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# MILWAUKEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MEETING

Thursday, October, 24 2024 - 9:00 A.M.

Marcia P. Coggs Human Services Building
1220 West Vliet Street, Room 101

Milwaukee, WI 53205

#### **MINUTES**

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

#### **SCHEDULED ITEMS:**

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

1. Welcome.

Chairwoman Neubauer welcomed everyone to the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board's October 24, 2024 meeting and roll call was taken.

2. Approval of the Minutes from the August 22, 2024, and September 26, 2024, Milwaukee County Mental Health Board Meeting and Public Hearing.

No questions or adjustments were needed to the minutes for these meetings.

MOTION BY: (Canter) Approve August 22, 2024, and September 26, 2024, Meeting

Minutes. 10-0

MOTION 2<sup>ND</sup> BY: (Bottoni)

AYES: Bottoni, Drake, Forman, Eilers, Ginlack, Ramey, Lavrenz, Canter, Ridley

Meyers, Neubauer - 10 **NOES:** 0

**ABSTENTIONS**: 0

3. Follow-Up Discussions from the September 26, 2024, Milwaukee County Mental Health Board Public Hearing.

Chairwoman Neubauer informed board members of enforcing the 3-minute rule for public comments. She continued with questioning if the September public hearing meeting should remain on the schedule or be removed due to the conclusion of the budget.

Lehrmann suggested turning some public hearing into an educational session with a key speaker to provide mental health information on processes and systems, and for more engagement.

Lavrenz suggested surveying public attendees and get topics of discussion on topics they want to hear about.

Chairwoman Neubauer recommended the Executive Committee to review.

This item was informational.

4. Finance Committee 2024-2025 Fee-for-Service Contract(s) Recommendation.

(The Finance Committee, at their meeting on October 24, 2024, unanimously agreed to RECOMMEND APPROVAL of the 2024-2025 Fee-for-Service Contracts.

MOTION BY: (Eilers) 2024-2025 Fee-for-Service Contracts. 10-0

MOTION 2<sup>ND</sup> BY: (Ramey)

AYES: Bottoni, Drake, Forman, Eilers, Ginlack, Ramey, Lavrenz, Canter, Ridley

Meyers, Neubauer - 10 NOES: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

5. **Finance Committee 2025 Professional Services Contract(s) Recommendation.** This item was inaccurately labeled on the agenda and the report; both were amended from 2024 Professional Services Contract(s) to 2025 Professional Services Contract(s).

(The Finance Committee, at their meeting on October 24, 2024, unanimously agreed to RECOMMEND APPROVAL of the 2025 Professional Services Contracts.

MOTION BY: (Eilers) 2025 Professional Services Contracts. 10-0

**MOTION 2<sup>ND</sup> BY: (Ramey)** 

**AYES:** Bottoni, Drake, Forman, Eilers, Ginlack, Ramey, Lavrenz, Canter, Ridley

Meyers, Neubauer - 10 NOES: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

6. Finance Committee 2024 Purchase of Service Contract(s) Recommendation.

(The Finance Committee, at their meeting on October 24, 2024, unanimously agreed to RECOMMEND APPROVAL of the 2024 Purchase of Service Contracts.

(Canter) WCS 2024 Purchase of Service Contract. 10-0 MOTION BY:

MOTION 2<sup>ND</sup> BY: (Ramey)

AYES: Bottoni, Forman, Eilers, Ginlack, Ramey, Lavrenz, Canter, Ridley Meyers,

Neubauer - 9

NOES: ABSTENTIONS: Drake

**MOTION BY:** (Lavrenz) Balance of 2024 Purchase of Service Services Contracts.

10-0

MOTION 2<sup>ND</sup> BY: (Ramey)

Bottoni, Drake, Forman, Eilers, Ginlack, Ramey, Lavrenz, Canter, Ridley AYES:

Meyers, Neubauer - 10 NOES: ABSTENTIONS: 0

Finance Committee 2025 Purchase-of-Service Contract(s) Recommendation. 7.

(The Finance Committee, at their meeting on October 24, 2024, unanimously agreed to RECOMMEND APPROVAL of the 2025 Purchase-of-Service Contracts.

