



MILWAUKEE COUNTY
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The Combined Community Services Board March 8, 2023 Meeting

The **Combined Community Services Board** convened virtually on Wednesday, March 8, 2023. Members and attendees joined the virtual meeting with video conference and or conference call options (computer or telephone).

Board Members Present:

Julie Alexander
Cindy Bentley
Dennise Lavrenz, Chair

Board Members Excused:

Lisa Burg
Robin Rogers
Luanne McGregor
Supervisor Priscilla
Coggs-Jones
Tiffany Payne,
B.S.
Robyn Rodgers,
B.A.
Duncan Shrout
Delores Sallis

Milwaukee County Staff:

Christel Colorado, *DHHS*
David Mohammad, *Deputy
Director*
Anouvong Chanthavixay,
Dan Idzikowski, *DHHS*
Chandra Staples, County Board
Legislative Aide



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MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL:

Chairwoman Dennise Lavrenz called the meeting to order at 10:00 am., Christel Colorado Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Aging and Disabilities Services Area Agency on Aging, Executive Assistant, took roll.

II. Review and Approval of the January 11, 2023, Combined Community Services Board Meeting minutes:

Cindy Bentley

MOTION: Approve the January 11, 2023, Combined Community Services Board meeting minutes.

ACTION: Approved unanimously (Cindy Bentley and Julie Alexander)

III. County Executive Office Update on Board Membership:

Schnika Fitch, Director of Community Relations was not in attendance and did not speak on this.

IV. Behavior Health Services (BHS) Update:

a) Mental Health Stakeholder Advisory Council

The Milwaukee County Mental Health Board is designed to provide feedback to the board and to the county on what's going well and what needs improvement from a consumer perspective.

- The council is utilizing social media and handing flyers out to the community to get feedback

- The services being provided will go towards the new mental health emergency center.

V. AGING AND DISABILITIES SERVICES (ADS) UPDATE:

Marietta Luster was not present at today's meeting; however, Daniel Idzikowski was in attendance and provided the ADS update.

- a) A grant was awarded to support individuals who are enrolled in the publicly funded long term care system. This grant was awarded by the state under the home and community-based services the Medicaid program provides.
- b) Adult Protective Services (APS) has hired a new supervisor and has 2 openings for a recreation services coordinator. The new hires will be used to assist in the Will-O-Way

- programs.
- c) The department on Aging is hiring for an advocacy and policy manager.
 - d) GoPass is now located on the 1st floor of Coggs and will no longer be called Go Pass but will operate in the same ways as MCTS's reduced fare program.
-GoPass and MCTS is being merged but providing similar benefits.
 - e) State services like foodshare and badger care have vacated the Coggs building and now have their own location near north 68th and Silver Spring. This move has vacated the 1st and 2nd floors.
 - f) Some I & A workers will be outsourced to various county locations such as the veteran service office, housing office and some of the senior centers. This should provide better access to the community by providing access to where the customer base is at.
 - g) There will be an interactive community conversation on March 11th from 11am-1pm at Brentwood Church with Dora Drake, who is the state representative for District 11 and David Muhammad, the Deputy Director of Milwaukee County.

VI. CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILIES' SERVICES (CYFS) UPDATE,
ANOUVONG CHANTHAVIXAY, CHILDREN'S SERVICE COORDINATOR

- a) Birth to 3 has started a FAST Cycle in partnership with the parenting network. This is an 8-week family engagement program.
- b) CLTS is experiencing staffing shortages and therefore has a waitlist for families to be enrolled in their program.
 - a. In order to attract more people to apply for the service coordinator positions, CYFS is trying to reexamine their budget in order to increase what service coordinator salaries are.

VII. Department of Health and Human Services Annual Report 2022:

Director Shakita LaGrant McClain was not present at today's meeting.

David Muhammad spoke on behalf of Shakita LaGrant McClain, he presented a PowerPoint regarding the Annual Report 2022.

David Muhammad spoke on how to make Milwaukee County the healthiest county, along with a year's worth of activities called the Creating Equity series which have had positive results. DHHS expended contracts for health and human services, 26% went to minority owned or led organizations. DHHS is exceeding the traditional procurement standards for diversity. 45% of contracted organizations within the county are minority owned or minority led which is a 12.5% increase from last year.

VIII. CCSB ADVOCACY REPORTS:

- a) **Announcements:** Kayla Steinke has been hired as CCSB's new Caregiver Support Coordinator.
 - i. CCSB Priority 2023-2024
 - ii. CCSB Ordinance

b) Board Member Reports

Chairwomen Dennise Lavrenz spoke she is doing advocacy at the Capital. Dennise is looking forward for the Long-term Advisory Council, with Cindy Bentley and Shakita LaGrant McClain in the following week. She shares with the board; she attended the Auto Show supporting the special Olympics with Cindy Bentley. Lastly she attended the opioid settlement community conversation, and was able to give ideas how the money should be spent.

Julie Alexander shared with the board; she has also been part of the opioid settlement discussion. Julie shared she is still working on housing; Wauwatosa received ARPA funding to help with the homeownership rehabilitation program. A loan program that will assist people obtain loans and help with disability modification or rehabilitation. She is working with the Wauwatosa school district to better serve students with disabilities. Julie is also advocating for the Land Trust Survey Committee; it will help properties become more affordable for people. Julie continues to advocate for caregivers and personal care attendants to increase their wages.

Cindy Bentley shared with the board; she was invited to Governor Evers's proposed budget. Cindy also worked with Vital background helping people ready for the elections. She also had the opportunity to attend the County Executive budget hearing. Cindy shared that People First will be hosting an online Abuse and Neglect conversation on March 20th, at 11:00.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at **11:32 a.m.** The next CCSB Meeting will be May 10, 2023.

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