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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Thursday, March 27, 2025 - 1:30 P.M.
Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

PRESENT: *Richard Canter, Mary Neubauer, Jon Lehrmann*
EXCUSED: *Dennise Lavrenz*

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

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

1.	Welcome. Chairman Canter welcomed everyone to the March 27, 2025 virtual MHB Finance Committee Meeting.
2.	Minutes from the February 20, 2025 Finance Committee Meeting. No comments, questions, or revisions. Minutes approved.
3.	Discussion of Public Comment Budget Feedback from March 20, 2025. Matt Fortman, Behavioral Health Services provided verbal update of Public Comment Budget Feedback from March 20, 2025. Chairman Canter inquired about Parachute House future funding. Matt Fortman responded that if BHS funds Parachute House it would be through the tax levy, which will be discussed at a later item. Mike Lappen, Administrator of BHS, added historical context of funding Parachute House and peer run respites generally. Mary Neubauer, Chairwoman of Milwaukee County Mental Health Board, indicated that the board has reserves available. Mike Lappen addressed additional comments made at the public comment meeting regarding MHEC, medical clearances, and the capacity of inpatient beds. This Item was Informational.
4.	4th Quarter 2024 Dashboard.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

	<p>Matt Fortman, Behavioral Health Services presented the 4th Quarter 2024 Dashboard. He indicated a deficit of \$7,041,245 for 2024. Major variances included inpatient services costs, mental health emergency center costs, CSP program deficit, CBRF Overspend, Wraparound deficit, and AODA Deficit.</p> <p>Justin Heller, Budget Coordinator, presented the Inpatient Services Expenses. Questions and discussion ensued regarding Granite Hills Contract. Justin Heller also presented the Targeted Case Management / Crisis Case Management Dashboard and the CCS Dashboard. Questions and discussion ensued regarding changes within CCS. Justin Heller also presented the CSP Dashboard and SUD Dashboard.</p> <p>Pam Matthews, Senior Budget Analyst, presented the Childrens Community Mental Health Services Dashboard. She indicated that the 2024 budget for Wraparound was based on the HMO continuing which did not occur and therefore the 2025 numbers should be better.</p> <p>This Item was Informational.</p>
5.	<p>4th Quarter 2024 Financial Reporting Package.</p> <p>Matt Fortman, Behavioral Health Services presented the 4th Quarter 2024 Financial Reporting Package. He indicated this is the same information that was presented in Item #4, just presented in a different format.</p> <p>This Item was Informational.</p>
6.	<p>Update on Risks and Opportunities Facing BHS.</p> <p>Matt Fortman, Behavioral Health Services presented the Update on Risks and Opportunities Facing BHS. He spoke about risks including WIMCR, Federal government uncertainty, and the deficit that the County is facing. He also spoke about opportunities which included SFY 2025-2027 Budget Initiatives and the 1915(i) Housing Waiver.</p> <p>Questions and discussion ensued.</p> <p>This Item was Informational.</p>
7.	<p>BHS 2024 WIMCR Deficit.</p> <p>Matt Fortman, Behavioral Health Services presented the BHS 2024 WIMCR Deficit. He spoke to the historical context of 2019 Act 9 and how it relates to Milwaukee County and the deficit.</p> <p>Questions and discussion ensued. It was suggested that this item be brought in front of the full board for discussion.</p>

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

	This Item was Informational.
8.	Quarterly Fund Transfer Report. Matt Fortman, Behavioral Health Services presented the Quarterly Fund Transfer Report. This report contained two transfers, one for Crosscharge Correction and one for Wraparound Crisis Placement Adjustment. This Item was Informational.
9.	Quarterly Reserve Fund Overview. Matt Fortman, Behavioral Health Services presented the Quarterly Reserve Fund Overview. He spoke about the current amount in reserves as well as future forecasts of the reserves. This Item was Informational.
10.	Adjournment. Chairman Canter adjourned the meeting.

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Length of meeting: 1:30 p.m. to 3:04 p.m.

Adjourned,
Jessica Iggen

Jessica Iggen
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**The next meeting of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board
Finance Committee will be on
Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 8:00 a.m.**

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