**National Council for Mental Wellbeing**

Association Executives Meeting Summary Notes

Friday, March 1, 2023

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

**Participants:** Laura Aldinger, Karen Campbell, Lydia Conley, Annette Dubas, Richard Edley, Mark Fontaine, Zoe Frantz, Shannon Hall, Jesse Hambrick, Lisa Henrick, Kara Johnson-Hufford, Heather Jeffris, Lee Johnson, Kyle Kessler, Joel Landreneau, Mark LeVota, Chloe Ligon, Holly McCorkle, Joan Miller, Shauna Moses, Jin Palen, Carolyn Petrak, Mary-Linden Salter, Flora Schmidt, Tyler Smith, Alysia Smith-Knight, Chris Stoner-Mertz, Brad Story, John Tassoni and Marissa Williams.

**Staff in Attendance:** Chuck Ingoglia, Deanna Roepke, Brett Beckerson, Neal Comstock, Peter Delia, Rebecca Farley David, Erin Griebe, Maggie McDonnell, Connor McKay, Keisha Pitts, Aaron Polacek, Katherine Seibel, Reyna Taylor and Nicholas Thomas.

**Summary Notes:**

**Opening Remarks –** Jin Palen

**Policy Update** – Reyna Taylor

Reyna discussed the status of congressional appropriations bills and legislative language which would define Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) in Medicaid. She also highlighted the impact of upcoming congressional retirements, including that of Senator Mitch McConnell (R-KY), on leadership roles.

**Hill Day Update** (presentation shared) **-** Connor McKay

Connor detailed Hill Day 2024 planning -- our first in-person event in five years and our 20th anniversary Hill Day.

**CCBHC Update** (presentation shared) – Rebecca Farley David

Rebecca presented an update on the 2024 CCBHC Impact Survey, saying that we are aiming for a 55% response rate and expanding the survey content. She mentioned sending nudges for increased participation, setting an unofficial March 7th deadline, and planning a final outreach push. Rebecca also highlighted state-specific response numbers and gave a shout out to Arizona for a 100% response rate.

**NatCon24 Updates –** Deanna Roepke

Deanna outlined NatCon24's highlights in St. Louis, including a VIP reception at the Crystal Ballroom, St. Louis Grand Marriott Hotel, on Sunday evening, the 14th, and a 7:30 AM breakfast for collaborative discussions. She described how NatCon24 offers 275 sessions, 60+ hours of learning, 150 exhibitors, and pre-cons like Mental Health First Aid. Deanna discussed keynotes remarks by Michelle Obama and Pulitzer Prize winner Isabel Wilkerson, author of 'Cast: The Origin of Our Discontents', which will explore themes from Obama's 'The Light We Carry', underscoring the conference's focus on mental health, community, and leadership.

Deanna also shared that NatCon attendance expected to be large (surpassing 4,000 registrants this week).

**Closing Remarks** – Kyle Kessler

**Next Association Executives meeting**

The next Association Executives meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 5, 2024, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET.