

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH
and Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health

Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health

Thursday, April 4th, 2024, 9am - 11am

In-Person and Virtual Meeting

AGENDA

I. Welcome, grounding and housekeeping – Cici Hughes - 9:06 - 9:07

- Missing several people so giving time for people to log on before beginning meeting
- reading of respectful meeting guidelines
- Verbal interruptions during the meeting are not allowed. Please utilize the chat function and “raise hand” feature to engage in the discussion. Appointed members of the Council and Subcommittee will be acknowledged to speak. Open and respectful dialogue is highly encouraged. Fighting words, obscene speech, and true threats are absolutely prohibited. Persons who engage in such prohibited conduct will be given a warning; if the conduct continues, the chat feature will be disabled and/or the person will be removed from the meeting. By remaining in the meeting by WebEx or phone, you are agreeing to follow these guidelines. Please be mindful that use of chat during meetings can be distracting to presenters and keep responses relevant to the discussion and respectful of speakers.

II. Land Acknowledgement – Cici requests member volunteer, 9:07 – 9:09

- Read by Claudia Daml
- We, the members of the State Advisory Council on Mental Health and Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health, acknowledge that the wealth of this country was built on stolen land and with enslaved and underpaid labor of African American, Native American, and Immigrant people. We acknowledge that the recent global uprising, which was sparked by the murder of George Floyd here in Minnesota, paired with the COVID-19 pandemic, makes for a time of profound uncertainty, shame, fear, and distrust. We also recognize that despite those feelings, we all must actively challenge the impact of our own implicit biases and how they may influence our decisions as individuals and leaders.
- Furthermore, we recognize that racism also expresses itself in policies and practices that either target or erase BIPOC communities and erect barriers to their prosperity. Therefore, we pledge to be vigilant in monitoring the formulation of policies and practices that produce harm to vulnerable populations. We also commit to being open to other people's truths as we acknowledge the resilience, creativity and generosity of the human spirit and we hold firmly to a persistence of Hope.
- With these issues in mind, we commit to dismantling systemic and structural racism by initiating and supporting policies, practices, and the allocation of resources that promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and shared power.

III. Member Roll Call via Padlet – Sara Nelson 9:07 – 9:10 (9:09)

- Link in chat

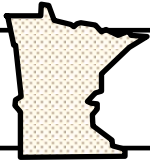


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- First, last name and preferred pronouns
- Which group you are in (Council, Subcommittee)
- Which workgroup(s) you attend
- Contact Sara or Chairs if unable to access chat

IV. SPA Updates – Cici Hughes introduces Michael Gallagher (DHS) - 9:10-9:20

- New Manager, Children and Family MH Services, DHS
- State plan amendment for MH school services
- For expanded MH services provided by school staff
- Language close to complete and ready to go to legislature
- Want language approved in this legislative session so they can be implemented this year
- Q: Are there any blockages to this passing?
- A: not particularly; good collaboration between MDE and DHS to consider stakeholder concerns.
- Schools that are ready with MH professionals will be easier able to roll out; those that are less prepared will take longer to implement services.
- DHS submitted a proposal to CMS for a grant for states to partner with school districts over 3 years.
- Would support on the group roll out of services to schools.
- Barriers will be on implementation; working hard to identify these and provide technical assistance to schools.
- Q: capacity of MH professionals; licensed social workers and counselors in schools are already at capacity; looks like this will be an extra load
- A: acknowledge many MH services are already provided, but are unable to bill for them; hope is this will allow schools already providing services to access Medicaid reimbursement for services provided.
- Q: Will schools contract out for MH services?
- A: could be possible; it's not the intent; there are two other services – school-linked MH and school-based community services which could potentially be accessed through partners; also CTSS could be accessed through contracted partners; trying to make all these services providable;
- Q: If social worker is providing individual skills for student, they'd still need to document medical necessity, correct?
- A: Medical necessity can now be established through IEPs and services will need to follow; seems this process is largely already in place.
- Q: Will General Ed students qualify?
- A: 504 plan students will be included; GE students who are Medicaid-eligible can still receive medical necessity diagnosis.
- Q: What about schools not equipped to deliver these services?
- A: Want to provide this training and support over the years; hoping to provide training to other schools that might not have it.