**MOTION BY:** (Ramey) WCS and Serenity 2025 Purchase-of-Service Contracts.

8-0

MOTION 2<sup>ND</sup> BY: (Eilers)

AYES: Bottoni, Forman, Eilers, Ramey, Lavrenz, Canter, Ridley Meyers,

Neubauer - 8

NOES:

**ABSTENTIONS:** Drake, Ginlack

**MOTION BY:** (Lavrenz) Balance of 2025 Purchase-of-Service Contracts. 10-0

**MOTION 2<sup>ND</sup> BY: (Ridley Meyers)** 

AYES: Bottoni, Drake, Forman, Eilers, Ginlack, Ramey, Lavrenz, Canter, Ridley

Meyers, Neubauer - 10 NOES:

ABSTENTIONS: 0

Report on the Family Liaison - Mental Health America Presentation. This item was taken out of order; after item# 10

Sa'Aire presented the mission of the Community and Family Resource Program that educates and helps all people understand how to protect and improve their mental health and when to seek help for themselves and family members. She highlighted who the program currently serves and the population they seek to serve in the future.

Questions and comments ensued.

This item was informational.

#### 9. Review of 2023 Admission Data Behavioral Health Services.

Dr. John Schneider presented admission data for 2023. He reviewed trends from 2010-2023. Granite Hills took almost half of all patients from Mental Health Emergency Center (MHEC). For state institute cases, there were 118 Winnebago adult admissions. They had an average length of stay of about 25 days, with a range of 1 to 166 days.

Deep dive into the data was presented for various aspects of admissions with children and youth admission data presented separately.

There were cases where the patient was refused by all local hospitals, either based out of equity or based on their not being any beds in the Milwaukee region. When we look at the length of stay, they have a length of stay of about 27 days. These are sicker than average patients, the BHS inpatient length of stay when we closed was around 14 to 16 days.

Updates on data will be presented to the board during the March/April meetings.

Questions and comments ensued.

This item was Informational.

#### 10. Generations in the Workplace Presentation.

Members from the DHHS Workforce Development Division presented on the many generations that are present in the workplace and how to successfully collaborate with these groups. The presentation highlighted the traits of different generations, the benefits and challenges, statistics, stereotypes, and bridging the gap.

Questions and comments ensued.

This item was informational.

#### 11. Board Survey Report.

MOTION BY: (Ginlack) All questions except #26. 9-0

MOTION 2<sup>ND</sup> BY: (Eilers)

**AYES:** Bottoni, Drake, Forman, Eilers, Ginlack, Lavrenz, Canter, Ridley Meyers,

Neubauer - 9

NOES: 0 ABSTENTIONS: 0

MOTION BY: (Canter) Question #26 only. 9-0

MOTION 2<sup>ND</sup> BY: (Ginlack)

AYES: Bottoni, Drake, Forman, Eilers, Ginlack, Lavrenz, Canter, Ridley Meyers,

Neubauer - 9

NOES: 0
ABSTENTIONS: 0

#### 12. Board Priorities Update.

Chairwoman Neubauer discussed public notice for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Harvest Fest for the Mental Health Board. She also discussed the efforts in progress for coordinating the 2025 Mental Health Board retreat.

Questions and comments ensued.

This item was informational.

#### 13. Finance Committee Update.

Finance Chairman Canter quickly referenced action taken on the recommendation items at the Finance committee that took place earlier in the morning at 8am right before board meeting.

The next Finance Committee is scheduled for December 5, 2024 at 1:30pm.

#### 14. Quality Committee Update.

Chairwoman Drake shared the many updates that were presented at the last meeting highlighting the creation of dashboards to present the large amounts of data more accurately to the board.

The next Quality Committee is scheduled for December 2, 2024 at 10:00am.

#### 15. Governance Committee Update.

Governance Chairman Ginlack provided a summary of items discussed at the Governance September 11, 2024 meeting. He provided updates on the topics of virtual appearance and the board retreat.

The next Governance Committee is scheduled for November 13, 2024 at 1:30pm.

#### 16. Mental Health Board Collaborative Workgroup.

Chairwoman Neubauer updated members on the response from Chairwoman Nicholson from the letter that was sent to her about creating a workgroup comprised of members from the Mental Health Board and the Board of Supervisors.

Questions and comments ensued at length.

This item was informational.

## 17. Mental Health Board and Committee 2025 Tentative Meeting Schedule and Posting of Board Materials.

The board liaison and committee coordinator discussed the upcoming year agenda that has the board and committee meetings and stressed the importance and enforcement of deadlines. Moving to a paperless program was also discussed.

#### 18. Board Member Announcements.

Members shared information on events they attended and pet pictures.

Questions and comments ensued.

This item was informational.

#### 19. Adjournment.

No questions were asked, or additional comments provided.

Chairwoman Neubauer ordered the meeting adjourned.

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: 9:01 a.m. to 12:16 p.m.

Adjourned,

### Quemesha Madison

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Board Liaison Milwaukee County Mental Health Board

The next meeting for the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board is Thursday, December 12, 2024, @ 8:00 a.m.

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