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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Thursday, October 23, 2025 - 8:00 A.M.
Marcia P. Coggs Human Services Center
1230 West Cherry Street, Room 104/105
Milwaukee, WI 53205

MINUTES

PRESENT: *Joy Tapper, Mary Neubauer, Dennise Lavrenz, Jon Lehrmann (appeared virtually during Item #4)*

EXCUSED: *Kweku Amoasi*

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

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

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| 1. | <p>Welcome.</p> <p>Chairperson Tapper welcomed everyone to the October 23, 2025 Milwaukee County Mental Health Board Finance Committee Meeting.</p> |
| 2. | <p>Approval of the Minutes from the August 21, 2025 and September 4, 2025 Finance Committee Meetings.</p> <p>No comments, questions, or revisions.</p> <p>Minutes approved.</p> |
| 3. | <p>2025 and 2026 Professional Service Agreements.</p> <p>Michael Lappen, Behavioral Health Services Administrator, presented the Professional Services & Non-Professional Contracts for Adult Services which included Staples Marketing LLC dba AFFIRM Agency for \$125,000; University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee-CUPH for \$128,028; Creative Marketing Resources, Inc. dba CMR Ignite for \$255,000; and Impact Connect: \$168,150. He also presented the Professional Services Contracts for Youth which included St. Charles Youth & Family Services for \$345,000.</p> <p>Questions and discussion ensued. Chairperson Tapper inquired as to what the IMPACT Connect target measures will be. Amy Lorenz, Deputy Administrator of Behavioral Health Services, indicated that utilization will be the main indicator. She also provided data regarding closing referrals and response rates.</p> |

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

	<p>The Finance Committee agreed to recommend approval of this item and the corresponding report to the Mental Health Board at their October 23, 2025 meeting.</p>
4.	<p>2025-2026 Purchase of Service Contracts.</p> <p>Michael Lappen, Behavioral Health Services Administrator, presented the 2025-2026 Contract for Adult Services which included Vital Voices, Inc. for \$105,798; and the 2025 Contract for Youth Services which included St. Charles Youth & Family Services for \$305,000. He also presented the 2025-2026 Contract for Youth Services which included La Causa Inc. for \$701,405.10; Children’s Service Society of Wisconsin, Inc. for \$994,880; and Wisconsin Community Services, Inc. for \$270,443. He also presented the 2026 Contract for Youth Services which included St. Charles Youth & Family Services for \$610,000; and St. Charles Youth & Family Services for \$310,000. Administrator Lappen noted that these contracts utilize grant funding.</p> <p>Questions and discussion ensued. Jennifer Alfredson, BHS Grants Director, indicated that these contracts are not related to the loss of peer services grants. Matt Fortman, Fiscal Administrator, spoke to the committee about risks related to the government shut down.</p> <p>The Finance Committee agreed to recommend approval of this item and the corresponding report to the Mental Health Board at their October 23, 2025 meeting.</p>
5.	<p>2026 Fee For Service Contract.</p> <p>Matt Fortman, Fiscal Administrator presented the 2026 Fee For Service Contract which is reflected on the document titled Item #5 REVISION #2. The original revision included incorrect data in the chart on the second page, while the requested amount was correct. The revisions were placed on the record. The one fee for service contract for 2026 Contracts for youth services included Community Harbor, LLC. for \$270,000.</p> <p>The Finance Committee agreed to recommend approval of this item and the corresponding report reflected as REVISION #2 to the Mental Health Board at their October 23, 2025 meeting.</p>
6.	<p>Update on the Lease for Access Clinic North.</p> <p>Michael Lappen, BHS Administrator, indicated that Dr. Izard sent an email last night and a printout of this email has been provided to committee and board members present. Administrator Lappen provided an overview of his report included in Item #6 and highlighted DHS 34 requirements.</p> <p>Dr. Izard made statements to the committee regarding adjusting hours and changes at the clinics. He noted that there is a meeting scheduled for October 29, 2025 and requests the committee allow this meeting proceed prior to making any decision. Chair Tapper requested routine utilization data for all Access Clinics be presented to Quality Committee and the board. Dr. Lehrmann noted that the committee can make a motion allowing Administrator Lappen and his team support that if</p>

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

	<p>resolution at the October 29, 2025 meeting is not reached, the team can provide notice as requested. Board Member Ginlack noted he is not in agreement with this suggestion. Dr. IZard noted that they will work to open up the building until a resolution can occur. Chair Tapper suggested that updates to contracts may need to occur to ensure compliance with state regulations.</p> <p>The Finance Committee agreed to Lay over this item and the corresponding report to the December 4, 2025 Milwaukee County Mental Health Board Finance Committee Meeting and charge Administrator Lappen to work with MHSI to both evaluate utilization and performance expectations as well as ongoing services to be in compliance state regulations.</p>
7.	<p>Update on Investment of Reserve.</p> <p>Matt Fortman, Fiscal Administrator provided a brief update on the investment of reserve. He indicated that it appears the Board does have the ability to make a motion to separate the funds and invest the reserve, however, it may result in a decrease in allotted tax levy. He noted that Joe Lamers will be appearing at the December 4, 2025 Finance Committee Meeting to provide an update on the investment, return and use of the reserve relative to county tax levy and the December 11, 2026 full Board Meeting.</p> <p>This Item was Informational.</p>
8.	<p>Update on State and Federal Budget in Relation to Behavioral Health Services' Finance.</p> <p>Matt Fortman, Fiscal Administrator, noted that the IMD Waiver was projected to begin in early 2026, however due to the government shutdown this is delayed. He also noted that cost reporting for legacy costs may be included in WIMCR and this request has been made to the state. This may take several months to review and will be included in the December 4, 2025 meeting. He also noted that the ability to draw funds from the state on some contracts until July. This will also be included in the December 4, 2025 Finance Committee Meeting.</p> <p>This Item was Informational.</p>
9.	<p>Behavioral Health Services and County Budget Update.</p> <p>Matt Fortman, Fiscal Administrator noted that the County Executive has submitted the recommended budget and the county supervisors will be debating amendments. He noted that the county executive added a 1% cost of living wage adjustment to the budget. Chair Tapper requests an update as to what the mental health board's jurisdiction is over the cost-of-living adjustment. Administrator Lappen made comments regarding past opinions regarding compensation jurisdiction. Chairperson Tapper also reiterated that any proposed changes to the budget by the County Executive or DHHS should be brought to the board for review and approval and that an updated version of the 2026 budget be brought to the Finance Committee and Board noting all changes made since the MHB approved the budget in July.</p>

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

	This Item was Informational.
10.	2026 Tentative MHB Finance Committee Meeting Dates and Submission Calendar. Chairperson Tapper made statements regarding changes to the budget cycle. No additional comments. This Item was Informational.
11.	Adjournment. Chairperson Tapper adjourned the meeting.

This meeting was recorded. The official copy of these minutes and subject reports, along with the audio recording of this meeting, is available on the Milwaukee County's Legislative Information Center website, which can be accessed by clicking the associated link.
Length of meeting: 8:07a.m. to 8:56 a.m.

Adjourned,

Jessica Iggens

Jessica Iggens
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**The next meeting for the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board Finance Committee is
Thursday, December 4, 2025 @ 1:30 p.m.**

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