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- Q: Separation of information held by schools from families and being accessible to non-medical health professionals; could be included in IEP and seen by others; is this being discussed?
- A: don't have an answer; wide variety of data privacy laws apply to healthcare data; unsure how HIPAA and Data Privacy impact this specifically; hoping the "all together" approach would have comprehensive treatment plans and diagnostics in one place plus the ability to bill for certain services; Eric Grumdahl has been more involved with legislature and may be able to comment on this later.
- See chat

V. Legislative Updates – Claudia Daml introduces Elliot Butay – 9:20 – 10:15 (9:24)

- First deadline passed of three; bills needed to be heard by March 22nd by both houses to be considered alive.
- Many of the MH priorities met this deadline.
- Chair Fischer of Human Service Policy Committee HS3495 was heard just before deadline as an Omnibus bill including many of the MHLN bills.
- These bills were supposed to not require funding, but some of these proposals do require funding.
- House MH Policy Bills to streamline provider processes; priority for NAMI is funding voluntary pilot program engagement allowing counties to send someone to assess before crisis state.
- Raising Medicaid rates and broad increases to out and in-patient services as requested by providers
- Texting for case management
- Allowing Occupational Health to be part of ARMS teams
- Children's Crisis Stabilization; created in 2022 would allow similar services for children up to 30 days with funding through MA.
- Increase access to respite care for families
- Sub and MH Center
- Rural supervision grants
- Funding for in-home children's MH; wraparound and bridging
- Start-up grants for protective transport (non-emergency, medical as alternative to police or ambulance)
- House bill summary (see chat)
- Funding for Somali MH Center in Rochester
- Governor released targets for committees and budget proposals outlining priorities; negotiating with Omnibus bill priorities
- Leadership agreed to targets for money spent within certain committee budgets.
- \$4.5 and 5m for next year's budgets in comparison to Human Services getting \$45m
- Push legislature to prioritize these things, especially for children's services.
- Last year legislature set budget for last and this year so this year is considered supplemental.



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- Legislature not looking to spend more money as deficits are projected in coming years.
- Network members prioritizing what will be sent to leadership.
- Other bills have elements MNLN is also supporting.
- Omnibus bills are main focus now so some individual bill numbers have been included now into Omnibus Bills (HF3495); may hear bills are being laid over for possible inclusion; this is the last stop for Omnibus inclusion.
- Are policy and funding Omnibus Bills.
- House Public Safety Omnibus HF3614 with provision to ban excited delirium training in law enforcement; has been controversial way to describe people in medical crisis; no longer used in medical fields; study found no connection between excited delirium without use of force.
- Partnering with Communities United Against Police Brutality to push this.
- House Commerce Bill HF4077 has Disability Insurance Parity; federal and state laws encourage this but disability insurance policies have limits with mental health coverage caps at 24 months; stabilization treatment often takes longer than this; want disclosure on policies to make this more apparent.
- Changing outdated language in health insurance policies around use of “insane.”
- Passed provision for health insurance payouts on suicide within 2 years now moved back to one year of incident, acknowledging this is often a spontaneous event.
- Requirement in Commerce Bill to cover gender-affirming care.
- Human Service Policy SF4399 has many SUD provisions.
- Small changes to MDPD for people with disabilities; predetermination from 6 to 12 months to shorten requalification requirements.
- Sober homes requirement to have medication available to guests on sober site (delicate balance).
- Senate Education Pol SF3567 has some provisions: health standards in schools and state curriculum for health (including MH).
- HF3782 NAMI weighed in on policy requiring schools to have cell phone policy; supported testimony around conflict over cell phones and MH issues with adolescents; banning all together NAMI suggested wouldn't be helpful;
- Requirement for MH education which NAMI asked Dept of Ed to approve; didn't want individual schools coming up with own curriculum.
- Provision to require space for telehealth; A father went to Representative from Blaine MN where daughter didn't have room for telehealth appointment; and to use school devise for these appointments.
- Juvenile Justice: raising age of delinquency from 10 to 13; Legal Rights Center supporting this; implementation timeline for going into effect 2026; Hennepin County testified they've already been doing this for one year with high success rate of not putting kids into child protective system.
- Will be Senate Omnibus bill for funding to match House Bill provisions; Senator Wicklund is Chair of Health Committee.
- Q: Does NAMI give advice on MH targets?



