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April 16, 2018

Dear Milwaukee County Supervisors:

I am pleased to write this letter in support of Mary Jo Meyers as Director of Health and Human Services for Milwaukee County.

Mary Jo has a long and distinguished career with Milwaukee County Health and Human Services. She has served successfully in different leadership roles throughout her tenure and has been influential in developing some of the nation's most cutting edge responses for youth suffering from mental health challenges and the impacts of trauma. Specifically, she has most recently led the Wraparound program, which has effectively intervened in the lives of many Milwaukee youth, some of whom simultaneously engage the juvenile justice system. The overall success and national recognition of the Wraparound model is due in no small part to Mary Jo's steadfast leadership.

In addition to having the qualifications to serve as Director of Health and Human Services, Mary Jo also has the personal skills to carry out the job at a high level. I have worked directly with Mary Jo for over ten years as our criminal justice system seeks to better engage our county's behavior health system to more effectively provide treatment to youth suffering from the effects of mental illness or trauma. Mary Jo consistently exhibits the highest level of professionalism and the commitment to collaborate with other system partners. We have specifically worked together on initiatives related to trauma informed care and improving access to behavioral health services for individuals within the criminal justice system, as well as access for their families, in order to help them avoid future contact with the justice system. These initiatives also include the stated goal of reducing the racial disparities that persist within our community. For many years now, I have personally witnessed Mary Jo's deep commitment to the well-being of young people in Milwaukee County.

I know Mary Jo Meyers would serve with distinction as Director of Health and Human Services for Milwaukee County because for over thirty years, she has displayed exemplary public service to the people of our county. I strongly urge you to confirm her for this important position.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can provide further information to you.

Respectfully submitted,

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M. Joseph Donald

Circuit Court Judge
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April 2, 2018

State of Wisconsin
Milwaukee County

Dear Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors:

As the Presiding Judge of the Vel Phillips Juvenile Justice Center, I am writing this letter to recommend that you confirm Mary Jo Meyers as the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services.

I met Ms. Meyers 20 years ago, when she was the new Deputy Director at Wraparound and I was a new judge. In the decades since, I have been inspired by Mary Jo's many accomplishments, especially the creation of the "Mobile Urgent Treatment Team," now known as the Children's Mobile Crisis Team, a program that provides stabilizing services to families in crisis instead of police intervention.

Mary Jo started her career in direct care positions, where she gained a keen understanding of people's needs. As she moved into management positions, her front-line experience made her a uniquely qualified and well-respected leader.

As the Deputy Director of Wraparound, Mary Jo empowered key stakeholders to make informed and meaningful decisions. She has continued to do so while also pushing for transparency. She holds herself and stakeholders to the highest standards.

With the closing of Lincoln Hills and the transfer of juvenile corrections to Milwaukee County, it is imperative that our new Director of Health and Human Services be competent and capable of taking action. Mary Jo already has an in-depth understanding of our treatment and supervision modalities. I am confident that she also has the ability to improve community safety and our youth's rehabilitation.

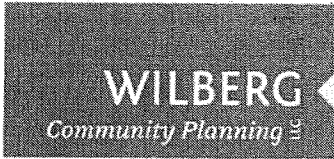
As we enter this new era of serving children in their own communities, Mary Jo has the qualifications and leadership skills to bring about meaningful and transformative change.

If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. Joseph Donald".

M. Joseph Donald



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April 9, 2018

Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., Chairman
Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
Milwaukee County Courthouse
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Dear Chairman Lipscomb,

I am writing to express my strong support for the confirmation of Mary Jo Meyers as Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services.

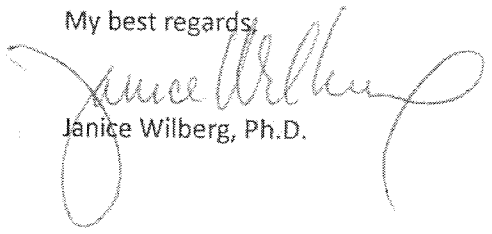
I have known Ms. Meyers professionally for over twenty years in my capacity as a frequent consultant to the Department of Health and Human Services and, specifically, to the Behavioral Health and Delinquency and Court Services Divisions. In that time, we worked on collaborative teams to design new programs to address the needs of Milwaukee youth and families faced with serious mental health and delinquency issues. Throughout that period, Ms. Meyers was recognized as one of the principal architects and proponents of Wraparound Milwaukee, a national model in youth and family services.

