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

**April 29, 2026 – 1:00 PM**  
**Microsoft Teams Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** *Shirley Drake, Amy Ridley-Meyers, LaNelle Ramey, Desilynn Smith*

**EXCUSED:** *Kweku Amoasi, Mary Neubauer*

**ALSO PRESENT:** *Kathy Bottoni*

**SCHEDULED ITEMS:**

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

**1. Welcome.**

Chairwoman Drake welcomed everyone to the April 29, 2026 Milwaukee County Mental Health Board Community Engagement Committee Meeting.

**2. Minutes from the April 8, 2026 Community Engagement Committee Meeting.**

No edits, questions, or additions.

Minutes approved.

**3. BHS CBS Segment Update.**

Jill Lintonen, DHHS Marketing and Communication Director, provided an update on the BHS CBS Segment. She noted that there have been interview segments that have been recorded with CCS and Access clinics. She also played a public service announcement that was recorded in Spanish that will run during mental health awareness month.

This item was Informational Only.

**4. Mental Health Awareness Month.**

Jill Lintonen, DHHS Marketing and Communication Director, shared a draft of the press release that will be utilized during Mental Health Awareness Month. She highlighted different events that will be occurring during Mental Health Awareness month that are outlined within the prese release. Chairwoman Drake suggested that Board Member Desilynn Smith be quoted in the press release along with Kathy Bottoni, Chairwoman of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board. Chairwoman Bottoni made statements regarding the press release. Chairwoman Drake inquired about Spanish translation of the press release.

Director Lintonen also shared additional events that are happening within the community for mental health awareness month including interviews with mental health board members on various topics. She thanked the committee and full board for their willingness to participate in different events.

This Item was Informational Only.

5. **Committee Next Steps.**

Discussion was held on the direction of the committee and the next meeting date. The next meeting will be Thursday, October 15, 2026 at 2:00pm-3:00pm.

Chairwoman Drake noted that Desilynn Smith will take over the committee seat vacated by committee member Neubauer.

This item was informational only.

6. **Adjournment.**

Chairwoman Drake thanked everyone for their participation and adjourned the meeting.

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: 1:01 p.m. to 1:23 p.m.

Adjourned,

*Jessica Iggens*  
**Jessica Iggens**  
 Committee Coordinator  
 Milwaukee County Mental Health Board

**The next meeting for the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board  
 Community Engagement Committee is: October 15, 2026 @ 2:00pm**

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