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SPECIAL MEETING
MILWAUKEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Tuesday, September 23, 2014 - 10:00 A.M.
Milwaukee County Mental Health Complex Auditorium

MINUTES

PRESENT: Peter Carlson, Robert Chayer, Ronald Diamond, Jon Lehrmann, Thomas Lutzow, Lyn Malofsky, Jeffrey Miller, Mary Neubauer, Maria Perez, Duncan Shrout, Kimberly Walker, Brenda Wesley, and Nathan Zeiger

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. Approval of the minutes from the August 28, 2014, Milwaukee County Mental Health Board meeting.

   The minutes from the August 28, 2014, meeting were reviewed.

MOTION BY:	***(Shrout) Approve the minutes from the August 28, 2014, Milwaukee County Mental Health Board meeting. 11-0***
MOTION 2ND BY:	***(Perez)***
AYES:	Carlson, Chayer, Lutzow, Malofsky, Miller, Neubauer, Perez, Shrout, Walker, Wesley, and Zeiger - 11
NOES:	0
ABSTENTIONS:	0

A voice vote was taken on this item.

2. A Presentation titled "Analysis of Adult Bed Capacity for the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health System" presented by the Public Policy Forum.

   APPEARANCES:
   Hector Colon, Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
   Patricia Schroeder, Administrator, Behavioral Health Division, DHHS

   The PowerPoint was presented by:
   Rob Henken, President, Public Policy Forum
   David Hughes, Vice President, Human Services Research Institute
   Kevin Martone, Executive Director, Technical Assistance Collaborative

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Mr. Henken provided background information regarding the origins of the project and report referencing the 2010 study of the behavioral health system. He stated this report is the result of an amendment to the 2014 Milwaukee County Budget that authorized this study. For those not familiar, Mr. Henken explained the Public Policy Forum is a private, non-profit, independent research organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of public policy decision-making in a non-partisan and objective format. He clarified that while policy is their main expertise, they are not experts in mental health. Therefore, they recruited the assistance of national mental health experts from the Human Services Research Institute and the Technical Assistance Collaborative.

Mr. Hughes and Mr. Martone presented an overview of the report by describing a recovery oriented and community focused mental health care system and what that entails in a national context. They discussed data collection, the methods used to gather information, and their findings; stakeholder perspectives, factors that influence inpatient admissions and demand, and access to community-based services. Statistics were provided as they related to acuity bed availability, inpatient admissions by payer source, psychiatric crisis services admissions and emergency detentions, mobile contacts diverted from inpatient, and access clinic admissions.

In closing, recommendations were provided as well as scenarios in which the appropriate number of acute inpatient beds would be available to those needing this level of care.

Questions and comments ensued.

The following people registered to speak regarding this item and posed questions and comments:
Serge Blasberg, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Greater Milwaukee
Dennis Purtell, State Public Defender's Office
Meg Kissinger, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

The following people submitted written commentary for consideration:
Barbara Beckert, Disabilities Rights Wisconsin

The Board took no action regarding this item.

3. Adjournment.

MOTION BY:	***(Neubauer) Adjourn. 11-0***
MOTION 2ND BY:	***(Malofsky)***
AYES:	Carlson, Chayer, Lutzow, Malofsky, Miller, Neubauer, Perez, Shrout, Walker, Wesley, and Zeiger - 11
NOES:	0
ABSTENTIONS:	0

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

STAFF APPEARANCES:
Hector Colon, Director, Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)
Patricia Schroeder, Administrator, Behavioral Health Division, DHHS

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 Behavioral Health Division/Mental Health Board web page.

Length of meeting: 10:05 a.m. to 12:05 p.m.

Adjourned,

Jodi Mapp
Senior Executive Assistant
Milwaukee County Mental Health Board

DEADLINE FOR THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD:
The next regular meeting for the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board is Thursday, October 23, 2014 @ 8:00 a.m.

The September 23, 2014, meeting minutes of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board are hereby submitted for approval at the next scheduled meeting of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board.

Dr. Robert Chayer, Secretary
Milwaukee County Mental Health Board