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MILWAUKEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Thursday, June 20, 2024 - 9:00 A.M.
Marcia Coggs, 1220 W Vliet St. Milwaukee, WI 53205

MINUTES

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

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

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

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| 1. | <p>Welcome. 9:07am</p> <p>Chairwoman Neubauer welcomed everyone to the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board's June 20, 2024 meeting and roll call was taken</p> |
| 2. | <p>Welcome new board member – Dr. Ramel Smith.</p> <p>Chairwoman Neubauer introduced and welcomed Dr. Ramel Smith in the position for the adult psychologist/psychiatrist position.</p> |
| 3. | <p>Proclamation for Pete Carlson and Board Citation for Barbara Beckert</p> <p>Kyle Ashley from the Office of the County Executive read and presented a Proclamation to Pete Carlson who was in attendance for the honor.</p> <p>Chairwoman Neubauer read and presented a Board Citation to Barbara Beckert who was in attendance for the honor.</p> <p>This item was Informational.</p> |
| 4. | <p>Approval of the Minutes from the April 25, 2024, Milwaukee County Mental Health Board Meeting.</p> <p>No questions or adjustments were needed to the minutes for this meeting.</p> |

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

	<p>MOTION BY: (Ginlack) Approve April 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes, 9-0 MOTION 2ND BY: (Lavrenz) AYES: Bottoni, Canter, Drake, Eilers, Forman, Ginlack, Lavrenz, Ramey, Neubauer – 9 NOES: 0 ABSTENTIONS: Smith - 1</p>
5.	<p>Mental Health Board appointment update.</p> <p>Chairwoman Neubauer updated the Board that Dr. Lynnette Studer’s will not be joining the Mental Health Board due to circumstances with her work schedule. Dr. Studer mentioned she has a recommendation for an individual to fill the vacancy from the UW Madison School of Nursing that has background in mental health; still waiting to hear back from her regarding this.</p> <p>Having a virtual option for board meeting was brought up and was redirected to back to Governance Committee who is working on this.</p> <p>This item was Informational.</p>
6.	<p>Finance Committee Fee-for-Service Contracts Recommendation.</p> <p>The Board was informed the Finance Committee unanimously agreed to recommend approval of the Fee-for-Service Agreement to the Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contract Recommendations:<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Kennedy’s Circle of Wellness➤ House of Jacob LLC➤ Brighter Dayz Treatment Center➤ East Point Residential Facility➤ Jewish Family Services, Inc. <p>MOTION BY: (Eilers) Approve Fee-for-Services Contracts. 9-0 MOTION 2ND BY: (Lavrenz) AYES: Bottoni, Canter, Drake, Eilers, Forman, Ginlack, Lavrenz, Ramey, Neubauer – 9 NOES: 0 ABSTENTIONS: Smith - 1</p>
7.	<p>Finance Committee Purchase-of-Service Agreements Recommendation.</p> <p>The Board was informed the Finance Committee unanimously agreed to recommend approval of the Purchase-of-Service Agreements to the Board.</p>

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

- Agreement Amendment(s)
 - Vivent Health
 - Vin Bker Recovery, LLC
 - La Causa, Inc.
 - St. Charles Youth & Family Services
 - Wisconsin Community Services, Inc.

MOTION BY: (Canter) Approve the Wisconsin Community Services (WCS) Purchase of Service Agreement. 8-0-2

MOTION 2ND BY: (Bottoni)

AYES: Bottoni, Canter, Eilers, Forman, Ginlack, Lavrenz, Ramey, Neubauer – 8

NOES: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Drake, Smith – 2

MOTION BY: (Eilers) Approve the balance of the Purchase of Services Agreements. 9-0-1

MOTION 2ND BY: (Bottoni)

AYES: Bottoni, Canter, Eilers, Drake, Forman, Ginlack, Lavrenz, Ramey, Neubauer – 9

NOES: 0

ABSTENTIONS: Smith – 1

8. **Community Contract Vendor Quality Updates: Sanctions, Holds, and Service Suspensions. (Lolita Williams, Director of Contract Compliance/Informational)**

a) Safe and Sound Contract Termination

BHS erroneously entered into a 2024 Purchase of Service contract with Safe and Sound Inc. to provide Prevention Services, information education, and training to individuals, their families, and the general public to increase awareness and reduce the stigma related to mental illness, substance abuse, and co-occurring disorders. Safe and Sound Inc. was the former incumbent for the 2023 contract year. While preparing for the 2024 budget, DHHS Contract Administration department starts with the former/current incumbent. Mistakenly, the organization was brought to the board and a request for authorization to execute a contract with Safe and Sound, Inc. based upon the tentative 2024 budget allocations, was brought to the Board and approved October 26, 2023 all while the RFP process was in progress.

On April 12, 2024 Safe and Sound was notified that the contract they received as a result of the action taken by the MHB in October 2023 was mistakenly executed April 9, 2024 and would be terminated with an official contract cancellation early the next week. This decision was due Safe and Sound not responding to the RFP that was posted July 2023 and closed September 8, 2023.

