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## **MILWAUKEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Monday, May 1, 2023 – 6:00 PM**  
**Microsoft Teams Meeting**

### **MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** John Griffith, Mary Neubauer, Desilynn Smith, and Ambrose Wilson-Brown

**EXCUSED:** Lutrena Johnson, Claire Keys, William Muhammad, Troney Small and Brenda Wesley

#### **SCHEDULED ITEMS:**

**1. Welcome.**

Acting Chairwoman Mary Neubauer welcomed everyone to the May 1, 2023, Mental Health Board Community Stakeholder Advisory Council's remote/virtual meeting.

**2. Updates on Education.**

Chairwoman Wesley and Council Member Mary Neubauer had been working to request American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA) funding for the opportunity to have Council Members attend the State Sponsored Opioid Conference. Unfortunately, due to timing, those funds weren't obtained. The Harm Reduction Conference was mentioned as another possible option. The State recently released its registration information stating scholarships will be available. This was new information as this wasn't mentioned initially when researching the conference. This conference will be held in Green Bay, Wisconsin on June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. With this being a new conference, it's suspected there will be a lot of innovative ideas on prevention and intervention for opioids. Council Member Neubauer will continue to gather information and provide updates. All expenses will be covered for those interested in attending. All were strongly encouraged to do so as this will allow Council Members the opportunity to better inform the community of harm reduction.

Administrator Lappen informed the Council a letter of support had been submitted for Community Intervention Training (CIT) for law enforcement. The Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) received a justice grant for advanced CIT. Behavioral Health Services (BHS) will be collaborating with MPD to update the curriculum. A volunteer group of law enforcement received one session of very in-depth training so far. There will be another session held within the next few weeks. National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Wisconsin was also included as a signee for this grant and training.

Questions and comments ensued.

	This item was informational.
3.	<p><b>Access Knowledge Support (ASK) Presentation.</b></p> <p>Due to the absence of Chairwoman Wesley, this item was laid over until the next Council meeting.</p>
4.	<p><b>Council Members' Outreach Updates.</b></p> <p>The leadership teams from Behavioral Health Services and the Mental Health Emergency Center (MHEC) met with Granite Hills Hospital to welcome the new Chief Executive Officer. There was great discussion between the three entities. Granite Hills acknowledged some of its challenges and agreed to improve on responding to MHEC in a timely manner. The teams also worked together to problem-solve issues surrounding admissions. Over the past several weeks the numbers have increased at Granite Hills. However, staffing shortages remain its biggest challenge. The biggest challenge for MHEC is currently bed capacity.</p> <p>A peer shared positive feedback on the experience their child had during their recent time at Granite Hills.</p> <p>Council Member Griffith is composing a letter to distribute to the newspapers regarding some of the lessons learned from COVID as a senior. In composing this letter, the issues noticed consisted of a shortage of caregivers, transportation resources, rest stops throughout County trails, as well as social isolation. To improve the shortage of caregivers it was suggested to utilize students. In addition, it was reported the use of County trails has increased by 50%. Adding a park bench on at least every block, similar to other counties would be beneficial. Council Member Griffith indicated if anyone else had suggestions to reach out to via email.</p> <p>Council Member Smith is working with Milwaukee Public Schools on the possibility of allowing overdose reversal education within the schools.</p> <p>Questions and comments ensued.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>
5.	<p><b>Adjournment.</b></p> <p>Acting Chairwoman Neubauer ordered the meeting adjourned.</p>

This meeting was recorded. The official copy of these minutes and subject reports, along with the audio recording of this meeting, are available on the Milwaukee County Legislative Information Center.

Length of meeting: 6:08 p.m. to 6:33 p.m.

Adjourned,

*Dairionne Washington*

Committee Coordinator

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**The next meeting of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board  
Community Stakeholder Advisory Council is  
June 5, 2023 at 6:00 PM**

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# **MEETING **CANCELLATION** NOTICE OF THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**Microsoft Teams**

**Monday, April 3, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.**

## **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:**

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the above referenced meeting has been CANCELLED per the decision of the Chair. We value your time and willingness to participate. The next Mental Health Board Community Stakeholder Advisory Council meeting will be on May 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. All information related to the Mental Health Board Community Stakeholder Advisory Council can be found on the County website.

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