



2026 Mental Health Board Education Retreat Agenda

Theme: Mental Health Board Role as a Governing Body

- February 6, 2026 – ThriveOn King, 2153 N. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

8:00 AM – 8:45 AM | Welcome Breakfast

- Welcome by Board Chair / introductions
- 2026 Board Officers Election
- Overview of retreat agenda / establishment of ground rules / icebreaker

8:45 AM – 9:15 AM | DHHS Mission and Vision

- Remarks by DHHS Executive Director Shakita LaGrant-McClain

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM | Mental Health Board Jeopardy

- Led by Board Chair Emerita

10:15 AM – 10:30 AM | Break

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM | BHS Services and Programs Review

- Review of continuum of care programs by Administrator Mike Lappen and BHS staff
 - Reference: BHS Programs and Services Descriptions by Service Area
- Milwaukee County's role in the community inc. Substance Use Disorder services
 - Reference: System Redesign Flowchart

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM | Lunch (provided)



1:00 PM – 2:00 PM | Board Member Areas of Expertise & Board Leadership Roles

- Board Chair Emerita invites members to share their areas of expertise which informs their board service
- Board Officers and Committee Chairs share an overview of committee purpose and activities (Executive, Finance, Quality, and Community Engagement)

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM | Board Member Service Expectations & Accountability

- Review of service expectations by Board Vice Chair
 - Reference: Board Member Expectations Policy (handout)
- Annual self-evaluation process discussion
- Group discussion on fostering accountability among members

3:00 PM – 3:15 PM | Break

3:15 PM – 3:45 PM | MHB Advocacy

- Review of the MHB Collaboration-Based Advocacy Policy by Board Chair Emerita and BHS Administrator
- Highlights of recent advocacy activities
- Group discussion on advocacy opportunities (including structural changes impacting health care)

3:45 PM – 4:30 PM | Behavioral Health in Milwaukee County and Beyond

- Remarks by County Executive David Crowley (confirmed)

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM | Wrap-Up

- Closing session led by newly elected Board Chair and Board Chair Emerita