



State of Wisconsin
Department of Health Services

Scott Walker, Governor
Kitty Rhoades, Secretary

December 16, 2014

The Honorable Scott Walker
Governor
115 East State Capitol
Madison, WI 53702

Dear Governor Walker:

Pursuant to 2013 Act 203, I am pleased to present to you the Department of Health Service's report on the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health System.

The effort to meet the objectives outlined in the statues was led by the Department's Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS). The Department contracted with Deloitte Consulting to complete a summary of findings to assist the Department in the creation of the final report on the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health System. The findings provided a point in time exploration of specific policies, operational processes and clinical outcomes; they were based, in part, on themes from multiple previous reports on the system and data provided by the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division.

The Department's final report serves as a resource to policy makers in Wisconsin on opportunities that can improve outcomes for residents living in Milwaukee County who are in need of mental health services. The recommendations in the report address the major issues facing the delivery systems in Milwaukee County and offer suggestions to policymakers on opportunities to improve outcomes for people in need of mental health services.

The Department of Health Services stands ready to move forward in helping policymakers at both the state and local level in improving the mental health system for residents of Milwaukee County.

Thank you in advance for the opportunity to work on this critically important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kitty Rhoades".

Kitty Rhoades
Secretary

CC:
Members of the Wisconsin Legislature
Milwaukee County Executive Chris Abele
Members of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board
Members of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors