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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD  
BUDGET MEETING**

**Thursday, July 11, 2024 - 8:00 A.M.**  
**MCDOT- 10320 W. Watertown Plank Road, Wauwatosa, WI 53226**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Kathy Bottoni, Shirley Drake, Kathie Eilers, Kenneth Ginlack, LaNelle Ramel, Mary Neubauer, Amy Ridley-Meyers  
**EXCUSED:** Richard Canter, Ramel Smith, Dennise Lavrenz

**SCHEDULED ITEMS:**

**NOTE: All Informational Items are Informational Only Unless Otherwise Directed by the Board.**

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| 1. | <p>Welcome. <b>8:28am</b></p> <p>Chairwoman Neubauer welcomed everyone to the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board's July 11, 2024 meeting and roll call was taken.</p>  |
| 2. | <p>Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Services 2025 Recommended Budget Narrative Presentation.</p> <p>Matt explained the major changes in the 2025 budget which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The 2025 BHS tax levy target is increased by \$885,762. Increased fringe benefit costs and cost-of-living wage increases account for \$2.8m increase. A shift in oversight of Residential Care Center services for youth transfers \$1.9m in tax levy from Behavioral Health Services (BHS) to Children Youth and Family Services (CYFS)</li><li>• Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) providers will receive a 5% rate increase to offset increasing costs in the level of care.</li><li>• Pharmacy and CBRF services are increased by a total of \$0.6m to account for current utilization trends and inflationary cost adjustments.</li><li>• 5.0 FTE Paid Intern positions are added to enhance BHS' workforce development program.</li><li>• The 2025 Wraparound Milwaukee (youth mental health) budget includes two major changes to funding streams that Milwaukee County has historically used to support mental health services for youth. First, The Wraparound Milwaukee HMO program is sunseting and the care coordination and support services will be available to youth through Comprehensive Community Services and REACH Crisis Intervention programming in the Wraparound system Care. Second, Wraparound Milwaukee is no longer directly facilitation Residential Care Center (RCC) or Treatment Foster Home</li></ul> |

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

	<p>(TFH) placements on behalf of the Division of Milwaukee Child Protective Services (DMCPS). Those services are transferring to DMCPS for youth on CHIPS orders and Milwaukee County Children, Youth and Family Services for children on delinquency orders. Children in these placements will still have access to mental health services through Wraparound.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Patient revenue is decreased by \$3.4m across all BHS services due to decline in Medicaid enrollment.</li><li>• \$1.0m in BHS revenue funds are being requested to pilot independent supportive housing program as a step-down for BHS clients currently living in Community-Based Residential Facility settings.</li></ul> <p>Chairwoman Neubauer asked a question regarding the development and placement of the 5 paid intern positions and Matt responded the positions will be housed in Workforce Development program but will be deployed to various support programs like the crisis mobile team truly depending on the need. Mike L. added a potential placement with be with CYFS Division and connecting with the clinical services provided at the detention center with the youth outpatient clinic where an intern could work with reentry patients and youth in the Credible Messenger program.</p> <p>Vice Chair Eilers asked for confirmation on the end of funding for the Parachute House for 2025. Both Matt and Mike confirmed that this is their understanding, and Mike elaborated that the state funds it through ARPA funds and BHS contributes \$100K for food expenses that are not covered by the state. Matt added that the board can act and tap into the budget to continue contributing to the Parachute House should the state continue to fund it beyond 2025.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>
3.	<p>Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Services 2025 Recommended Budget Consideration. <b>(The Finance Committee, at their meeting on June 20, 2024, unanimously agreed to RECOMMEND APPROVAL of the 2025 Recommended Budget</b></p> <p><b>MOTION BY:</b> (Eilers) 2025 Recommended Budget. 7-0 <b>MOTION 2<sup>ND</sup> BY:</b> (Bottoni) <b>AYES:</b> Bottoni, Drake, Eilers, Ginlack, Ramey, Ridley Meyers, Neubauer Neubauer – 7 <b>NOES:</b> 0 <b>ABSTENTIONS:</b> 0</p>
4.	<p>Adjournment. <b>8:40am</b></p> <p>No questions were asked or additional comments provided.</p> <p>Chairwoman Neubauer ordered the meeting adjourned.</p>

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

This meeting was recorded. The official copy of these minutes and subject reports, along with the audio recording of this meeting, are available on Milwaukee County's Legislative Information Center website, which can be accessed by clicking the link below.

Length of meeting: 8:28 a.m. to 8:40 a.m.

Adjourned,

*Quemesha Madison*

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**The next regular meeting for the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board is  
Thursday, August 22, 2024, @ 9:00 a.m.**

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