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# MILWAUKEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COUNCIL

### Monday, May 23, 2022 – 6:00 PM Microsoft Teams Meeting

#### **MINUTES**

PRESENT: Brenda Wesley, John Griffith, Lutrena Johnson, Claire Keys, Jona Morales, William

Muhammad, Mary Neubauer, Sandra Pasch, Troney Small, Desilyn Smith, and

Ambrose Wilson-Brown

**EXCUSED:** Darnelle Bowles and Ryan Clevenger

#### SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. Welcome.

Chairwoman Wesley welcomed everyone to the May 23, 2022, Mental Health Board Community Stakeholder Advisory Council's remote/virtual meeting.

2. Mental Health Community Stakeholder Advisory Council Member Introductions.

As the roll call was taken, Council members individually introduced themselves. Members briefly explained their relation to mental health within the Milwaukee County ecosystem. Council members were then thanked for their participation.

This item was informational.

3. Overview of the Mental Health Community Stakeholder Advisory Council Charter.

A full overview of the Mental Health Community Stakeholder Advisory Council charter was provided. The Council was established as an advisory group of the Mental Health Board Community Engagement Committee and has been expanded to the Quality Committee as well. The Council will serve indefinitely on a continuous basis. Each area of the three-fold statement purpose was analyzed. The Council will consist of no less than eleven and no more than fifteen community members. The scope of work and the Council's focus was highlighted. Activities will include fostering increased knowledge of participation at Mental Health Board (MHB) meetings and public hearings to address community mental health and substance use priorities, supporting quality initiatives by gathering information about consumer and family experiences with contracted Behavioral Health Services (BHS) including Granite Hills Hospital and the Mental Health Emergency (MHEC) for MHB consideration and much more. Council members may serve staggered terms for two or three years with the option to be renewed for a maximum of five years of service. A description of member duties was then provided. Meetings will be held monthly for the initial six months, followed by bi-monthly meetings. BHS will provide administrative support for the Council and estimated annual operating costs for meeting expenses and marketing, and

communications. Council members were asked to be vocal about the events or opportunities they may be aware of in the community that could help engage the Council and community with one another.

Questions and comments ensued.

This item was informational.

### 4. Introduction of the New Mental Health Emergency Center and the Granite Hills Hospital.

The Mental Health Emergency Center (MHEC) is a non-profit joint venture between Milwaukee County and the four major health systems: Advocate Aurora Health, Ascension Wisconsin, Children's Wisconsin, and Froedtert Health. This center is in the 53205 zip code. Currently, over 90% of the clients served at Psychiatric Crisis Services (PCS) on Watertown Plank Road reside in the 53205 and continual zip codes. As this will be a brand-new center, construction and start-up costs are projected to be \$18 million. The opening date is expected to be September 6, 2022. The center will offer 24/7 crisis mental health assessment, stabilization, treatment, and transition care management for children, adolescents, and adults. The goal of the Council is to reach a level of transparency to express and honor the success but also have an open line of communication of any issues should they occur.

Questions and comments ensued.

This item was informational.

### 5. **Public Comment Expectations.**

A brief description was given of the Mental Health Board (MHB) public comment hearing protocol. Public comment will be a standing item for the Council once the Council becomes more established. The same as in the Mental Health Board Public Comment hearings, volunteers will be asked to leave their names in the chat, and they will be called upon individually in the order their names were sent. Speakers will be given two minutes to present their statements to the Council. Once speakers are done presenting, the Council will be allowed to give feedback.

Questions and comments ensued.

This item was informational.

## 6. Recommendations of Ideas to Promote the Mental Health Community Stakeholder Advisory Council.

Council members were given the opportunity to offer suggestions on ways to better promote the Council and the Mental Health Board. It is essential to devise a strategy to reach youth

and family members. There was a suggestion of sending out newsletters to the Community Centers. Another suggestion was to possibly divide into sub-committees.

Questions and comments ensued.

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, is available on the Milwaukee County Legislative Information Center.

Length of meeting: 6:15 p.m. to 7:35 p.m.

Adjourned,

### Dairionne Washington

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

June 27, 2022, at 6:00 PM

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