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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AD HOC COMMITTEE**

Monday, September 25, 2023 – 10:00AM

Microsoft Teams Meeting

MINUTES

PRESENT: Dennise Lavrenz, Shirley Drake, Mary Neubauer, and Amy Ridley-Meyers

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1.	<p>Welcome.</p> <p>Chairwoman Lavrenz welcomed everyone to the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board Community Engagement Committee's September 25, 2023, remote/virtual meeting</p>
2.	<p>Minutes from the July 31, 2023, Committee Meeting.</p> <p>The minutes from the July 31, 2023, Committee meeting were reviewed, acknowledged, and accepted.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>
3.	<p>Mental Health Board Community Stakeholder Advisory Council Updates.</p> <p>The packet included the written minutes from the August 7, 2023, Council meeting. Behavioral Health Services Prevention Integration Manager Jeremy Triblett was scheduled to host a harm reduction training for the September 11, 2023, meeting but unfortunately had to cancel.</p> <p>There was mention of Council Chairwoman Wesley resigning as Chair, however, there seemed to be some miscommunication and the matter will be discussed at a later date. Council Chairwoman Wesley stated it would be beneficial for the Committee to further increase the profile of the Board as this Committee and Council proceed with recruiting new Council Members. Council Chairwoman Wesley expressed recruitment would be challenging as she feels not enough people know about the Board. It was suggested one way of strengthening the profile would be to more present in the community. Council Chairwoman Wesley stated Council Members feel there has been a lack of outcomes. An example given referred to the recommendations letter the Council submitted in September 2022 regarding some concerns about the Mental Health Emergency Center, which was</p>

	<p>never addressed. Council Chairwoman Wesley reiterated stronger communication is needed between this Committee, the Council, and the Board.</p> <p>Chairwoman Lavrenz informed Council Chairwoman Wesley the Committee does plan to attend more community events. She provided an update and reminded everyone of the projects in progress. Some of which were further discussed later during this meeting.</p> <p>Questions and comments ensued.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>
4.	<p>Mental Health Board Community Stakeholder Advisory Council Recruitment Process.</p> <p>During the most recent Committee meeting, it was suggested to draft a recruitment process for the Community Stakeholder Advisory Council. The draft is included in the meeting packet. When initially establishing the Council, it was decided to not have a robust recruitment process. The draft formally outlines the process; however, it remains simple. There was a suggestion made regarding the verbiage included in the memo but no suggestions regarding the process itself.</p> <p>Questions and comments ensued.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>
5.	<p>System Navigation Tool for Mental Health and Substance Use Services in Milwaukee County.</p> <p>The System Navigation Tool for Mental Health and Substance Use Services in Milwaukee County included in the packet was presented to the Board at the August 24, 2023, meeting. During that time, Chairwoman Lavrenz felt this would be a perfect tool to use in place of the infographic being developed. The team who created the tool will continue to present it to several different groups for more feedback before the soft launch scheduled for this Fall. Chairwoman Lavrenz suggested this also be presented during the next Council meeting. The Committee expressed their excitement about being able to utilize this tool once finalized.</p> <p>Questions and comments ensued.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>
6.	<p>Upcoming Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Events.</p> <p>The last two Committee meetings highlighted increasing community engagement through events. During the most recent meeting, it was decided to evaluate the current upcoming events by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) and Behavioral Health Services (BHS) programs. The online calendar for DHHS events was retrieved and included</p>

	<p>in the packet. A calendar has not yet been obtained of upcoming BHS program events but the importance of doing so was echoed.</p> <p>Questions and comments ensued.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>
7.	<p>Adjournment.</p> <p>Chairwoman Lavrenz ordered the meeting adjourned.</p>
<p>This meeting was recorded. The official copy of these minutes and subject reports, along with the audio recording of this meeting, are available on the Milwaukee County Legislative Information Center.</p> <p>Length of meeting: 10:01 a.m. – 11:02 a.m.</p> <p>Adjourned,</p> <p><i>Dairionne Washington</i></p> <p>Committee Coordinator Milwaukee County Mental Health Board</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">The next meeting of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board Community Engagement Committee is November 27, 2023, at 10:00AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">To View All Associated Meeting Materials, Visit the Milwaukee County Legislative Information Center at: Milwaukee County - Calendar (legistar.com)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Visit the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board Web Page at: https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/DHHS/About/Governance</p>	