

Chairperson: Maria Perez
Senior Executive Assistant: Jodi Mapp, 257-5202

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE BUDGET HEARING**

Tuesday, June 18, 2019 - 4:30 P.M.
Sojourner Family Peace Education Center
619 W. Walnut Street
Conference Room Inspirations North and South

MINUTES

PRESENT: Maria Perez, Jon Lehrmann, Michael Davis, and Kathie Eilers

EXCUSED: Duncan Shrout

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. **Welcome.**

Chairwoman Perez welcomed everyone to the June 18, 2019, Mental Health Board Finance Committee Public Hearing. Audience members were asked to introduce themselves.

2. **2020 Budget Narrative Overview.**

A high level overview of the Behavioral Health Division's (BHD) 2020 Recommended Budget was presented. As has been previously stated by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Milwaukee County, as a whole, has structural deficit issues. For the past approximately two years, departments have been directed to cut their budget by a set amount determined by the DAS Office of Performance, Strategy, and Budget. This year, BHD's budget cut, in the form of a local property tax levy revenue reduction, was \$2.7 million. With this directive comes the struggle to maintain funding and services at current levels and in some instances, limits the expansion of services.

There were no significant or measurable cuts made to services. This was achieved by identifying new revenue opportunities and ways to increase current revenue streams. Expenses include increased funding in the following areas: Comprehensive Community Services, ongoing placements at Community Based Residential Facilities and State institutes, inpatient staffing, and security. Expenses also include expansion of Crisis Resource Center and Federally Qualified Health Center services and Oxford House model funding. Big ticket items the State's budget will consider and would be beneficial in the area of mental health services were not a factor in balancing BHD's budget.

	<p>The meeting opened for public comment on BHD’s 2020 Budget Narrative Preliminary Overview. The following individuals appeared and provided comments:</p> <p>Paul Mozina Cynthia Bentley, People First Wisconsin Robin Pedersen, Mental Health Task Force (MHTF) Barbara Beckert, Disability Rights Wisconsin Susan Gadacz, Outreach Community Health Center Maria Nogueron, MHTF Amy Glisper, Guest House of Milwaukee Christine Ullstrup, Meta House</p> <p>The following person registered but did not provide comments: Rick Knight, Grand Avenue Club</p> <p>An explanation of the amendment process was provided. The amendment template will be forwarded by email to the full Board. Once completed, amendments should be submitted to Finance Committee Chairwoman Maria Perez or Matt Fortman, Interim Fiscal Administrator. Amendments can only be submitted by or through a Mental Health Board Member and should be received no later than Friday, June 21, 2019. Amendments will be discussed and voted on at the June 27, 2019, meeting of the Finance Committee.</p>
3.	<p>Adjournment.</p> <p>Chairwoman Perez announced the Finance Committee’s next meeting date and ordered the meeting adjourned.</p>
<p>Length of meeting: 4:33 p.m. to 6:35 p.m.</p> <p>Adjourned,</p> <p>Jodi Mapp Senior Executive Assistant Milwaukee County Mental Health Board</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">The next regular meeting of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board’s Finance Committee is Thursday, June 20, 2019, at 8:00 a.m. at the Zoofari Conference Center 9715 West Bluemound Road</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Visit the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board Web Page at:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/DHHS/About/Governance</p>	