COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE : January 20, 2011

TO : Michael Mayo, Sr., Chairman, Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors

Supervisor Peggy West, Chairwoman, Health and Human Needs Committee

FROM : Lee Holloway, Milwaukee County Executive

SUBJECT: Mental Health Initiative

Attached to this communication is a document that outlines my mental health vision and initiative. This is basically, a proposal to improve care to patients with mental illness by collaborating with the community, establishing partnerships with area health care providers, focusing on community-based services, and establishing mechanisms that will bring more funding (and therefore more support for services) into the mental health system.

The document is presented as a seven-page report, accompanied by two attachments which visually present the plan, plus a resolution and fiscal note to initiate the initial phase and direct reports back.

This is an issue I feel very passionate about, as I know the members of the County Board do. I hope Board members review it closely and approve it on February 3, so that we can begin the process of establishing the criteria for a managed care model for mental health and related services in Milwaukee County.

Milwaukee County Executive

Attachment

Cc: Milwaukee County Supervisors