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

**Wednesday, September 10, 2025 - 1:30 P.M.**  
**Microsoft Teams**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** *Ken Ginlack, Kathy Bottoni, Mary Neubauer, Rachel Forman*

**EXCUSED:** *Kweku Amoasi, Mary Neubauer*

**ALSO PRESENT:** *Shirley Drake, Dennise Lavrenz*

**SCHEDULED ITEMS:**

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

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| 1. | <b>Welcome.</b><br><br>Chairman Ginlack welcomed everyone to the September 10, 2025 virtual Governance Committee Meeting.   |
| 2. | <b>Approval of the Minutes from the May 14, 2025 Governance Committee Meeting.</b><br><br>No edits or recommendations.<br>Minutes approved.   |
| 3. | <b>Mental Health Court Update.</b><br><br>Board Member Bottoni provided a verbal update as to the Mental Health Court work group. Staffing, timing, and funding are issues. These meetings have various entities involved including the jail, court, and mental health professionals attending with the goal being treatment. Administrator Michael Lappen and Corporation Counsel Jennifer Rhodes both provided comments regarding Mental Health Court practices, goals, and funding of a screener position.<br><br>This Item was Informational. |
| 4. | <b>Board Education Retreat Planning.</b><br><br>Kate Flynn Post, Research Analyst, presented the survey results that were utilized to assemble a draft agenda. She presented the draft agenda and opened the floor for comments. Board Member Forman expressed appreciation of a session with County Executive David Crowley and encouraged him to be present to inform the Board of his goals and visions. Board Member Bottoni requested any presentation by Corporation Counsel be a different presentation from last year. Director           |

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

	<p>Shakita LaGrant-McClain noted that board members could provide questions to Corporation Counsel in advance of the meeting to better accommodate specific topics. Board Member Forman also indicated she would be interested in a session on legislation and structural changes in the practice of medicine.</p> <p>This Item was Informational.</p>
5.	<p><b>Administrator Leadership Appointment Policy.</b></p> <p>Chairman Ginlack provided a verbal update as to the Administrator Leadership Appointment Policy, noting that he does not believe there is any such policy in place at this time. Administrator Lappen made note of Wis. Stat. 51.41(9). Questions and discussion ensued. Chairperson Ginlack will continue to keep this item on the agenda for discussion and draft of a policy if agreed upon.</p> <p>This Item was Informational.</p>
6.	<p><b>Board Vacancy Update.</b></p> <p>Chairman Ginlack provided an update on the current Board Vacancies. Chairman Ginlack noted there is no new information at this time.</p> <p>This Item was Informational.</p>
7.	<p><b>2026 Board Public Comments.</b></p> <p>Chairman Ginlack discussed the 2026 Mental Health Board Public Comment Meetings. It was noted that the September Public Comment Meeting will be held at Wellpoint and it will contain an information session prior to the public comment session. The 2026 full board public comment meetings will be January 22, 2026, March 19, 2026, and September 24, 2026.</p> <p>This Item was Informational</p>
8.	<p><b>Adjournment.</b></p> <p>Chairman Ginlack adjourned the meeting.</p>

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Length of meeting: 1:32 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.  
Adjourned,

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

*Jessica Iggens*

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

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