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

March 9, 2026 – 1:00 PM

**Marcia P. Coggs Human Services Center
1230 West Cherry Street, Room 104/105
Milwaukee, WI 53205**

MINUTES

PRESENT: *Mary Neubauer, Shirley Drake, Amy Ridley-Meyers (appeared virtually)*

EXCUSED: *Rachel Forman, LaNelle Ramey, Kweku Amoasi*

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

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

1.	<p>Welcome.</p> <p>Chairwoman Drake welcomed everyone to the March 9, 2026 Milwaukee County Mental Health Board Community Engagement Committee Meeting.</p>
2.	<p>Minutes from the January 29, 2026 Community Engagement Committee Meeting.</p> <p>No edits, questions, or additions.</p> <p>Minutes approved.</p>
3.	<p>Goal/Mental Health Awareness Month.</p> <p>Chairwoman Drake noted that there is a need for the community to know more about what the Mental Health Board does and this should be a focus for Mental Health Awareness Month. She also highlighted the importance of Mental Health Board members being present at community events to answer questions about the Board. Committee Member Neubauer suggested that the Mental Health Board be highlighted during the Milwaukee County DHHS podcast. Jill Lintonen, DHHS Marketing and Communication Director, noted there is a plan to do a podcast segment on BHS services and can incorporate the Board into these segments. Director Lintonen utilized the SMART Goal framework and noted that a specific goal can be to make the connection between county mental health services within the</p>

	<p>community and the Mental Health Board. She suggested the goal for mental health awareness month would be to utilize different media to raise awareness within the community. She presented “A Moment for Your Mental Health” campaign with CBS58 and noted it’s past success. She noted that the total investment requested at this time is \$10,625. Chairwoman Drake requested that the Executive Committee meet to take up any requested reserve funds, dependent on a financial analysis. Chairwoman Drake spoke about the executive committee and the process related to the executive committee.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>
4.	<p>Community Engagement Toolkit.</p> <p>Jill Lintonen, DHHS Marketing and Communication Director, suggested that this toolkit be utilized at a future meeting.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>
5.	<p>Committee Next Steps.</p> <p>The request for the executive committee will be forwarded to Chairwoman Bottoni and the next steps with that request will occur following a response. This committee, Community Engagement, will meet again on April 8, 2026. At that meeting, future meeting dates will be scheduled. Director Lintonen will provide an update as to mental health awareness month plans at the next meeting.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>
6.	<p>Adjournment.</p> <p>Chairwoman Drake adjourned the meeting.</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 Milwaukee County’s Legislative Information Center website, which can be accessed by clicking the link below. Length of meeting: 1:00 p.m. to 1:44 p.m.</p> <p>Adjourned,</p> <p><i>Jessica Iggens</i> Jessica Iggens Committee Coordinator Milwaukee County Mental Health Board</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The next meeting for the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board Community Engagement Committee is: April 8, 2026 @ 1:00PM (virtual)</p>	

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