



Milwaukee County

New Behavioral Health Facility Study Committee

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MENTAL HEALTH REDESIGN MOVES FORWARD TO COUNTY BOARD

Committee holds last meeting to adopt final plan to modernize Behavioral Health Division

Milwaukee, WI – The Milwaukee County Supervisors who serve on the New Behavioral Health Facility Study Committee released the following joint statement after completing a final report on redesigning Milwaukee County’s mental health care system:

“This Study Committee has made significant progress on developing a new community-based facility plan, and we thank all the Committee members for their hard work throughout this process.

“This report calls for construction of a new facility, the cost of which will not exceed \$60 million, while simultaneously increasing the capacity of mental health services provided in the community. Our resolution calls for an RFP (Request for Proposals) to redesign inpatient care and an RFI (Request for Interest) to determine how community care can be incorporated in the new model. We have also identified potential funding sources to construct a new, smaller inpatient County facility, which will include a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) component. Recommendations, including financing options, will be due back to the County Board in the January 2012 Committee cycle.

“The County Board is showing leadership on modernizing the way Milwaukee County provides mental health services to the community. The resolution and final report unanimously adopted by the Committee today is a major step forward. We encourage our colleagues on the full County Board to support this mental health modernization plan.”

The complete report and resolution from the Committee, in draft form, are attached to this news release.

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