What I know about Ms. Meyers is this: She has great integrity. She is honest and direct in her dealings with everyone. She is consistently kind and compassionate, treating everyone she encounters with the same care and consideration. She is a very capable program manager, careful in making strategic decisions, and inclusive in her management and decision-making approach. In my view, these are characteristics that are always critically needed in government.

Moreover, Ms. Meyers is an expert in mental health and addiction services, tremendously knowledgeable about the government and community-based service system in Milwaukee, and respected by the community. She is a person who is trusted for her technical knowledge and great skill. Last, Ms. Meyers' career has been based on the concept of inclusion and consultation. She respects the opinions of others and is willing to spend the time necessary to reach a decision which has the support of all key stakeholders.

Thank you for the careful manner in which the Milwaukee County Board considers cabinet appointments. This oversight is essential to the system of checks and balances which has so long defined good government. I am confident that Ms. Meyers will gladly participate in this process.

My best regards;


Janice Wilberg, Ph.D.



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Governor Scott Walker
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Secretary's Office

March 29, 2018

Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing this letter in support of Mary Jo Meyers' appointment to the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services. There are four reasons why I think you should confirm Ms. Meyer's appointment: 1) Her skills and knowledge; 2) Her creativeness and inventiveness; 3) Her commitment to Milwaukee; 4) Her integrity.

Ms. Meyers has the right amount of skills and knowledge to lead this complex organization. Her academic training has been in areas most critical to understanding the subordinate division of the department and their various unique and similar issues. Her knowledge-based experiences range from teaching, training, supervising and coordinating services in a variety of environments and circumstances.

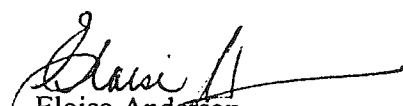
Ms. Meyers has taken her experiences and knowledge and used them to be both creative and inventive. She has developed many nationally recognized programs. She has been a national leader regarding in-home therapy and services for families.

Her commitment to Milwaukee families and Milwaukee County is evident by her long services to Milwaukee County. She has spent 30 plus years dedicated to the betterment of Milwaukee families and making Milwaukee County a leader in adolescent treatment services. I would expect that with Ms. Meyers in the position of Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, she would make Milwaukee County a national leader in the provisions of human services, especially delinquency services, behavioral health, and disability services. She will lead the way. Milwaukee will become known for its forward thinking and break-through approaches.

Ms. Meyers is a person with great integrity. Her word is her bond and a handshake is as good as a written contract. My experience with Ms. Meyers is that she does what she says she will do. Along with her integrity, is her ability to cooperate and collaborate to get things accomplished.

Ms. Meyers is an asset Milwaukee County.

Sincerely,


Eloise Anderson
Secretary

Date: April 16, 2018

Re: Letter of Support for appointment of Mary Jo Meyers as DHHS Administrator

From: Barbara Beckert, Director Milwaukee Office, Disability Rights Wisconsin

To: Chairman Theodore Lipscomb and members of the Milwaukee County Board

I am writing to share my support for the appointment of Mary Jo Meyers as Director of Health and Human Services for Milwaukee County, and to respectfully ask for your support for this appointment.

As Director of the Disability Rights Wisconsin Milwaukee office, I see firsthand the vital importance of the services provided by Milwaukee County Health and Human Services to our community members who live with a disability, including children, adults and their families. Our community members with a disability count on the services provided by DHHS including Housing, Disability Services, Delinquency & Court Services, Behavioral Health, and Energy Assistance, and need effective and accountable leadership overseeing these services.

