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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, January 8, 2025 - 1:30 P.M.
Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

PRESENT: *Ken Ginlack, Kathy Bottoni, Rachel Forman, Mary Neubauer, Dennise Lavrenz, Kweku Ramel Akyirefil Smith*

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

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

1.	<p>Welcome.</p> <p>Chairman Ginlack welcomed everyone to the January 8, 2025 Governance Committee Meeting.</p>
2.	<p>Approval of the Minutes from the November 13, 2024 Governance Committee Meeting.</p> <p>No edits or recommendations.</p> <p>Minutes approved.</p>
3.	<p>Mental Health Board Policy on External Board Appointments.</p> <p>Chairman Ginlack reviewed the policy on external board appointments with the committee. He highlighted number 2 of the procedure which outlined governance committee review of nominations. Kate Flynn Post, Research Analyst, clarified that this policy is only regarding external board appointments.</p> <p>Questions and discussion ensued. Chairman Ginlack will provide an email updating the committee members as to who is appointed on an external board. Administrator Mike Lappen made comments regarding historical context related to this policy.</p> <p>The committee agreed to recommend approval of the Mental Health Board Policy on External Board Appointments to the full Board at the February 20, 2025 Mental Health Board Meeting.</p>
4.	<p>Public Comment Meetings Restructuring.</p> <p>Committee Member Bottoni updated the committee on the letter she drafted regarding public comment meetings restructuring. Comments made by Administrator Lappen regarding historical aspect of public comment meetings. Research Analyst Kate Flynn Post provided information on</p>

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

	<p>Corporation Counsel's presentation on public comment meetings. She also spoke about updates provided after public comment meetings.</p> <p>Questions and discussion ensued. Chairman Ginlack highlighted number 4 of the public comment letter. Committee member Forman spoke about number 6 of the letter and suggested edits. Mary Neubauer, Chairwoman of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board, made comments about number 4 and number 6 of the letter.</p> <p>Chairman Ginlack directed this matter be brought back to this committee for further review.</p>
5.	<p>Administrator Evaluation Update.</p> <p>Kate Flynn Post, Research Analyst presented the Administrator Evaluation memo and attachments. Chairman Ginlack made comments as to evaluation process.</p> <p>Questions and discussion ensued. Mary Neubauer, Chairwoman of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board, recommended that a workgroup be created to address the evaluation. Chairman Ginlack indicated that Administrator Lappen does receive an evaluation from DHHS Executive Director LaGrant-McClain each year.</p> <p>Chairman Ginlack directed this matter be brought back to this committee for further review.</p>
6.	<p>Board Vacancy Updates.</p> <p>Kate Flynn Post, Research Analyst, provided an update as to the current vacancy and upcoming vacancies. Chairwoman Neubauer updated the committee as to Board Member Eilers' upcoming vacancy.</p>
7.	<p>Adjournment.</p> <p>Chairman Ginlack adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m.</p>

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Length of meeting: 1:38 p.m. to 2:47 p.m.
Adjourned,

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SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

**The next meeting for the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board Governance Committee is
Wednesday, March 12, 2025, @ 1:30 p.m.**

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