MILWAUKEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 16, 2016 - 1:30 P.M.
Milwaukee County Mental Health Complex
9455 Watertown Plank Road
Conference Room 1045

REVISED MINUTES

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. **Welcome.**
   
   Chairman Lutzow welcomed everyone to the June 16, 2016, Mental Health Board Finance Committee meeting.

2. **Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division 2017 Budget Narrative Presentation.**
   
   The approach to develop the 2017 Budget was continued movement towards a community-based system of care that is person centered, recovery oriented, trauma informed, culturally intelligent, and is less reliant on acute care. It is in line with the many recommendations put forth by the Human Services Research Institute, the Public Policy Forum, and others. It also contains items received from consumers, Community-Based Organizations, advocacy groups, the Mental Health Task Force, as well as the Mental Health Board. In addition to budgetary initiatives, Administration is looking to add rigor, structure, and accountability to BHD operations leading to better integration and coordination of services and systems, breaking down silos, and ultimately moving forward with the most efficient and effective service delivery approach. These changes will improve client satisfaction, outcomes, and population health. Major redesign is occurring in the areas of Quality Assurance, contracts, the intake process, and case management framework.

   Overall, the Budget increases by $20.5 million. This includes a $10.6 million increase in Wraparound services, $5 million increase in Comprehensive Community Services, $3.4 million increase in patient revenue, and $11.9 million increase from reclassifying Wraparound revenue to appropriately reflect cost allocations. This Budget assumes inpatient, Child and Adolescent Inpatient Services, the observation unit, and emergency room services will continue in this current facility, along with the current staff. The Budget includes $1.5 million for recruitment and retention for psychiatrists, $2.7 million designated to the Electronic Medical Records system, $3.4 million for reimbursement of inpatient claims, and $700,000 for security and building maintenance.
SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

Other Budget highlights included community-based services, chronic homelessness, Targeted Case Management capacity expansion, Crisis Resource Center expansion, residential services, opium abuse, and the Wraparound wellness clinic.

Questions and comments ensued.


A process was developed to receive written recommendations for the Budget from the public and sponsored by Board Members. Four recommendations were received.

The first recommendation addressed was from Board Members Neubauer and Wesley for a Policy and Research Analyst to support the Board. The anticipated impact is approximately $95,000.

The Administration’s recommendation is to use a dedicated Department of Health and Human Services analyst from the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) to support requests coming from the Board, with no additional cost to the Behavioral Health Division. It is recommended the Board work through this process for a year. DAS will track the requests and document labor used to help gage what is actually needed. This information will be used for the 2018 Budget.

Discussions were held with the recommendation sponsors.

The Finance Committee unanimously agreed to support and forward the Administration’s recommendation to the Board.

The second recommendation addressed was from Board Members Neubauer and Wesley for five additional Crisis Assessment and Response Teams (CART) for West Allis. The anticipated impact is approximately $300,000.

The Administration’s position is to add one additional CART team dedicated to West Allis due to capacity issues.

Discussions were held with the recommendation sponsors.

The Finance Committee unanimously agreed to support and forward the Administration’s recommendation to the Board.

The third recommendation addressed was from Board Members Neubauer and Wesley for Warmline Expansion. The anticipated impact is approximately $50,000.

The Administration’s position is supportive of this recommendation contingent upon reporting/utilization data that include quality, productivity, and volume. Decisions on funding will be made based on that data and the service being provided. The funding will
be included in the 2017 Budget, but the data will have to support the release of these funds.

The Finance Committee unanimously agreed to support and forward the Administration’s recommendation to the Board.

The fourth recommendation addressed was from Board Member Davis for an Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse residential increase. The anticipated impact is approximately $730,000.

The Administration’s position is to use the contract redesign process underway. The Division should stay true to this process in fairness to all providers. Through this process, programs and/or providers will be identified who need increases. There will also be savings initiated through the new process. Those dollars saved would then be reallocated to programs and providers who will need increases. Residential contracts will be reviewed and analyzed for payment increases.

Amy Linder of Meta House withdrew her recommendation in lieu of Board Member Davis’ recommendation.

The Finance Committee unanimously agreed to support and forward the Administration’s recommendation to the Board.

4. Public Comment on the 2017 Behavioral Health Division Budget Narrative.

The meeting opened for public comment on the Behavioral Health Division’s 2017 Budget Narrative. The following individuals appeared and provided comments:

Amy Lindner, Meta House
Kelly Davis, Mental Health Task Force
Barbara Beckert, Disability Rights Wisconsin
Thomas Kotowski
Mary Neubauer, Mental Health Board Member
Julie Meyer
Sandy Pasch
Paul Neymeyr
Brenda Wesley, Mental Health Board Member

The following person registered but did not speak:

Peter Hoeffel, NAMI
SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

| 5. | The Finance Committee’s 2017 Behavioral Health Division Budget Recommendation. |
|    | The Finance Committee unanimously agreed to recommend approval of the Behavioral Health Division’s 2017 Recommended Budget inclusive of the approved recommendations/amendments presented. |

There will be a Special Meeting of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board Finance Committee on Thursday, June 23, 2016, at 7:00 a.m.

The next regular meeting of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board Finance Committee is Thursday, August 18, 2016, at 1:30 p.m.