I have had the opportunity to work closely with Ms. Meyers during her tenure at Milwaukee County WRAP and she has earned my respect and trust. Based on that experience, I believe that Mary Jo Meyers will provide Milwaukee County DHHS with strong, collaborative, and values based leadership, and work to ensure high quality, culturally competent and cost effective programs for community members with a disability, and others who rely on these vital services. Some key strengths include the following:

- **Commitment to continuous improvement.** Ms. Meyers does not accept the status quo – she recognizes that our current health & human services system must continue to evolve and improve to meet the needs of Milwaukee youth, adults, and families. She has demonstrated her commitment to partnering with the community and policy makers to advance change, and improve access and accountability, and secure additional funding.
- **Responsive to the community.** A DHHS Director must be responsive to concerns regarding quality of services and access. In my experience, Ms. Meyers has been responsive to concerns from the community and from advocates on both an individual and systemic basis. For example, we shared with her some of the barriers Milwaukee family experienced when accessing youth mental health services. She listened, and she acted, making effective and timely changes to simplify the access process and make it more family friendly.
- **Collaborative with consumers and community partners.** Ms. Meyers respects and understands the need to have recipients of services, family members, and community partners

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at the table and helping to lead the change. She is committed to elevating the voices of Milwaukee's diverse communities, and ensuring that services are culturally competent.

- Given the current focus on reforming the juvenile justice system and redesigning the behavioral health system, Mary Jo brings years of background in both areas. She has an understanding of the important role the County plays, the importance of advocating for adequate funding from the state and federal government, and is knowledgeable about other evidence based approaches which could benefit our community.
- Ms. Meyers is able to "hit the ground running" because of her extensive knowledge of our county and state service delivery system, and the complex funding systems at the local, state, and federal levels. She also brings strong relationships with many of the key players at the state, county, and local level which will be very helpful.

We live in challenging times, and this is a very challenging time for Milwaukee County DHHS and the important services it provides. The future of Medicaid is uncertain and the county is facing fiscal challenges. At the same time, our County and DHHS have some opportunities including redesign of the juvenile justice system and moving to a regional model which will bring our youth closer to their families, the potential for improvements at the county jail, significant changes to the behavioral health system, and potential expansion of housing services. Milwaukee County needs a proven leader to advance these changes in an effective, strategic, and collaborative manner. I believe Mary Jo Meyers is the proven leader our community needs at this challenging time.

Thank you for your consideration, and please feel free to contact me if I can be a resource.



April 4, 2018

Susan N. Dreyfus
President and CEO

Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

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To Whom It May Concern:

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It is with great confidence that I provide this letter of support for Mary Jo Meyers to serve as the next Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services. I was honored to serve as the first Administrator of the Wisconsin Division of Children and Family Services from 1996-2002 and prior to that I serving as Chief of Staff to the Waukesha County Executive, Dan Finley. Prior to becoming the President and CEO of the national Alliance for Strong Families and Communities in 2012, where I work with Americas human services community based organizations, I was the Secretary of the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services and a member of the Governors Executive Cabinet.

This is a time of rapid change in health and human services, full of immense opportunity and challenge. We must find real and lasting solutions that create a far more responsive and preventative system if we are to bend the cost curve of health and human services and build the greatest asset of any community and that is its people! The person you select will need to articulate a clear, compelling and relevant vision along with a set of values that will guide their work each day. They will need to be collaborative by nature and demonstrate the effective leadership, communication and executive level skills that are essential to the success of this most important Department for the people of Milwaukee County. I am confident Mary Jo Meyers is a perfect choice.

I worked closely with Mary Jo in her role at Wrap Around Milwaukee when I worked in Wisconsin State Government. During my tenure from 1996-2002, we worked hard with the community to improve the Milwaukee County Child Welfare system under a federal class action lawsuit. We relied on Wrap Around Milwaukee for innovation as we developed comprehensive in-home services and supports for families using the Wrap model and to support families who were having a very difficult time with their adolescent youth to divert them from placing their children in the system. In 2 and a half years, we were keeping far more children safe at home, supporting families of adolescents with marked reduction in parents seeking court orders and had more children successfully exiting the system then entering it. We could not have achieved this without Wrap Around Milwaukee and Mary Jo Meyers.

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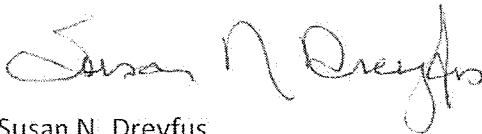
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Over her 33-year career with Milwaukee County, Mary Jo has always put the children, youth and families of Milwaukee County first. She believes that all people regardless of circumstance, race or economics have strengths and deserve our full respect and access and opportunity in their lives and in their neighborhoods to live their lives to their fullest potential. She is deeply motivated by this belief system which gives her what I believe is essential in public sector leaders today and that is, a true "head and heart" connection to her work. She has the proven knowledge, skills, competencies and experiences to work tirelessly and in full partnership with the County Board, the community and other agencies to make meaningful, measurable and lasting change and progress for the people of Milwaukee County.

