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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, May 8, 2024 – 1:30 P.M.
Microsoft Teams Meeting

MINUTES

PRESENT: Ken Ginlack, Kathy Bottoni, Mary Neubauer

EXCUSED: Rachel Forman*

Additional Board Members Present: Dennise Lavrenz

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

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

1. Welcome

Chairman Ginlack welcomed everyone to the May 8, 2024, Mental Health Board Governance Committee's remote/virtual meeting.

2. Minutes from the March 13, 2024, Committee Meeting

The minutes were reviewed, acknowledged, and accepted by the Committee.

This Item was informational.

3. Board Survey Results Follow-Up Discussion from the January 10, 2024, Committee Meeting

Additional questions to address were discussed. It was noted that questions 4,9,13,14, and 17 have been previously discussed by the Governance Committee.

#4: Reallocation of funds

#9: Importance of institutional services

#13: Early Intervention

#14: Diversion from criminal justice system

#17: Cost savings

Kathy Bottoni brought item 16 of the Board Survey as an item to discuss further.

#16: Milwaukee County provides the right amount of crisis intervention training to community providers and law enforcement.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

	<p>Discussion ensued about knowledge that training has occurred, but unsure if ongoing training is happening and how often it is commenced and by whom. Committee Member, Mary Neubauer, discussed historical knowledge of training efforts and Chairman Ginlack and Committee Member Kathy Bottoni also offered their recollections of training and the need for clarity on continued efforts within the community. Later in the discussion, BHS Deputy Director, Amy Lorenz, confirmed to the committee that Crisis Intervention Training and ASIST (suicide crisis) training is offered internally to staff and the provider network, but not to the community. Instead, referrals to partners like Mental Health America (MHA), and National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) are provided. Additionally, funds are funneled to community resources to offer training to the community.</p> <p>Dr. Schneider added that there is some community training in the very early development stages with BHS and more can be shared as it is known in the future. The goal to offer community training is fall of 2024. A more formal presentation of trainings to the full board was discussed for the future.</p> <p>The next topics for discussion were items 27 and 28 of the survey due to their similarity.</p> <p>#27: The MCMHB has a partnership relationship with the Milwaukee County Executive administration in the delivery of mental health functions, programs, and services in Milwaukee County.</p> <p>#28: The MCMHB has a productive relationship with the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors in the administration of mental health functions, programs, and services in Milwaukee County.</p> <p>Comments were made about outreach attempts by various Mental Health Board members to both the County Executive and County Board. Both the County Executive and County Board will be invited to the June 11, 2024, Budget Public Hearing. The County Executive is unable to attend the June 11, 2024, meeting, but will continue to be invited to future meetings. The consensus of the Governance Committee is that relationship building with both the Milwaukee County Executive and the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors should occur and intentional efforts to begin that build are needed. Ideas and action steps on how to begin building those partnerships are setting up a meeting with those parties to ask their view on partnership and ensure it aligns with the Mental Health Board's view on partnership. Once that alignment is established, then consistently inviting the County Executive and the County Board to meetings and events will be a way to be inclusive. Documenting invitations to track outreach efforts will be done as well to help support future discussions with partners.</p> <p>*Committee Member Rachel Forman was having difficulty connecting to the meeting; however, she sent Chairman Ginlack her list of survey questions which will be discussed in a future meeting to allow for her comments to be heard.</p> <p>This Item was Informational.</p>
4.	Membership Update

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

	<p>Dr. Ramel Smith (to the Psychiatrist/Psychologist Member role) and Dr. Lynette Studer (non-voting UW-Madison Health Care Provider Member role) have been appointed by the County Executive to join the Mental Health Board. They will be attending their first meeting in June 2024.</p> <p>This Item was Informational.</p>
5.	<p>Office of Corporation Counsel Legal Support</p> <p>Attorney Karen Tidwell from Office of Corporation Counsel (OCC) attended the April 25, 2024, Mental Health Board meeting and was present at the Governance Committee meeting. As a representative from Corporation Counsel, Karen Tidwell will offer support to the board with such things as reviewing meeting agendas and legal questions at least a week in advance to allow for time to research and provide a response. Requests for attorney presence at future meetings should be sent to the Office of Corporation Counsel with as much notice as possible and should be directed to Attorney Scott Brown and Attorney Karen Tidwell. There are several new member orientation training components that will require input from OCC and will be addressed in the near future.</p> <p>This Item was Informational.</p>
6.	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>Chairman Ginlack ordered the meeting adjourned.</p>
<p>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: 1:39 p.m. to 2:38 p.m.</p> <p>Adjourned,</p> <p><i>Jennifer Miles</i></p> <p>Jennifer Miles Interim Committee Coordinator Milwaukee County Mental Health Board</p> <p>The next meeting of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board Governance Committee will be on July 10, 2024 To View All Associated Meeting Materials, Visit the Milwaukee County Legislative Information Center at: Milwaukee County - Calendar (legistar.com)</p> <p>Visit the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board Web Page at: https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/DHHS/About/Governance</p>	

