



Milwaukee County

Meeting Minutes

Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs and Strategic Planning

Chairperson: Supervisor Shawn Rolland

Vice Chairperson: Supervisor Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones

Supervisor Anthony Staskunas

Supervisor Deanna Alexander

Supervisor Sheldon Wasserman

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Wednesday, March 8, 2023

10:00 AM

Room 203-R & Microsoft Teams
County Legislative Information Center

HYBRID MEETING

This meeting was held in Room 203-R, and was live-streamed on the County Legislative Information Center: <https://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calend>

Call To Order

Roll Call at 10:05 a.m.

Present 4 - Coggs-Jones, Staskunas, Alexander and Rolland

Absent 1 - Wasserman

Supervisor Sheldon A. Wasserman was not present at the time the roll was called, but appeared virtually shortly thereafter.

Supervisors Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones, Anthony Staskunas, Deanna Alexander, Sheldon A. Wasserman, and Chairman Shawn Rolland, appeared virtually for today's meeting.

APPOINTMENTS - 4

- 1 [23-298](#) From the County Executive, appointing Barbara Jones to the Milwaukee County Aging and Disability Resource Center Governing Board for a term expiring March 30, 2026.

Attachments: [23-298 APPOINTMENT LETTER](#)
 [23-298 RESUME/BIOGRAPHY](#)

APPEARANCES:

Schinika Fitch, Director of Community Relations, Office of the County Executive (virtually)
Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk
Supervisor Peter Burgelis, District 15

Barbara Jones, Appointee, appeared virtually and spoke for information only regarding this Appointment.

This Appointment was temporarily laid over until later in the meeting by unanimous consent of Committee members.

A motion was made by Supervisor Alexander that this Appointment be **RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Coggs-Jones, Staskunas, Alexander, Wasserman and Rolland

- 2 [23-299](#) From the County Executive, appointing Sherry Mickelson to the Milwaukee County Commission for Persons with Disabilities for a term expiring March 30, 2025. **(03/08/23: Laid Over for One Meeting)**

Attachments: [23-299 APPOINTMENT LETTER](#)
 [23-299 RESUME/BIOGRAPHY](#)

APPEARANCES:

Schinika Fitch, Director of Community Relations, Office of the County Executive (virtually)
Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk

This Appointment was temporarily laid over until later in the meeting by unanimous consent of Committee members.

A motion was made by Supervisor Alexander that this Appointment be **RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION**, however no vote was taken, due to a subsequent motion, which took precedence.

A motion was made by Supervisor Rolland that this Appointment be **LAI D OVER FOR ONE MEETING**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye: 3 - Coggs-Jones, Staskunas and Rolland

No: 1 - Alexander

Excused: 1 - Wasserman

- 3** [23-300](#) From the County Executive, appointing Denise Callaway to the Milwaukee County Commission on Aging for a term expiring March 30, 2026.

Attachments: [23-300 APPOINTMENT LETTER](#)
 [23-300 RESUME/BIOGRAPHY](#)

APPEARANCES:

Schinika Fitch, Director of Community Relations, Office of the County Executive (virtually)

Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk

Denise Callaway, Appointee, appeared virtually and spoke for information only regarding this Appointment.

A motion was made by Supervisor Alexander that this Appointment be **RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Coggs-Jones, Staskunas, Alexander, Wasserman and Rolland

- 4** [23-301](#) From the County Executive, appointing Sandra Pasch, BSN, MSN, MA, to the Milwaukee County Commission on Aging for a term expiring March 30, 2026.

Attachments: [23-301 APPOINTMENT LETTER](#)
 [23-301 RESUME/BIOGRAPHY](#)

APPEARANCES:

Schinika Fitch, Director of Community Relations, Office of the County Executive (virtually)

Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk

Sandra Pasch, Appointee, appeared virtually and spoke for information only regarding this Appointment.

A motion was made by Supervisor Wasserman that this Appointment be **RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIRMATION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Coggs-Jones, Staskunas, Alexander, Wasserman and Rolland

RESOLUTION - 1

- 5 [23-354](#) A resolution in opposition of conversion therapy and the use of private or public funding for conversion therapy and calling on the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board to adopt a formal policy to condemn conversion therapy in Milwaukee County

Sponsors: Burgelis, Martin, Clancy, Rolland, Vincent and Martinez

Attachments: [23-354 RESOLUTION](#)

APPEARANCES:

Supervisor Peter Burgelis, District 15

Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk

The following people appeared and spoke in favor of this Resolution:

Tony Snell Rodriguez, Chairperson, Equal Rights Commission, City of Milwaukee

Megin McDonell, Fair Wisconsin

Justin Roby, Diverse and Resilient

Laura Mayerle, Vice Chairperson, Board of Directors, Cream City Foundation, appeared virtually, and spoke in favor of this Resolution.

A motion was made by Supervisor Alexander that this Resolution be LAID OVER TO THE CALL OF THE CHAIRPERSON. The motion was later withdrawn, therefore no vote was taken.

A motion was made by Supervisor Wasserman that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Aye: 4 - Coggs-Jones, Staskunas, Wasserman and Rolland

No: 1 - Alexander

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES - 3

- 6 [23-335](#) Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, requesting approval to award \$609,355 in ARPA funding to Milwaukee County's Mental Health Board for community mental health services. **(Referred to the Committees on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning; and Finance)**

Attachments: [22-335 REPORT](#)
 [22-335 RESOLUTION](#)
 [22-335 FISCAL NOTE](#)
 [22-335 ACCESS TO MEDICAL HEALTH CARE PROJECT PROPOSAL](#)
 [22-335 CLINIC FOR YOUTH YOUNG ADULTS PROJECT PROPOSAL](#)
 [22-335 ARPA SUBGROUP MEMO](#)

APPEARANCES:

Mike Lappen, Administrator, Behavioral Health Services, Department of Health and Human Services (virtually)
Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk

A motion was made by Supervisor Wasserman that this Action Report be **RECOMMENDED FOR ADOPTION**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Aye: 5 - Coggs-Jones, Staskunas, Alexander, Wasserman and Rolland

- 7 [23-320](#) A report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, regarding projects funded by the Opioid Settlement and linkage to recommendations from the Wisconsin Policy Forum **(INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [23-320 REPORT](#)
 [23-320 POWERPOINT](#)

APPEARANCES:

Steve Gorodetskiy, Strategic Initiatives Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) (virtually)
Mike Lappen, Administrator, Behavioral Health Services, DHHS (virtually)
Heather Wolfgram, Strategy and Performance Project Manager, Project Management Office, Office of Strategy, Budget, and Performance (virtually)

This Informational Report was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN**.

- 8 [23-319](#) Report from the Director, Department of Health and Human Services, providing an informational report on service enhancements supported by the Home and Community-Based Service Grant. **(Considered by the Committees on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning; and Finance) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [23-319 REPORT](#)

APPEARANCE:

Marietta Luster, Administrator, Aging and Disability Services, Department of Health and Human Services (virtually)

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE - 1

- 9 [23-329](#) From the Office of the County Executive, providing an informational report on current COVID-19 mitigation procedures, and the actions Milwaukee County is continuing to take to ensure it keeps its workforce and the people they serve safe. **(Considered by the Committees on Judiciary, Law Enforcement, and General Services; and Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning) (INFORMATIONAL ONLY UNLESS OTHERWISE DIRECTED BY THE COMMITTEE)**

Attachments: [23-329 REPORT](#)

APPEARANCE:

Peter LaBonte, Program Manager, Department of Human Resources, and Coordinator, Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Mitigation Workgroup

This Informational Report was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

The Committee briefly recessed from 11:49 a.m. to 11:52 a.m. Upon reconvening, a roll call was taken, and four members were present.

Roll Call at 11:52 a.m.

Present 4 - Coggs-Jones, Staskunas, Alexander and Rolland

Excused 1 - Wasserman

Supervisors Priscilla E. Coggs-Jones, Anthony Staskunas, Deanna Alexander, and Chairman Shawn Rolland, appeared virtually for today's meeting.

E-COMMENTS - 1

10 [23-55](#) eComments submitted to the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning via the County Legislative Information Center (CLIC).

*The Office of the County Clerk collects eComments via CLIC, and appends these official public records to Reference File No. 23-55 at the conclusion of each meeting.

APPEARANCE:

Kelsey A. Evans, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk

There were no eComments submitted for the March 8, 2023, meeting.

The March 8, 2023, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

The foregoing items were not considered in agenda order.

Length of Meeting: 10:05 a.m. to 11:57 a.m.

Adjourned,

**Kelsey A. Evans
Committee Coordinator
Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk
Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning**

Deadline for the next meeting:

The next regular meeting for the Committee on Health Equity, Human Needs, and Strategic Planning is Wednesday, April 5, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.

Approval Tracking System review must be completed in Legistar on or before Friday, March 17, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., for the April meeting cycle.