Mary Jo is a proven skilled administrator who takes seriously the stewardship of public funds and knows how to leverage community, state and federal funds. She is also a state level, national and international respected human services leader who is sought out for her expertise and an accomplished and effective communicator.

It is with great pleasure and confidence that I fully endorse without hesitation the nomination of Mary Jo Meyers to be the next Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services. I would be more than happy to speak with you further.

Sincerely,

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Susan N. Dreyfus
President/CEO

FROM THE DESK OF

WALTER J. LANIER, MDIV, JD

April 17, 2018

Re: Mary Jo Myers/Director of Health and Human Services

To Whom it May Concern:

I write this letter of recommendation in support of Mary Jo Myers for the position of the Director of Milwaukee County's Department of Health and Human Services. I've had the opportunity to engage with her on a variety of professional and community levels. I find her to be deeply engaged, deeply knowledgeable, and deeply committed to service excellence in our community. I have also been impressed by her ability to navigate and work with diverse groups and diverse political views. Mary Jo's resume also reflects the experience necessary to excel in the position.

Mary Jo also has stellar reputation. I do a lot of work in a variety of places in the community. I asked colleagues who have strong roots, deep commitment and experience working on behalf of this community for their opinions on Mary Jo. Every single person that I asked (all of whom I hold in extremely high regard) spoke about her with glowing remarks and confidence in this new role. These are people who are "straight talkers" and very willing to speak honest and even uncomfortable truths. Their responses were impressive.

Therefore, I provide this strong recommendation for her to be the next Director of Milwaukee County's Department of Health and Human Services. Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at (414) 690.2520 or wjlanier@gmail.com.

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Pastor Walter J. Lanier

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PARTNERSHIP

April 18, 2018

To: Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

From: Joy Tapper, MPA
Executive Director

RE: Appointment of Mary Jo Meyers as DHHS Director

On behalf of the health system and health center members of the Milwaukee Health Care Partnership (MHCP), I would like to offer an endorsement for the appointment of Mary Jo Meyers as the Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

Mary Jo has served as a service provider, manager, and leader within the Milwaukee health care delivery system for over 30 years and has proven to be an effective, patient centered, civic minded professional. Already in her interim capacity, Mary Jo has demonstrated good listening skills and has worked to put clients and patients first while balancing fiscal realities and operational constraints.

Mary Jo is particularly knowledgeable and passionate about mental health and social supports for children, which is increasingly more important as we understand the long-term effects of early childhood trauma and the importance of embedding trauma informed principles and practices in all services. This understanding will be significantly beneficial at this time as we continue to improve and transform health and human services for Milwaukee individual and families, based on research, clinical best practices and strong administrative expertise.

Mary Jo is the right person for DHHS director and I strongly endorse her candidacy.

Gregory D. Hunter, Sr.

April 17, 2018

Milwaukee County Board
909N. 9th Street
Milwaukee, WI 53233

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of Mary Jo Meyers. I have known and trusted Mary Jo both professionally and personally for more than twenty years. I first came to know Mary Jo when I was a Firearms Monitor and Mentor with Running Rebels Community Organization. During this time, our paths crossed professionally and a friendship began. Back then, I was new to engaging with youth in the Milwaukee Community. Making the effort to be successful was a must; and Mary Jo made it easy to talk about community engagement and how to help positively impact youth in our community. After working with youth for a while, I decided to join the Milwaukee Police Department. I have been with the Department for the past seventeen years. Early in my career, I recall having a conversation with Mary Jo about engaging with people as a Police Officer. I will never forget her reply to me, "Greg, you will be fine as an officer. You are just a Social Worker with a gun." We laughed and that is when I realized I needed to focus on positive community engagement even more.

Mary Jo's influence and listening ear has been a tremendous help in my policing career and personal life. While working for the Milwaukee Police Department, I partner with Mary Jo and Wraparound Milwaukee in many ways. I will often call Mary Jo to help me strategize around best practices to engaging youth involved in difficult situations. Mary Jo has always been receptive to common sense and long-term practices that will positively impact our youth. Mary Jo will be an asset and positive addition in any role she pursues. Therefore, it is my honor and privilege to recommend Mary Jo Meyers for the Director position with the Department of Health and Human Services.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to call me at 414 349-4128.