Survey Overview:

- 35 Likert-Scale Questions with Optional Comments + 1 Open-ended Question.
- Highlighted questions received the broadest range of responses.

Q1: The MCMHB has control over the approval of contracts to support Mental Health Services in Milwaukee County.	Q10: The MCMHB has reduced reliance on the use of institutional services.
Q2: The MCMHB has control over the quality of mental health services provided by Milwaukee County.	Q11: The MCMHB protects the personal liberty of individuals experiencing mental illness in Milwaukee County.
Q3: The MCMHB exercises oversight over the administration of mental health programs provided by Milwaukee County.	Q12: Individuals who experience mental illness in Milwaukee County are treated in the least restrictive environment.
Q4: The MCMHB is able to re-allocate funds as needed between mental health functions, programs, and services within the approved mental health budget.	Q13: Milwaukee County programs provide early intervention to prevent the experience of more serious and prolonged episodes.
Q5: The MCMHB decides mental health policy for Milwaukee County.	Q14: Milwaukee County programs divert individuals experiencing mental illness from the criminal justice system.
Q6: Mental health services in Milwaukee County are delivered in an efficient and effective manner.	Q15: Milwaukee County has the right number of mobile crisis units for the community.
Q7: Milwaukee County is committed to community-based, person-centered, and recovery-oriented mental health programs.	Q16: Milwaukee County provides the right amount of crisis intervention training to community providers and law enforcement.
Q8: Milwaukee County promotes comprehensive community-based services over the use of institutional services.	Q17: The MCMHB has achieved cost savings in the provision of mental health services in Milwaukee County.
Q9: Institutional services remain an important part of the MCMHB's comprehensive mental health program design in Milwaukee County.	Q18: The MCMHB has found alternative funding for many of its mental health programs providing relief to Milwaukee County funding.

<p>Q19: Milwaukee County influences the policies and practices of private inpatient facilities available to county residents.</p>	<p>Q28: The MCMHB has a productive relationship with the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors in the administration of mental health functions, programs, and services in Milwaukee County.</p>
<p>Q20: Milwaukee County provides individuals with inpatient services whenever needed.</p>	<p>Q29: The MCMHB has a productive relationship with the Milwaukee County Combined Community Services Board in the administration of mental health functions, programs, and services in Milwaukee County.</p>
<p>Q21: Milwaukee County provides individuals with immediate emergency services whenever needed.</p>	<p>Q30: The Milwaukee County executive administration is receptive of recommendations by the MCMHB for mental health functions, programs, and services in Milwaukee County.</p>
<p>Q22: The MCMHB is fulfilling its responsibility for the well-being, treatment and care of the mentally ill, alcoholic and other drug dependent citizens residing within Milwaukee County.</p>	<p>Q31: MCMHB recommendations regarding the mental health budget, the community aids, and the tax levy amounts are considered by the Milwaukee County executive administration.</p>
<p>Q23: The MCMHB engages community representatives in its deliberative processes.</p>	<p>Q32: The MCMHB receives all of the information requested to fulfill its duties of overseeing mental health functions, programs, and services in Milwaukee County.</p>
<p>Q24: The MCMHB is supported by Milwaukee County executive administration.</p>	<p>Q33: The MCMHB meets frequently enough to fulfill its responsibilities.</p>
<p>Q25: The MCMHB is supported by Milwaukee County BHS administrative staff.</p>	<p>Q34: The MCMHB is well organized in its committee and subcommittee structures.</p>
<p>Q26: The MCMHB exercises oversight of Milwaukee County administrative staff responsible for Milwaukee County behavioral health programs.</p>	<p>Q35: The MCMHB Bylaws have no immediate need for updating.</p>
<p>Q27: The MCMHB has a partnership relationship with the Milwaukee County executive administration in the delivery of mental health functions, programs, and services in Milwaukee County.</p>	<p>Q36: Do you have any additional comments about the MCMHB role and functions for follow-up by the Governance Committee?</p>