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# MILWAUKEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COUNCIL

### Monday. September 26. 2022 – 6:00 PM Microsoft Teams Meeting

#### **MINUTES**

PRESENT: Brenda Wesley, John Griffith, Lutrena Johnson, Mary Neubauer, Troney Small, and

Ambrose Wilson-Brown

EXCUSED: Michelle Allen, Darnelle Bowles, Claire Keys, Jona Morales, William Muhammad,

Sandra Pasch, and Desilyn Smith

#### **SCHEDULED ITEMS:**

1. Welcome.

Chairwoman Wesley welcomed everyone to the September 26, 2022, Mental Health Board Community Stakeholder Advisory Council's remote/virtual meeting.

2. Brief Follow Up on Attendance Requirements.

The lack of attendance during the recent Council meetings raised concern. Attendance requirements and protocols were discussed during a previous meeting. Full participation is required. The Chairwoman or administrative support must be informed of a planned absence. To emphasize the importance of this requirement, Chairwoman Wesley will compose an email as a reminder.

Questions and comments ensued.

This item was informational.

3. Feedback from the Mental Health Emergency Center (MHEC) and Granite Hills Hospital Tours.

Council Members offered additional feedback related to the tours citing additional issues surrounding transportation to and bus lines in the immediate vicinity of the Granite Hills Hospital. Other feedback given coincided with feedback previously provided during the time of the tours, which included the overall presentation of the facilities, recommendations to improve the care upon intake, as well as unanswered questions.

This item was informational.

#### 4. | Council Activities and Recommendation Letter Update.

Following the Mental Health Emergency Center (MHEC) and the Granite Hills Hospital tours, Council Members convened briefly to discuss feedback and brainstorm recommendations. It was agreed to collectively incorporate them into a formal letter. Chairwoman Wesley composed and forwarded the letter to the Chairperson of the Mental Health Board Community Engagement Committee requesting a timeline be established for the recommended changes. The site administrations of both facilities were copied. It was suggested the letter be amended to include information regarding limited transportation to the Granite Hills Hospital. Other alternatives will be researched and identified by staff. The Council was informed there have been some changes made at MHEC since the recommendations have been put forth.

Questions and comments ensued.

This item was informational.

#### 5. Council Member Roles as it Pertains to Outreach in the Community.

Currently, the Council has been receiving assistance from Kane Communications through the Mental Health Board Community Engagement Committee to promote the Council. A press release was published on the Wisconsin Health News webpage, the Governance page is being updated to list the Council, and a one-page info sheet is under development. The question was posed as to how the Council could serve as outreach in the community. To better appeal to the youth and younger consumers, it was strongly suggested to utilize advertising platforms found on smartphones, such as social media accounts and podcasts. A Facebook page is currently being established. Another suggestion was to organize a literature drop, which would be a great source of direct community engagement.

Questions and comments ensued.

This item was informational.

#### 6. **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 7:17 p.m.

Adjourned,

## Dairionne Washington

Committee Coordinator Milwaukee County Mental Health Board

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

October 24, at 6:00 PM

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