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- A: not on specific targets which are out of control; push to have funding for MH; once targets are made public, NAMI made spreadsheet with recommendations for funding allocations.
- Today is **Thursdays at Capital** with NAMI advocating for MH; will be at house chamber at 3; they start session at 3:30; grab legislators for quick conversations along with lobbyists; every first and third Thursdays; **all are welcome**.
- Q: Juvenile Competency update?
- A: nothing this session; big talking point to raise age; group working on bill wasn't ready to introduce anything this year; planning for this summer.
- Q: Any proposals for MH service in juvenile facilities?
- A: Youth Care Training Ctr may be in Omnibus Bill.
- Bill clarifying people can't be discriminated against for making false 911 calls for MH needs.
- SF3492 with provision on tenant protections.
- Hearing to increase IPS individual placement and supports (employment) for people with serious mental illness; never had sustainable funds; asking for money into base for recurring funding; heard in House and waiting to be heard in Senate.
- Some Bills outside Omnibus.
- Q: NAMI's priority spreadsheet; will NAMI do this for the non-budget year?
- A: likely; have been working on letter to accompany; **Elliot will send public releases to this group**

VI. Workgroup Meeting Updates – Cici Hughes - 10:15-10:10:20 (10:03)

- Please focus on children's issues where possible
- Family Systems – Anna Lynn – no Anna
- Integrated Care and Access – Mary Kjolsing – No Mary
- LAC – Sierra –
- MH and Juvenile Justice – Cici – working on getting recommendations out and talking to people about these
- MH in Schools – Amy Jones – No one at meeting
- Outreach to Diverse Communities – no one to give update
- Recovery Supports – Angie Schmitz – haven't been meeting
- MH Awareness at State Fair – Dave Lee –
 - met yesterday; had 6 submissions for shirt artwork; selected one; t-shirts will be on sale via state fair MH website soon; **will send link to members**
 - Changing Dan Patch Park with fences and affecting number of providers to 40
 - Many applications for entertainment
- Logistics Workgroup – if you want to help with website, please reach out to Sara

VII. Updates from Members – Claudia Daml - 10:20- 10:30 (10:07)

- Sara – had flyer created with mission and vision of Council/Subcommittee and contact information that is available for members to use for upcoming meetings with



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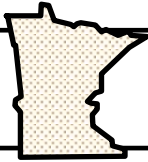
legislators and relevant people; Sara can send on request; 4x6, double-sided; Sara will have some to bring to next meeting/orientation

- Alyssa Greene – MH Collaboration Hub - through Prairie Care and MH Access Grant; Oct 23 – Jan 24 55% reduction in children boarding in emergency department due to use of Hub;
- Dan Porter – added Duluth Children’s Conference;
- Britt Olean – 5k Walk for Wellness in Anoka
- Michael Gallagher – BH Division have RFPs on CEMIG and supervision grants going out which members may help review; contact Michael (mike.gallagher@state.mn.us) or Eric Grumdahl for other RFP review opportunities
 - Involves Conflict of Interest sign-up
 - DHS staff send proposals for review
 - Time commitment depends on size of grants
 - Anticipating fairly large commitment due to anticipated number of respondents for complex programs; plan for 1-2 days to review proposals
 - Have tight timeline so will need availability
 - Claudia encourages members to participate if they haven’t done so
 - Mike says it can be very rewarding to impact future work

VIII. 5 minute BREAK

IX. Eric Grumdahl talking about merger into new Children, Youth and Families Agency;

- official start date = July 1st 2024; Walz and Flannigan have focused administration on making MN best place to raise kids so this aligns with that priority; hoping to coalesce services that may be siloed; Commissioner will be appointed July 1st; all member agencies have been working to ensure programs move effectively into new structure;
- Was previous Children, Family and Learning Agency structure that is proving lesson learned.
- Have DHS implementation team and others working across states; 22 states have similar agency with experience to draw from.
- Relationship between agency and Children’s MH which will remain with DHS, partly due to leveraging Medicaid and linking services.
- Some services are not population specific so want to maintain MH system and services in BH Division.
- Need place in new agency where kids are central with robust liaison relationship with DHS.
- State’s Children’s Services Cabinet are also involved.
- Will be phased transition.
- Another transition is in 2025 Direct Care and Treatment Admin (DCT); currently parallels BH in DHS with almost 5000 employees running state hospitals and settings; will split into own agency; this is seamless due to uniqueness of mission; leader of DCT will report to Board of Directors; like a hospital system.
- Naming fact there are two agencies being created but this also creates new DHS focusing on Medicaid to support programs.



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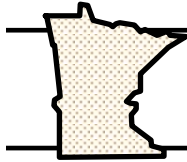
- STRIB did nice article which Eric will share via chat outlining new agencies.
- Put questions for Eric in chat or send to Sara.

