



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Milwaukee County

Héctor Colón, MS, OT
Director

DATE: 5/8/13
TO: Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
FROM: Hector Colon, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services
SUBJECT: Appointment of Kathleen Eilers

I am pleased to appoint Kathleen Eilers, RN, MSN to the position of Administrator of the Behavioral Health Division.

Ms. Eilers has extensive mental health experience working in both the public and private sector. She spent 20 years at the county, first as the Associate Administrator/Programs and then as Division Administrator for the Behavioral Health Division (BHD). Under her leadership staff at BHD helped create the Master Plan to move towards a community based mental health system. Most recently she worked with the Faye McBeath Foundation and served as president at Saint John's on the Lake. Eilers is also president-elect of the Rotary Club of Milwaukee. She is an advocate of person-centered and recovery oriented treatment and has been recognized by several organizations including the National Alliance on Mental Illness and The Grand Avenue Club.

Ms. Eilers' leadership will be critical through the closure of the long-term care units at BHD and the implementation of the workplan created by the Mental Health Redesign Taskforce to move toward a community based mental health system.

I am very confident that Ms. Eilers will bring the leadership and vision needed for BHD and Milwaukee County to move forward. I urge you to give this appointment your favorable consideration.

Sincerely,

Héctor Colón,

Attachment

Cc: County Board of Supervisors
Kelly Bablitch, Chief of Staff, Board of Supervisors