Sincerely,

Gregory Hunter

Gregory D. Hunter, Sr.
Police Sergeant, MPD Dist. #4
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**County of Milwaukee
Inter-Office Communication**

April 18, 2018

To: Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

I am writing to express my support of Mary Jo Meyers as Director of the Department of Health and Human Services. She has the experience, the integrity and a passion for serving those in need. I am impressed by her vision for our department, her approach to the care and treatment of our customers and her ability to motivate employees to perform at their highest levels.

Since Mary Jo's appointment in January, I have witnessed her exceptional leadership skills and her amazing personal and professional connection to the delivery of human services. Of course, what I appreciate most about Mary Jo are the things that I, as Interim Director, found most difficult. Mary Jo has a remarkable ability to process information, concerns and multi-dimensional tasks with incredible grace and confidence. She is very attuned to her own strengths so that she can easily recognize the necessity of bringing diverse perspectives to the conversation to create momentum for tackling complex issues.

Mary Jo values unique and diverse perspectives, acts with humility, and encourages and cultivates inclusion. Her very essence is someone that first stops to listen and acknowledge.

During my time as Interim DHHS Director, I am thankful for the positive experience I shared with you, members of our County Board. Although it wasn't always easy, I appreciate you holding me and our department accountable while being respectful and honest. I know that Mary Jo sets these same high standards for herself.

I am extremely proud to offer my support of Mary Jo's appointment as DHHS Director. I truly believe that Mary Jo is the leader and partner you need to navigate the challenges and achieve the innovation necessary to continue to move DHHS forward. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Jeanne Dorff
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April 16, 2018

Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
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To the Board:

It is a great privilege for me to write this letter of support for Mary Jo Meyers for the position of Director of the Department of Health and Human Services.

I write this letter as a native Milwaukeean who is a passionate believer in this area's future; as a current and longtime evaluator of local family support, education and health programs; and as a dear friend and strong admirer of Mary Jo - both for her extraordinary personal qualities and her unparalleled professional skills.

My first encounter with Mary Jo occurred almost 20 years ago, when she served on a panel as part of the Milwaukee Family Services Coordination Initiative, a state/local partnership designed to transform service delivery for Milwaukee County families simultaneously engaged in three systems: W-2, Child Welfare Services, and Substance Abuse/Mental Health Services. (I served as the evaluator for the Initiative.) On a panel of outstanding presenters, Mary Jo stood out for her passion, her commitment to and respect for the families Wraparound Milwaukee was serving, her integrity, her understanding of institutions and systems, and her belief in the possibilities of positive change. All my interactions during that year of the Initiative - and since then, as we've become close friends - have reaffirmed and strengthened my initial impressions. Mary Jo really is a most remarkable leader, communicator, colleague and visionary. I see in her so many qualities that I greatly admire - qualities that mesh with the skills and talents needed for the position of Director of the Department of Health and Human Services:

- Mary Jo is extraordinarily bright. She has the ability to conceptualize and analyze issues that few people have, even on issues as complicated as those surrounding health and human services. She also has the capacity to communicate about those issues to others.
- Mary Jo's work with Wraparound and other programs has added an unusual depth of understanding and compassion to her view of the world. She has a passionate sense of responsibility and of how to accomplish positive change in different settings.
- She has a remarkable understanding of systems and of governmental units. I am always astonished by her capacity to understand how systems work - and how they could work better. She has been involved in multiple successful collaborative efforts to address issues in Milwaukee and the State.
- All of these strengths contribute to Mary Jo's abilities as an administrator. In all of the positions she has held, she has been recognized as an outstanding administrator, leader and colleague.

I am honored to have this opportunity to recommend her most highly for this position and look forward to seeing the impact that her work will have on the Milwaukee community.

Sincerely,

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Barbara Goldberg, Evaluation Consultant



April 16, 2018

Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
Milwaukee County Courthouse
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Dear Supervisors –

I am honored to provide this letter of support for the appointment of Mary Jo Meyers into the position of Director of the Department of Health and Human Services for Milwaukee County. In addition to her lengthy tenure of service to the citizens of Milwaukee, Mary Jo has a long standing commitment to the well-being and health of families in our community.