This item was informational.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

9.	<p>Finance Committee Employment Agreement Recommendation.</p> <p>The Board was informed the Finance Committee unanimously agreed to recommend approval of the Employment Agreement to the Board.</p> <p>No questions were asked and voting occurred.</p> <p>MOTION BY: (Eilers) Approve Fee-for-Services Contracts. 10-0 MOTION 2ND BY: (Lavrenz) AYES: Bottoni, Canter, Drake, Eilers, Forman, Ginlack, Lavrenz, Ramey, Neubauer, Smith – 10 NOES: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0</p>
10.	<p>2025 Budget Amendments.</p> <p>Mat Fortman informed board that no amendments were received.</p> <p>This item was informational (REVISION: was marked as an action item on agenda)</p>
11.	<p>Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance Quarterly Update on the State of Milwaukee County’s Interests and Matters Related to Behavioral Health Services.</p> <p>Dan Laurila from the Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (SBP) provided a preliminary overview of the budget timeline, a projection of the 2025 operating budget and a summary of key issues that are being monitored as a part of budget preparation.</p> <p>Comptroller Office projected \$11.5M deficit for 2025, however SBP’s preliminary assumptions can change this deficit to a \$1.5M surplus with the removal of cost items that were designated as one-time expenditures in the 2024 Adopted Budget in addition to an increase in the sales tax projection related to State Assembly Bill 438/439.</p> <p>The 2025 budget projects a 2% general increase for all employees. Employees that join the county after December 31, 2024 will become members of the Wisconsin Retirement System (WRS) instead of the Milwaukee County Employees Retirement System (ERS). Pension Obligations Bond (POB) payments will increase by \$10.6M in 2025.</p> <p>This item was Informational.</p>
12.	<p>Governance Committee Update.</p> <p>Governance Chairman Ginlack provided updates on the survey from the board retreat and the development of crisis intervention training (CIT) by Dr. Schneider. MHA allocated funds and resources for the community to receive these trainings.</p>

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

	<p>Update was also provided on strengthening the relationship between the Office of the County Executive and Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors. Discussion around corporation counsel support and having dedicated representation at meetings for legal issues/concerns also was provided.</p> <p>The next Governance Committee meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2024 at 1:30pm</p> <p>This item was Informational.</p>
13.	<p>Quality Committee Update.</p> <p>Chairwoman Neubauer provided an update for Quality Committee in Secretary Drake's absence. She alerted the board to the importance of the admission statistics from Dr. John Schneider's presentation on June 3rd about 2023 admission date for the Mental Health Emergency Center (MHEC).</p> <p>This item was Informational.</p> <p>Provided a reminder of the NIATx Storyboard Marketplace event on October 23, 2024 at the Zoofari. This event is a collection of quality improvement projects from a large number of different agencies.</p> <p>This item was Informational.</p>
14.	<p>Finance Committee Updates. (Board Member Canter/Informational) (Updates from the June 6, 2024, and June 20, 2024, meetings)</p> <p>Finance Chairman Canter provided updates from the June 6, 2024 committee meeting that included the preliminary overview of the budget. The 2025 BHS emphasizes investments in the improvement of access to services, the health of our contracted provider network, funding sources that would allow for sustainability of prevention programs funded through ARPA, expansion of other prevention programs, and staff supports.</p> <p>Provided recap of the unanimously recommended contracts from the June 20, 2024 Finance Committee that were approved by the board earlier.</p> <p>This item was Informational.</p>
15.	<p>Finance Committee Recap from the June 11, 2024, Public Budget Comment and MMHTF meeting. (Chairwoman Neubauer and Richard Canter/Informational)</p>
16.	<p>Administrator Report.</p>

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

	<p>BHS Administrator Lappen provided updates about the Bloomberg Overdose Prevention Initiative annual event. Provided details on Black Led National and Local Organizing Efforts for Harm Reduction presentation regarding opioid funds, allocations, and resources. Tasks at the event were to share Milwaukee County success, best practices, and network for future collaborations and partnerships. Harm reduction and prevent efforts continue with focus on harm reduction vending machines. It was proudly announced the partnership with John Hopkins and their study around looking at each harm reduction machine to ensure it meets community needs.</p> <p>Updates on the BHS Future State Space was provided and that unexpected challenges were arise as the planned move to a community health center location for the Crisis Mobile, ACT, CARTS programs were canceled due to unacceptable terms. The long term plan is for these programs to be housed on the first floor of the new Coggs Building in 2027. BHS is working with Economic Development, and Facilities to temporarily relocate these programs by summer 2025.</p> <p>Social Development Commission (SDC) contract ended due to their abrupt cease of operations May 2024. A new RFP from the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SATBG) will be issued to seek new providers to continue this service and reallocate the balance of SDC’s fund of approximately \$332,000. There isn’t major impact to services as two other agencies were selected as part of the initial RFP.</p> <p>Shared proper protocol for “Closed Sessions” based on bi-laws and statues.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>
17.	<p>Zero Suicide at Milwaukee County BHS. (Clare Martell, Suicide Prevention Coordinator, and Alex Zurek, Lead Behavioral Health Emergency Service Clinician/Informational)</p> <p>Presentation provided by Clare Martell and Alex Zurek about Zero Suicide framework, mission, vision, and initiatives. Zero Suicide is in partnership with not only DHHS but Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) to execute it’s mission to implement and sustain a comprehensive set of practices across DHHS to improve our system of care.</p> <p>Currently the program provides overview suicide trainings to DHHS staff through Healthstream and suicide awareness training during New Employee Orientation (NEO).</p> <p>In the future, Zero Suicide will collaborate with MCW and CARS on Alcohol And Suicide Prevention initiatives, ensuring fidelity across BHS, postvention as prevention, and align screening, assessment, and safety planning across BHS.</p> <p>This item was Informational.</p>
18.	<p>Adjournment. 11:03am</p> <p>No questions were asked or additional comments provided.</p>

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Chairwoman Neubauer adjourned the meeting.

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