X.Update on Governor's Budget - Cici Hughes Introduces Elizabeth Ebot and Stephanie Hogenson

- 10:30- 10:55

- Stephanie is Policy Director (MMB)
- Working on legislative ask for DCYF (Dept of Children, Youth and Families)
- Stephanie was appointed under Dayton administration to serve on this Council
- Grew up with parents with severe mental illnesses so is familiar with issues
- Placing children at center of government is DCYF's goal;
 - aligning outcomes and programs with equity
 - improve front door for services
 - sharpen focus of state agencies on services
- Gov's budget includes \$2m for FY 24-25 then \$12m FY 26-27
 - Priority investment in legislative recommendations and community feedback on engagement
 - Critical operating resources
- Most previous funding was one time
- Chair Dave Pinto and Chair Melissa Wiklund proposed legislation
- Portion of funding would support middle leadership roles at agencies to have stronger partnerships with counties and tribes – aligned with responding to specific legislative recommendations
- Coordination of services for MH services and children who have disabilities
 - Will hire leadership role as well as staff
 - Especially with BH and Medicaid services staying with DHS
- Family navigation and partnership relationships
 - Will have leadership role
 - \$340k in FY 24-25 and \$1.4m in FY 26-27
- Central operation needs
 - Total resources needed at DCYF
 - Minus resources available to transfer from other agencies
 - = DCYF supplemental budget request (to fill critical gaps)
 - Will be largest budget after DHS and MDE
 - Slide showing central operations for unique complexity
 - Central functions comparisons – about 19% of total FTEs and comparison with other similar state agencies
 - 137 FTEs for central operations; raised to 173 after analysis hence supplemental budget request
- Questions?
 - None
 - Cici thanks them both for the presentation
 - Stephanie includes contact information in chat and will send slides to Sara

XI. Closing and Adjourn – Cici Hughes - 10:55 - 11:00 (10:50)



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- Council meeting start next at 11 on same link
- Next meeting May 2nd (joint meeting) 10-1:00
- If holding workgroup meetings, please submit meeting notes to email
- Submit meeting invoices (including workgroup)
- Thanks everyone for attendance

XII.Next Steps:

What	Who	When
All are welcome to join NAMI for Thursdays at the Capital	Members/All	Thursdays
Send accompanying public release of letter on NAMI's MH work to group	Elliott	asap
Send link to MH Day at the Fair t-shirts	Dave Lee	When available
Bring card promoting these groups to future meetings; members can request for future meetings	Sara/Members	When available
contact Michael (mike.gallagher@state.mn.us) for participating in reviews of RFPs on CEMIG grants and for supervision grants	Members	asap
Provide link to Strib article on new DHS agency	Eric Grumdahl	Via chat - done
Send slides to Sara for sharing with members	Stephanie	asap

Chat log:

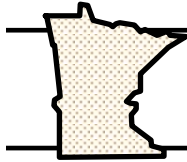
April 4, 2024 9:01 AM from MHAdvisory Council to everyone: Good morning, we are giving attendees a few extra minutes to settle in before we begin. Thank you.

April 4, 2024 9:03 AM from MHAdvisory Council to everyone: We will begin at 9:05. Thank you.

April 4, 2024 9:10 AM from Claudia Daml to everyone: Just logged on, could I get the padlet link pasted again? Thx

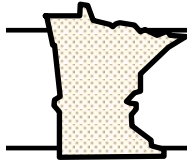
April 4, 2024 9:11 AM from Melissa Dau- Youth Justice Office to everyone: Can you add the link to sign in to the chat?

April 4, 2024 9:11 AM from Sara Nelson to everyone: Good morning! Please take a momoent to sign in using the Padlet link. Please include your name, pronouns, whether you are a Council member, Subcommittee member or guest. Also, include which work group you attned! Thanks!