In her 33 years of service, she has provided leadership to the nationally recognized, Wraparound Milwaukee Program, which is a comprehensive system of care serving thousands of children and families in Milwaukee County. Her leadership at Wraparound Milwaukee, has led to innovative changes in how we serve children who are in crisis and how we meet the needs of their families. Because of her leadership, families in crisis have received comprehensive, compassionate and innovative care in our community.

Mary Jo is a nationally recognized expert in the development of collaborative community based models of care. She is an excellent partner who keeps her vision and her work solidly focused on helping people. She has an in-depth understanding of mental health issues and she cares deeply about the wellness of individuals and families in our community.

I have no doubt that Mary Jo would bring her extensive knowledge, experience, care and passion to this position and that children and families would be well served by her appointment.

Mary Jo is an exceptional candidate for the Director's position. I urge you to confirm her appointment which would allow her to continue to serve children and families in Milwaukee.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions about my support. I look forward to hearing news of her confirmation in the coming weeks. Thank you for the consideration.

Sincerely,

Carmen Pitre
President & CEO

M. Kathleen Eilers RN MSN
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April 9, 2018

Dear Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors,

Mary Jo Meyers has been a professional colleague and friend since she came to Milwaukee County in 1984. During that time, I have watched her grow professionally and personally. She has developed a strong knowledge base, impressive leadership skills and been an admirable role model for superiors, peers and subordinates.

Ms. Meyers has a deep understanding of the needs of the people DHHS serves. She is a creative problem solver and applies those skills to the systems of care that serve our vulnerable citizens. She collaborates effectively with the many agencies and professionals that make up the health and human services system and can be counted on to work effectively with elected officials.

I whole heartedly endorse Mary Jo Meyers for the position of Director, DHHS. As a newly appointed Mental Health Board member, based upon your recommendation, I look forward to working with her on the challenges many of our citizens face. I urge you to confirm her. If I can be of any assistance in your deliberations, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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M. Kathleen Eilers, RN, MSN

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April 16, 2018

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Mary Jo Meyers is the right choice for the Director of Health and Human Services position. I am writing this letter of recommendation for Mary Jo Meyers as I have worked as her assistant for five years and have come to learn her management style very well. In this process of hiring for the Director of Health and Human Services, you have likely seen Mary Jo's resume and samples of her written work, which are impressive in their own right. What you may not have seen in print is her character.

Others will write letters of support on behalf of Mary Jo and they will tell you about her passion for serving and how she is innovative and values-driven. Those letters will be absolutely accurate. Mary Jo is a strong, compassionate leader who possesses the ethics and intelligent decision-making required of someone in a leader of leaders' role. She is both fair and unwavering in standing up for her beliefs and holding true to her values. When she feels strongly about a cause, she puts everything she has in to it.

As her assistant, I have seen her calendar jam-packed with meetings and even on the days when she has barely a moment to herself, she takes a breath, and continues giving 100% of her attention to the individuals and topics in the next meeting in the lineup. Mary Jo has developed solid collaborative relationships with system partners due to her ability to remain present and respectful. These relationships are vital to the success of Wraparound Milwaukee and these few attributes I've mentioned barely scratch the surface in the list of her good qualities. I'm hopeful that what you will take away from this letter is the fact that Mary Jo possesses qualities needed to do the job and do it well.

In a time in history when there is so much strife in government, it energizes me to see Mary Jo Meyers as the Acting Director of the Department of Health and Human Services as I know she is capable of handling the challenges of this job.

Thank you for your time,

Jennifer Miles



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April 16, 2018

Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors
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Dear Board Members:

It is my pleasure to write a letter in support of Mary Jo Meyers for Director of the Department of Health and Human Services. I've worked with Mary Jo Meyers for more than 25 years at the Behavioral Health Division, from her days as an in-home therapist to her role as Director of Wraparound Milwaukee.

In all of her roles, she has always put youth and families first. As Director, she has engendered that same sense of responsibility to the community in those who work with and for her. Regular meetings with staff reinforce the key roles we all play in supporting youth and families, from those who work directly with our youth and families to those working in support positions in administration and finance. The needs of the youth and families come first; our processes and procedures are always evolving to best meet those needs.

