

Hello Partners-

It's hard to believe that it's already mid-July. It's been over a month since our last committee meeting. If you haven't noticed, PoC has been taking a little break this summer.

The Strategic Subcommittee will reconvene next week but the full committee won't meet again until the fall.



In the meantime, here are some things on our **summer to-do list**:

- ✓ Finish the PoC one-pager / marketing materials.
 - The most recent version of the PoC one-pager is attached for review / feedback.
- ✓ Finish the PoC video project.
 - A huge **THANK YOU** to Josh Dewar at Rogers who is currently editing hours of footage!
- ✓ Create an Assessment Subcommittee. (Keep reading for more info on this!)
- ✓ Continue to find opportunities to support future Medicaid expansion.
- ✓ Continue to expand our PoC membership and subcommittee participation. If you would like to join the Strategic Subcommittee or the Assessment Subcommittee, please email PartnersOfChange@lsswis.org.

When we meet again this fall, PoC will have been in existence for an **ENTIRE** year. PoC is grateful for the partnerships and shared expertise that have been so vital in our first year. Thanks to **ALL** of you, there are several **small victories to celebrate**.

PoC Year in Review:

- ✓ PoC representatives attended its first Joint Finance Committee hearing in April.
- ✓ The following PoC committee members testified before the Committee on Medicaid Reform and Oversight in May:
 - Amanda Krzykowski, LSS
 - Linda Hall, WAFCA
 - Tracy Oerter, CHW
- ✓ LSS has partnered with Michael Best & Friedrich LLP to assist with lobbying efforts.
 - Steven 'Mickey' Foti from Michael Best Strategies shared his legislative expertise with PoC committee members at the 5/23 meeting.
 - PoC drafted language related to the DPI mental health grants currently being used by Representative Rohrkaste to draft a legislative bill that would allow private non-profit organizations to apply for DPI grants in support of school-based mental health services.
- ✓ The Joint Finance Committee removed the sunset on clinical consultation in June. We will continue to work with other coalitions to expand this to include consultation with parents.

Acknowledge all of your small victories. They will eventually add up to something great. ~Kara Goucher



Although Governor Evers has approved Assembly Bill 56 as Wisconsin Act 9, there are things that PoC can continue to do. It has always been PoC's goal to be action-oriented and this will continue moving forward.

Next Calls to Action:

- ✓ Mickey from Michael Best has recommended that PoC continues to build relationships with majority and minority legislative leaders. This will be on the agenda when the committee reconvenes this fall.
- ✓ At the 5/23 PoC meeting, the committee also agreed to start looking at ways to align data collection to show the impact of school-based mental health services as we continue to advocate for Medicaid expansion and higher reimbursement rates.
- ✓ **We are looking for Assessment Subcommittee members!** If assessments and data are your thing and you would like to join us, please email PartnersOfChange@lsswis.org by Friday, 7/19.
- ✓ The next Strategic Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 7/24 from 11:30am – 1pm. If you would like to join us, please email PartnersOfChange@lsswis.org.

If you have any questions or no longer wish to receive PoC email communications, please email PartnersOfChange@lsswis.org.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!
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