



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

# Milwaukee County

CHRIS ABELE • COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Date: March 5, 2020  
To: Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors  
From: Chris Abele, County Executive  
Subject: Appointment of Berdie Cowser, PhD, to the War Memorial Corporation Board of Trustees

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Subject to the confirmation of your Honorable Body, and pursuant to the provisions set forth in Wisconsin State Statutes Chapter 45.75(5)(a)3, I am hereby appointing Ms. Berdie Cowser, PhD, to serve on the War Memorial Corporation Board of Trustees. A veteran of the US Army active-reserve, Dr. Cowser has more than 20 years of combined human service experience working with adults, children and families, in providing case audits and case management on issues related to PTSD, bereavement, depression, anxiety, and military sexual trauma (MST). Dr. Cowser currently serves as the Bureau Director for the Center for Veterans Issues, Ltd, Bureau of Housing, VETS Place Central.

I am pleased to submit this appointment as outlined below:

**Board:** War Memorial Corporation Board of Trustees  
**Type:** Appointment  
**Appointee:** Berdie Cowser, PhD  
**Role:** Member  
**Replacing:** Ethan Lenz  
**Relative File No/s:** 20-176  
**Term Expiration:** March 17, 2024  
**Code or Statute:** Wisconsin State Statutes 45.75(5)(a)3  
**Hyperlink / Webpage:** [Wisconsin State Statutes 45.75\(5\)\(a\)3](#)

A copy of the resume of Dr. Cowser, who resides in Milwaukee, is attached for your review. Your consideration and confirmation will be appreciated.



Chris Abele  
Milwaukee County Executive

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cc: Supervisor Jason Haas, Chair, Parks, Energy & Environment Committee  
Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, County Board of Supervisors  
Dan Buttery, President and CEO, War Memorial Center  
Kelsey Evans, Committee Coordinator  
Berdie Cowser, PhD