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- April 4, 2024 9:11 AM from Sara Nelson to everyone:
<https://padlet.com/sarafnelson/state-advisory-council-on-mental-health-and-subcommittee-on--94worbf0q422rvx/wish/2943321233>
- April 4, 2024 9:19 AM from Dan Porter to everyone: potentially a brief DA could start this as well
- April 4, 2024 9:24 AM from Mike Gallagher to everyone: That is correct Dan, a brief DA could start the establishment of medical necessity for services as well.
- April 4, 2024 9:28 AM from Dan Porter to everyone: This is a new document that speaks to medicade billing that has just come out and is useful for us to be aware:
<file:///C:/Users/dporter/AppData/Local/Microsoft/Windows/INetCache/Content.Outlook/2LO5D84M/medicaid-funding-for-school-based-services-03-08-2024.pdf>
- April 4, 2024 9:29 AM from Dan Porter to everyone:
<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/docs/medicaid-funding-for-school-based-services-03-08-2024.pdf>
- April 4, 2024 9:30 AM from Elliot Butay they/them to everyone:
<https://www.house.mn.gov/comm/docs/Cd8AhwDBREq8s22EqVrG1w.pdf>
- April 4, 2024 9:31 AM from Claudia Daml to everyone: yes -can you talk a bit about the target for those who are unclear about that and the potential impact
- April 4, 2024 9:37 AM from Dan Porter to everyone: Brit-- since 2014, school districts have been allowed to bill Medicaid for all health services provided to all Medicaid-enrolled students, instead of being limited to reimbursement for services included in a student's Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Yet states have been slow to leverage this opportunity because the original restrictions have been encoded in state policy.
- April 4, 2024 9:38 AM from Dan Porter to everyone:
https://healthystudentspromisingfutures.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/Status-of-School-Medicaid-Expansion_-How-and-How-Many-States-Have-Taken-Action-to-Increase-School-Health-Access-and-Funding.pdf
- April 4, 2024 9:44 AM from Cecilia Hughes to everyone: Elliot - any thing specific to Juvinile Justice?
- April 4, 2024 9:45 AM from Claudia Daml to everyone: Will the Senate have an omnibus bill?
- April 4, 2024 9:47 AM from Alyssa Greene she/hers to everyone: Agree, lots of mental health curriculums exclude eating disorder education.



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April 4, 2024 9:48 AM from Claudia Daml to everyone: that was in our last book of recommendations

April 4, 2024 9:49 AM from Alyssa Greene she/hers to everyone: oh good!

April 4, 2024 10:01 AM from Britt Olean to everyone: Thank you, Dan!

April 4, 2024 10:03 AM from Alyssa Greene she/hers to everyone: Thanks, Elliot!

April 4, 2024 10:03 AM from Melissa Dau- Youth Justice Office to everyone: Thanks Elliot!

April 4, 2024 10:08 AM from Dan Porter to everyone: <https://macmh.org/conference/child-adolescent-conference/> this confrence is coming up in duluth april 28-30th

April 4, 2024 10:10 AM from Alyssa Greene she/hers to everyone: Yes!

April 4, 2024 10:10 AM from Britt Olean to everyone: 5K Walk for Wellness, Anoka County, May 18th, <https://www.mwcac.org/>

April 4, 2024 10:10 AM from Claudia Daml to everyone: Great to hear! Thanks for sharing Alyssa - so important

April 4, 2024 10:11 AM from Britt Olean to everyone: Suicide Prevention Conference May 2nd at Hamline University (free and open to the public as well)

April 4, 2024 10:13 AM from Mike Gallagher to everyone: michael.j.gallagher@state.mn.us

April 4, 2024 10:16 AM from MHAdvisory Council to everyone: We will resume at 10:20. Thank you.

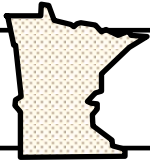
April 4, 2024 10:21 AM from MHAdvisory Council to everyone: We are giving folks another minute to get settled. Thank you.

April 4, 2024 10:33 AM from Claudia Daml to everyone: thanks for the update!

April 4, 2024 10:34 AM from Eric Grumdahl to everyone: For those interested in more about the DCYF implementation: <https://mn.gov/mmb/dcyf-implementation/>

April 4, 2024 10:36 AM from Claudia Daml to everyone: Thanks for sharing Stephanie - SAC/SCMH alumni continuing to do great things in our community - love

April 4, 2024 10:50 AM from Claudia Daml to everyone: Thank you for your time! A lot of good information!



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- April 4, 2024 10:50 AM from Stephanie Hogenson - MN Children's Cabinet to everyone:
Children's Fiscal Map - <https://mn.gov/mmb/childrens-cabinet/childrens-fiscal-map/>
- April 4, 2024 10:50 AM from Stephanie Hogenson - MN Children's Cabinet to everyone:
stephanie.hogenson@state.mn.us
- April 4, 2024 10:52 AM from Alyssa Greene she/hers to everyone: Thank you!
- April 4, 2024 10:52 AM from EJ Dean they/them to everyone: Thank you!
- April 4, 2024 11:00 AM from Rod Peterson to everyone: good morning.
- April 4, 2024 11:00 AM from Angie Schmitz to everyone: Good morning everyone.
- April 4, 2024 11:01 AM from Rod Peterson to everyone: i hear no sound
- April 4, 2024 11:01 AM from MHAdvisory Council to everyone: Good morning everyone. We are going to give folks another couple minutes to join before we get started. Thank you.