



Milwaukee County

Meeting Minutes

American Rescue Plan Act Task Force

Co-Chairperson: Ricardo Diaz
Co-Chairperson: Shawn Rolland
Member: Ashley Adsit
Member: Liz Sumner
Member: Scott Manske
Member: Jeff Roman

Task Force Coordinator: Shanin R. Brown

Thursday, January 19, 2023

9:00 AM

Room 203-R & Microsoft Teams
County Legislative Information Center

HYBRID MEETING

This meeting was held in Room 203-R, and was live-streamed on the County Legislative Information Center: <https://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

Call To Order

Roll Call at 9:03 a.m.

Present: 5 - Adsit, Manske, Sumner, Roman, and Rolland

Excused: 1 - Diaz

Task Force Members Ashley Adsit, and Jeff Roman appeared virtually for today's meeting.

- 1 [HRA23-6](#) Approval of the draft minutes from the December 1, 2022, meeting of the American Rescue Plan Act Task Force.

(ACTION ITEM)

Attachments: [HRA23-6 ARPA DRAFT MINUTES \(12/01/22\)](#)

There were no appearances for Item 1.

A motion was made by Task Force Member Sumner that the draft minutes from the December 1, 2022, meeting of the American Rescue Plan Act Task Force be APPROVED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Adsit, Manske, Sumner, Roman and Rolland

Excused: 1 - Diaz

- 2 [HRA23-7](#) Milwaukee County American Rescue Plan Act Project and Subgroup Updates.
(INFORMATION ONLY)

Attachments: [HRA23-7 INFO REPORT - January Update on Milwaukee County ARPA Projects](#)
[HRA23-7 ARPA Task Force January Meeting Info Report Presentation](#)

APPEARANCES:

Bess Earl, Senior Grants Analyst-Pandemic Relief, Project Management Office, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (OSBP) (virtually)
Joe Lamers, Director, OSBP
Peter LaBonte, Program Manager, Department of Human Resources, and Coordinator, Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Mitigation Workgroup (virtually)

Item 2 was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 3 [HRA23-8](#) From the Community Support Area Subgroup, requesting a recommendation of \$1,400,000 in American Rescue Plan Act dollars to fund FlexRide Milwaukee On-Demand Transportation program.
(ACTION ITEM)

Attachments: [HRA23-8 ARPA Subgroup Memo SDoH Project Recommendation REVISION 2](#)
[HRA23-8 ATTACHMENT A - FlexRide Milwaukee On-Demand Transportation Program Project Proposal](#)
[HRA23-8 ATTACHMENT B - ARPA Proposal Review Criteria - Community Support Programs](#)
[HRA23-8 ATTACHMENT C - Service Area Subgroup Review Summary for Other SDoH Project REVISION 2](#)

APPEARANCES:

Sumaiyah Clark, Project Coordinator, Department of Health and Human Services (virtually)
Bess Earl, Senior Grants Analyst, Project Management Office, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (OSBP) (virtually)
Supervisor Peter Burgelis, District 15
Joe Lamers, Director, OSBP
Supervisor Patti Logsdon, District 9 (virtually)

The following people appeared virtually and spoke regarding Item 3:

Dave Steele, Executive Director, Mobilize
Eric D. Lynde, Special Projects Manager, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission

A motion was made by Task Force Member Adsit that Item 3 be APPROVED.
The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Adsit, Manske, Sumner, Roman and Rolland

Excused: 1 - Diaz

- 4 [HRA23-9](#) From the Community Support Area Subgroup, requesting recommendation of \$609,355, in American Rescue Plan Act dollars to fund Access to Mental Health Care and the Mental Health Clinic for Youth and Youth Adults.

(ACTION ITEM)

Attachments: [HRA23-9 ARPA Subgroup Memo Mental & Behavioral Health Projects.pdf](#)
[HRA23-9 ATTACHMENT A - Access to Mental Health Care Project Proposal](#)
[HRA23-9 ATTACHMENT B - Mental Health Clinic for Youth & Young Adults Project Proposal](#)
[HRA23-9 ATTACHMENT C - PROPOSAL CRITERIA](#)
[HRA23-9 ATTACHMENT D - Service Area Subgroup Review Summary for Mental & Behavioral Health Projects](#)

APPEARANCES:

Regina Whiyee, Human Service Worker Supervisor, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)(virtually)
Bess Earl, Senior Grants Analyst-Pandemic Relief, Project Management Office, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (OSBP) (virtually)
David Muhammad, Deputy Director, DHHS (virtually)

The following people appeared virtually and spoke regarding Item 4:

Art Serna, Chief Executive Officer, City on a Hill, Inc.
Megan O'Halloran, Director of Communications and Fund Development, Walker's Point Youth and Family Center
Audra O'Connell, Executive Director, Walker's Point Youth and Family Center
Brooke Hall, Administration and Training Director, City on a Hill, Inc.

A motion was made by Task Force Member Manske that Item 4 be APPROVED.
The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Adsit, Manske, Sumner, Roman and Rolland

Excused: 1 - Diaz

- 5 [HRA23-10](#) From Co-Chairman Rolland, a request to appropriate \$1,613,988 in American Rescue Plan Act funding to purchase and forgive approximately \$153 million of Milwaukee County residents' medical debt, supporting approximately 67,000 neighbors-in-need.

(ACTION ITEM)

Attachments: [HRA23-10 23-xxx ROLLAND MEDICAL DEBT](#)
[HRA23-10 NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE](#)
[HRA23-10 Milwaukee County RIP Medical Debt January 2023](#)

APPEARANCE:

Supervisor Peter Burgelis, District 15

The following people appeared and spoke regarding Item 5:

David Eager, retired health system Chief Financial Officer, and Ambassador for RIP Medical Debt

Alderman Andrew Meindl, District 1, City of Wauwatosa

Keith Hearle, national expert in hospital community benefits and Advisor to RIP Medical Debt (virtually)

A motion was made by Co-Chairman Rolland that Item 5 be APPROVED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Adsit, Sumner, Roman and Rolland

Noes: 1 - Manske

Excused: 1 - Diaz

E-COMMENTS - 1

- 6 [HRA23-12](#) eComments submitted to the American Rescue Plan Act Task Force via the County Legislative Information Center (CLIC).

(INFORMATION ONLY)

Attachments: [HRA23-12 eComments \(01/19/23\)](#)

There were no appearances for Item 6.

The January 19, 2023, record of eComments is attached to this file as "HRA23-12 eComments (01/19/23)."

The January 19, 2023, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

Length of meeting: 9:03 a.m. to 11:34 a.m.

Adjourned,

**Shanin R. Brown
Committee Coordinator
Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk
American Rescue Plan Act Task Force**

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the American Rescue Plan Act Task Force is Thursday,
March 9, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.