning loss, the terms are very broad. The summer opportunities are extensive. Minneapolis is tripling the amount of pre-K kids we are serving over the summer.
- Mark: The Legislative Session is not done yet, it will be an ongoing session. The rumors are there will not be additional resources for school based mental health.

SoC Written Updates

- Pat: Each of the subcommittee has provided a written brief. Asks people if they have questions about the written briefs.
- Debby: Asks for clarification on what journey mapping entails.
- Cheryl: Provides a brief description of what journey mapping is and what it includes.
- Laura: States a vote on the journey mapping proposal is needed.
- Pat: We need approval to keep moving forward, we will vote once a budget is presented. Clarifies that, as of now there has been no budget presented.
- Cheryl: We are working on the budget now and determining volunteers. Under the initial draft budget, Collaborative Coordination team is mostly covered by our current budget. We will be asking the Collaborative for stipends to pay families and volunteers for their time on the project.
- Pat: Asks for a motion to approve. Angela makes a motion to approve the project plan as presented, Meredith seconds the motion. Motion approved.

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Recruitment Subcommittee

Cindy: Goes over her presentation on their subcommittee request (see written updates for more information). They identified an opportunity to improve the structure and culture of the current Governance Committee and subcommittee meetings to align with the system of care values. The following major themes related to current operations and recruitment strategies were discussed with the Executive Committee.

- Structuring meeting agendas to focus on discussions related to the children's mental health services and systems; agenda items focusing on the administrative and infrastructure of the CMHC should be kept at a minimum.
- Beginning each meeting with a brief "mission moment" to help ground the group on the mission of the CMHC.
- Increasing the number of parent voting members from 2 to 4.
- Ensuring all mental health providers and partners can engage in CMHC. We have a strong presence of school-based mental health providers; how do we strengthen other connections without anyone feeling like they are being replaced.

Laura: Asks Cindy if now is a good time to make a voting decision on the parent voice.

- Cindy: Agrees.
- Liz: The biggest part of the recruitment committee is coming together. This allows us to alter our conversation from how systems should be and about how they truly are. These recommendations allow our conversation to expand the number of parent representatives.
- Pat: Moves we add two additional parents to the Governance Committee and Debbie seconds the motion.
- Desola: Believes the recommendation are a great idea and asks for clarification on which parents or how parents will be engaged. Desola asks how do we ensure intention on what representation looks like on the committee or the bylaws.
- Liz: Appreciates what Desola stated and noted parents may or may not represent the PCLG. She shared the diversity of experiences of PCLG members.
- Krista: Provides clarification, we will not add voting members until we've approved the bylaws, which is in addition to this vote.
- Laura: Responds to Desola and Krista sharing that both in the Engagement and Governance/Structure subcommittees there is lots of discussion around the need for inclusion and how to keep ourselves accountable in holding those values true. One suggestion and something we could do is amend the amended notion, to voting on the two parents and to have inclusion written in the bylaws. Pat amends his motions and Debby seconds the amendment.
- Vote approved to add two additional parent representatives as voting members.
- Laura: Invites people to the recruitment meeting to help answer the questions.
- Laura: Asks the Committee if moving forward we want to allow time for honest discussion around wrap around services or other SoC efforts.
- Anna: Appreciates that offer and will bring the conversation back to their System of Care meeting.

Stipend/Incentive Policy Review & Approval (Pat/Laura)

Laura: We are out of time, but you have the draft stipend policy before you. She suggested we vote online or vote at June meeting on the policy.

Pat: Recommends voting online. Liz Gronert motions to vote online and Angela Watts seconds the motion. Vote approved, the stipend policy will be voted on using online tools.

Adjourn

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