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MILWAUKEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COUNCIL

Monday. November 28. 2022 – 6:00 PM Invisible Realities Ministries 2700 N 54th Street

MINUTES

PRESENT: Brenda Wesley, John Griffith, Lutrena Johnson, Mary Neubauer,

William Muhammad, Troney Small, Desilyn Smith and Ambrose Wilson-Brown

EXCUSED: Claire Keys

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. Welcome.

Chairwoman Wesley welcomed everyone to the November 28, 2022, Mental Health Board Community Stakeholder Advisory Council's hybrid meeting.

2. Update from the Mental Health Emergency Center (MHEC) Governance Board Meeting.

On November 2, 2022, Chairwoman Wesley and Council Members attended a meeting held by Mental Health Emergency Center's (MHEC) Administrator Kevin Kluesner with Miracle Health, Inc (Miracle). Similar to the Council, Miracle Health, Inc recently addressed a recommendations letter to MHEC. During the meeting, representatives of the Council and Miracle felt their recommendations were not specifically addressed. A discussion was held on the importance of following up to ensure voices are being heard and all parties are held responsible. To uphold that responsibility, it was suggested to partner with the County's Quality Management Department to identify the metrics that would measure compliance which will then allow statistics and data to show where there's a need for improvement. In respect of the previous partnership with Miracle Health Inc, there will be a follow-up on their progression and communications with MHEC.

Questions and comments ensued.

This item was informational.

3. Extending Efforts and Attention to Entities Partnered with the Granite Hills Hospital and Mental Health Emergency Center (MHEC).

The Mental Health Emergency Center (MHEC) is designed for short-term care. MHEC is an emergency center for assessment, treatment, and stabilization. If it is decided a patient needs long-term care, they will be transferred to whoever has availability. Staffing shortages are throughout all mental health entities. Unfortunately, staffing shortages affect bed

capacity. With this being an issue, it's important to extend efforts to preventative care services. Preventative care services take the proactive approach needed to help bridge diversion. The Council will have an educational gathering to identify all services offered in the community and how to access those services.

Questions and comments ensued.

This item was informational.

4. Mental Health Board Community Engagement Committee Update and Collaboration.

The Community Engagement Committee has been working with Kane Communications to develop infographics for the Council. The infographics include an overview of the Council, its membership, and contact resources. The Council approved the infographics with minor recommendations. It was reiterated that the Community Engagement Committee is the Council's direct segue to the Board. There is always an opportunity for collaboration for outreach.

Questions and comments ensued.

This item was informational.

5. Council Members' Outreach Updates.

Council members shared their personal story with People magazine to help get the word out on mental health and substance use and has also recently been in communications with a news source. Other members continue to mention the Council in groups they're a part of or assist with. Members are eager to continue outreach efforts in the community and serve as advocates.

Questions and comments ensued.

This item was informational.

6. Review Draft Schedule for 2023.

As agreed during the previous meeting, the Council will continue to meet monthly in the year 2023. Meetings will be held on the first Monday of each month at 6 pm. Currently, all meetings are scheduled via Microsoft Teams. In-person meetings will be scheduled by the call of the Chair.

This item was informational.

7. Adjournment.

Chairwoman Wesley ordered the meeting adjourned.

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: 6:05 p.m. to 7:33 p.m.

Adjourned,

Dairionne Washington

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Milwaukee County Mental Health Board

The next meeting of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board Community Stakeholder Advisory Council is

January 9, 2023, at 6:00 PM

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