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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD  
BUDGET HEARING**

**Thursday, March 16, 2023 - 4:30 P.M.**  
**Washington Park Senior Center**  
**4420 West Vliet Street**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Shirley Drake, Rachel Forman, Ken Ginlack, \*Dennise Lavrenz, Jon Lehrmann, Thomas Lutzow, Mary Neubauer, Maria Perez, and Amy Ridley Meyers  
**EXCUSED:** Kathie Eilers, LaNelle Ramey, and Earlise Ward

\*Board Member Lavrenz was not present at the time the roll was called but joined the meeting shortly thereafter.

**SCHEDULED ITEMS:**

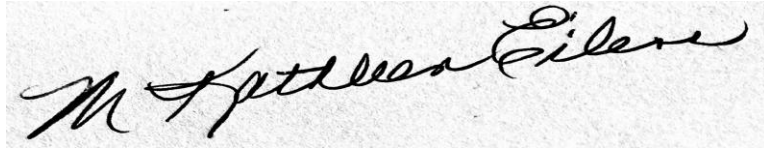
1.	<p><b>Welcome.</b></p> <p>Chairwoman Perez welcomed everyone to the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board's March 16, 2023, Budget Public Hearing.</p>
2.	<p><b>Explanation of the Budget Public Comment Process.</b></p> <p>Matt Fortman, Fiscal Administrator, Department of Health and Human Services</p> <p>Mr. Fortman stated Behavioral Health Services (BHS) is at the very beginning of the budget process and is starting with a blank slate, which is why feedback is being requested at this juncture. There will be another opportunity in June when the budget request is released, which is considered the first step of the formal budget process. Once the budget has been released, shared, and presented, there will be another comment session with a tangible document for the community to preview. The County's budget process runs on a calendar fiscal year. The State's impending budget could have an affect on and impact BHS' budget decisions.</p> <p>This Item was informational.</p>

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

3.	<p><b>Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Services 2024 Budget Discussion.</b></p> <p>The meeting opened for public comment on the Behavioral Health Services 2024 Budget. The following individuals appeared and provided comments: Julie Pickett, Our Space, Inc. Susan Gadacz, Mental Health Task Force Tiffany Stark Diego Santana, Milwaukee Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression (MAARPR) Maria I. Nogueron Tara Ridley, Our Space, Inc. Melissa Wisniewski, Our Space, Inc.</p> <p>Montreal Cain, MERA Response Team, registered but did not speak on this Item.</p>
4.	<p><b>Adjournment.</b></p> <p>Chairwoman Perez 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, are available on Milwaukee County's Legislative Information Center website, which can be accessed by clicking the link below.</p> <p>Length of meeting: 4:37 p.m. to 5:26 p.m.</p> <p>Adjourned,</p> <p><i>Jodi Mapp</i></p> <p><b>Jodi Mapp</b> Board Liaison Milwaukee County Mental Health Board</p>	
<p><b>The next regular meeting for the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board is Thursday, April 27, 2023, @ 9:00 a.m. at the</b></p> <p><b>To View All Associated Meeting Materials, Visit the Milwaukee County Legislative Information Center at:</b> <b><u><a href="#">Milwaukee County - Calendar (legistar.com)</a></u></b></p> <p><b>Visit the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board Web Page at:</b> <b><u><a href="https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/DHHS/About/Governance">https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/DHHS/About/Governance</a></u></b></p>	

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

The March 16, 2023, meeting minutes of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board are hereby submitted for approval at the next scheduled regular meeting of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kathie Eilers", written in a cursive style.

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Kathie Eilers, Secretary  
Milwaukee County Mental Health Board