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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, March 12, 2025 - 1:30 P.M.
Microsoft Teams

MINUTES

PRESENT: *Ken Ginlack, Kathy Bottoni, Rachel Forman, Mary Neubauer, Dennise Lavrenz, Kweku Amoasi*

ALSO PRESENT: *Richard Canter, Dennise Lavrenz*

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

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

1. Welcome.

Chairman Ginlack welcomed everyone to the March 12, 2025 virtual Governance Committee Meeting.

2. Approval of the Minutes from the January 8, 2025 Governance Committee Meeting.

No edits or recommendations.

Minutes approved.

3. Public Comment Meetings Restructuring.

Kathy Bottoni, Board Member of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board, presented her Public Meeting Restructuring memo that was previously presented at the January 8, 2025 Governance Committee Meeting. She presented the following suggestions: changing the locations for public comment meetings and having a short (15 minute) speaker to present prior to the public comments. Mary Neubauer, Chair of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board agreed and suggested Spanish and Sign Language Interpreters for the meetings. Rachel Forman made statements to the committee. She questioned who the speaker at these meetings would be. Board Member Bottoni indicated possibly the Family Liaison or someone to present on a three-party petition. She also suggested that the meeting notices be posted at the BHS Access Clinics.

Board Member Shirley Drake suggested 16th Street Clinic as a potential venue to have public comments. Administrator Lappen indicated that the notices do contain accommodation requests. Chairman Ginlack will draft an email with updates to send to the board. No other action taken.

This item was informational.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

4.	<p>Administrator Evaluation Update.</p> <p>Chairman Ginlack presented the Administrator Evaluation information that was previously presented at the January 8, 2025 Governance Committee Meeting. He indicated that there was a meeting held with Chairwoman Mary Neubauer, Chairman Ginlack and research analyst Kate Flynn Post to speak about an evaluation. The result of that meeting was to send out a survey to the board.</p> <p>Comments made by Administrator Lappen. Mary Neubauer indicated that the intent is to send out the survey in Q1 and to have this as an annual process. Chairman Ginlack indicated that the results of the survey will be shared at the April 24, 2025 full board meeting.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>
5.	<p>Board Vacancy Updates.</p> <p>Chairman Ginlack verbally updated the committee on the current Board Vacancies. Mary Neubauer, Chair of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board, indicated that there was an interview this past Monday and that candidate will be moving forward to meet with the County Executive to fill the nurse vacancy. Dr. Lehrmann will continue his appointment. There continues to be a vacancy for the appointment from UW System and she is not aware of any movement on that position.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>
6.	<p>Mental Health Court Update.</p> <p>Chairman Ginlack verbally updated the committee on the Mental Health Court. Administrator Lappen made comments indicating that the Mental Health Court Coordinator has given notice and there may be a slight lag due to this.</p> <p>Mary Neubauer, Chair of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board, requested that board member Bottoni be added to this group, Chairman Ginlack indicated at this time it appears there are no additional members in the group. Dr. Schneider made comments about the current workgroup. Administrator Lappen indicated that he would welcome Board Member Bottoni's insight in the group.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>
7.	<p>Adjournment.</p> <p>Chairman Ginlack adjourned the meeting.</p>

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

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.

Length of meeting: 1:31 p.m. to 2:22 p.m.

Adjourned,

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**The next meeting for the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board Governance Committee is
Wednesday, May 14, 2025, @ 1:30 p.m.**

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