The wraparound approach to care necessitates having strong partners and supports within our community. Over the past 20 years, these ties have been built and continue to be strong. Mary Jo has been instrumental in making and keeping those connections at the State and local levels. She also believes that our youth and families are our biggest stakeholders, and she ensures that they are represented on committees and have a voice in the direction of the program.

I admit that it is hard to lose the person who has been such an integral part of our wraparound family. However, I'm happy that her skills, talents and unending energy will be used to serve a broader population. I truly have been proud to work for and with Mary Jo. I fully support her appointment as Director of DHHS and know that she will be a wonderful asset to the Department and to the community.

Thank you,

Aggie Hale
Systems Design/Management Support
Wraparound Milwaukee

April 15, 2018

Dear Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors:

This letter serves as a strong endorsement and recommendation that Mary Jo Meyers to be confirmed as Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Health & Human Services. I worked with Mary Jo Meyers for nearly 30 years. From 1985 to 1995, I was Administrator of the Child and Adolescent Treatment Center (CATC). In 1995, I began the development of and became director of Wraparound Milwaukee and worked in that capacity until my retirement in July of 2015. When I first became acquainted with Mary Jo, she was an occupational therapist at CATC, working with adolescents who had serious emotional needs. From the time I first became aware of her work ethic and personality, and over the subsequent years as I promoted her from serving as an Integrated Services Manager to eventually Assistant Director of Wraparound Milwaukee, I found Mary Jo to be intelligent, strong, perceptive, passionate about the youth and families she served and a very good manager and leader.

Wraparound Milwaukee has been a national model in the care of children with serious emotional and mental health needs and their families. Mary Jo Meyers played a vital role in the success of Wraparound and I can honestly say no other individual was more critical to the success of this program than her. It was a pleasure and a privilege to have worked with her to build a national model that has served Milwaukee County so well over the past 22 years and to have had such a positive impact on the lives of so many children and families in this community.

Mary Jo Meyers will bring vision, intelligence, honesty, leadership and passion to this job. She is the kind of person that knows how to get things done, yet also knows the importance of working with others to get their point of view and input. Communication is critical and Mary Jo is articulate, thoughtful, yet direct and to-the-point. She cares deeply about the consumers of services and about creating programs that focus on what families truly need.

So, it is with a great pleasure and without the slightest hesitancy, that I support Mary Jo Meyers to be the permanent Director of the Milwaukee County Health and Human Services Department.

Sincerely,

Bruce Kamradt

March 26, 2018

To The Honorable Members of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

Greetings!

I am proud to offer my enthusiastic support for the nomination and confirmation of Ms. Mary Jo Meyers to be the Director of the Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

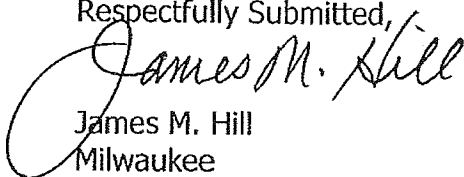
The Milwaukee County DHHS was my workplace for all of the 13 years (1996-2009) I was honored to be a Milwaukee County employee. Over those years, I became well acquainted with the many complex programs and difficult challenges that define the vital role this Department plays in the health and well-being of our community. I also came to appreciate just how important it is for this Department to have a Director who possesses strong, experienced and visionary leadership, and who has the temperament, communication skills and competence to navigate, strengthen and make the most productive use of the relationships between this Department and its many community stakeholders.

You have before you in Ms. Meyers an individual who excels in each of these core competencies. Her distinguished management and leadership of the internationally known and respected Wraparound Milwaukee program – which I was able to observe closely during my tenure as the Administrator of the Behavioral Health Division – establishes that she is superbly prepared to take on this great responsibility.

I believe these competencies alone qualify her for this position; but her experience in and extensive knowledge of healthcare systems, providers, public and private funding sources, evidence-based best practices, trauma-informed care, defining and achieving beneficial program outcomes, along with the great respect she has earned from across the community and the country, make her qualification for this position that much more credible, and her ability to meet its challenges beyond any doubt.

I proudly urge you to confirm Ms. Meyers' nomination as DHHS Director.

Respectfully Submitted,



James M. Hill
Milwaukee