**National Council for Mental Wellbeing**

Association Executives Teleconference Summary Notes

Tuesday, February 15, 2022

2:00 – 3:00 p.m. ET

**Participants**: Melanie Brown-Woofter, Blanca Campos, Gian-Carl Casa, Nadia Chait, Tom Chard, Le Ondra Clark Harvey, Jud DeLoss, Annette Dubas, Candy Espino, Mark Fontaine, Doyle Forrestal, Zoe Frantz, Jesse Hambrick, Claire Kozik, Mollie Laird, Robb Layne, Joel Landreneau, Richard Leclerc, Mark Levota, Liz Logan, John Magnuson, Pamela Mattel, Holly McCorkle, Maggie McCowen, Jennifer McCollum, Brent McGinty, Jin Palen, Carolyn Petrak, Mary-Linden Salter, Flora Schmidt, Deb Stidham, John Tassoni, Jr., Kerran Vigroux, Debra Wentz, Ellyn Wilbur, and Mary Windecker.

**Staff in Attendance**: Chuck Ingoglia, Jeannie Campbell, Hicham Bakhit, Brett Beckerson, Malka Berro, Neal Comstock, Rebecca Farley Davidson, Stephanie Katz, Mason Lee, Connor McKay, Joel Nepomuceno, Bruce Pelleu, Keisha Pitts, Aaron Polacek, Reyna Taylor, and Natalie Weiner.

**Summary Notes:**

Federal Policy Updates  
Reyna Taylor and Chuck Ingoglia

Reyna discussed federal budget spending authority, which was scheduled to end on March 18th. She stated that she was doubtful that a shutdown would take place, and most likely, there would be a continuing resolution through March 11th. She noted that our position on the FY2022 budget has been in place for several months, and while Congress will be focused on the FY2022 budget, we will be focused on preparing for FY2023.

Reyna also discussed the 988 Implementation bill, which will be introduced on February 23rd. Chuck said that part of the rationale in introducing legislation next week is to help people understand that significant investment will be required for 988 to become reality. He also mentioned that SAMHSA has convened several planning groups in preparation for July’s 988 implementation, including a group on mental health and substance use providers, which is co-chaired by the National Council. Chuck also said the National Council is working on messaging pieces for the longer-term vision of 988 and that we need to continue to fight for money for the crisis lines and within the community capacity.

Association Executives Retreat

Doyle Forrestal

Doyle discussed plans for an upcoming Association Executives Retreat and asked meeting participants to provide feedback in a Zoom poll on when the best time would be to have the retreat. Of the Association Executives polled, the preference was for September.

Mask and COVID Tests

Neal Comstock

Neal discussed the National Council’s partnership with Winbrook, a PPE and rapid COVID-19 testing kit provider. Neal asked Association Executives to use a Zoom poll to indicate how their members feel about the need for more testing kits and N95 masks. Neal said we would pass along the results to Winbrook.

NatCon22

Jeannie Campbell

Jeannie discussed NatCon22, which was eight weeks away. She mentioned the Early Bird deadline would be extended for a couple of days. Jeannie also said that we are creating networking opportunities for Association Executives to meet with one another, including a luncheon on Monday, April 11th, and a dinner on April 12th. She stated that there will be a screening of a documentary, “Tipping the Scale”, about substance use treatment and recovery with an emphasis on the criminal justice system.

**Next Association Executives meeting**

The next Association Executives meeting will be on Tuesday, April 19, 2022, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET.