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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
GOVERNANCE AD HOC COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, October 26, 2021 – 4:00 P.M.
Teleconference Meeting

MINUTES

PARTICIPANTS: Kathie Eilers, Thomas Lutzow, Mary Neubauer, and Maria Perez
EXCUSED: Walter Lanier

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

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| 1. | <p>Welcome.</p> <p>Chairwoman Eilers welcomed everyone to the October 26, 2021, Mental Health Board Governance Ad Hoc Committee remote/virtual meeting.</p> |
| 2. | <p>Confirmation of Appointment Recommendations to the Granite Hills Hospital Governing Board.</p> <p>Chairwoman Eilers indicated she spoke with Jennifer Bergersen, Chief Executive Officer of Granite Hills Hospital (Granite Hills), to discuss the discrepancy between their bylaws and the contract language related to the appointment of individuals to their hospital governing board. The contract language states two non-voting members shall be appointed by the Mental Health Board. The bylaws, however, make no provision for non-voting members. Ms. Bergersen agreed to amend the bylaws to align and comply with the contract. Other concerns raised by Committee Members include ensuring the proper due diligence has been conducted and the timing in which this decision needs to be made. The associated policy, which was addressed at this Committee’s June meeting, will be modified to include language directing the designated appointees to regularly provide the Board with updates.</p> <p>After further discussion, Board Chairwoman Perez recommended Michael Lappen, Behavioral Health Division (BHD) Administrator, be considered as one of the appointments due to his historical knowledge of hospital operations and having him serve would be to the Board’s advantage.</p> <p>Committee Member Lutzow recommended Dr. John Schneider, BHD Chief Medical Officer, be considered as the final appointment to Granite Hills’ governing board. This partnership is more of an advisory role and about making the local relationships work. There will not be a fiduciary responsibility or role and oversight within the larger corporate framework will not be within this governing board’s purview. The governing board’s sole role and responsibility would revolve around operational integrity. It’s about making sure BHD and Granite Hills are operationally in sync. Granite Hills’ Medical Director will be an ex officio member on the governing board.</p> |

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

	<p>Medical director to medical director just makes sense. It has an operational focus on making the two systems work together.</p> <p>Granite Hills, under Chapter 51, will be the County’s receiving facility, which comes with a legal services component and responsibilities. It would be helpful to Granite Hills to have legal guidance on how to manage these big and contentious cases within the legal framework, which is an area under the purview of the Treatment Director.</p> <p>Board Member Lehrman stated by having Mr. Lappen as an appointment, it also allows for Mental Health Emergency Center (MHEC) representation. He’s the right person because of the connection to both entities. Appointing the operational experts makes the most sense. It’s already inclusive of their job duties and compensated work time. It’s literally their job to manage these relationships.</p> <p>Committee Member Neubauer explained the Community Engagement Ad Hoc Committee is in the process of creating the Granite Hills Hospital and MHEC Combined Stakeholder Advisory Committee. The concept was discussed with the Granite Hills CEO, who supported the collaboration. The Advisory Committee will include members of both the Granite Hills and MHEC governing boards.</p> <p>Mr. Lappen accepted the appointment nomination and expressed he would be happy to serve in this capacity. He informed the Committee he would apprise Dr. Schneider of the appointment nomination.</p> <p>Discussion ensued.</p> <p>The Governance Ad Hoc Committee unanimously agreed to recommend approval of nominees Michael Lappen, Behavioral Health Division (BHD) Administrator, and Dr. John Schneider, BHD Chief Medical Officer, for appointment to the Granite Hills Hospital Governing Board to the Mental Health Board.</p>
3.	<p>Adjourn.</p> <p>Chairwoman Eilers ordered the meeting adjourned.</p>

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

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 Legislative Information Center.

Length of meeting: 4:02 p.m. to 4:32 p.m.

Adjourned,

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Will be scheduled at the Call of the Chair**

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