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

**Thursday, June 24, 2021 - 1:30 P.M.**  
**Teleconference Meeting**

**MINUTES**

**PARTICIPANTS:** Thomas Lutzow, Kathie Eilers, Jon Lehrmann, Mary Neubauer, and Duncan Shrout

**SCHEDULED ITEMS:**

**1. Welcome.**

Chairman Lutzow welcomed everyone to the June 24, 2021, Mental Health Board Finance Committee's Budget remote/virtual hearing.

**2. Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division (BHD) 2022 Recommended Budget Presentation.**

This Budget represents a major shift in how services will be delivered at BHD. The closure of inpatient hospital services and the Psychiatric Emergency Room on the County grounds is anticipated to be closed by mid-2022. The provision of those services will shift to the Mental Health Emergency Center, which is in the process of being built.

Highlights of BHD's Recommended Budget includes a reduction in management and support services costs, hospital operating costs needed through June of 2022, the expansion of Community Access to Recovery Services (CARS), a decrease in Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) expenditures, reduced spending for residential services due to Medicaid reimbursement, and increased expenses for Wraparound services based on enrollment trends.

Feedback was incorporated from previous public hearings, board meetings, and through a survey taken by BHD frontline staff. There was public feedback regarding the continued need for community services, especially support related to peer specialists and housing.

The Preliminary Debt Service Schedule for the Mental Health Emergency Center, projected reserve balances, and reserve impacts were reviewed. There was discussion surrounding debt repayment and bond debt service in Milwaukee County.

	<p>The amendment template was distributed and posted. There were technical corrections made in the narrative document since the last meeting.</p> <p>Questions and comments ensued.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>
3.	<p><b>Public Comment on the 2022 Behavioral Health Division Recommended Budget.</b></p> <p>The hearing opened for public comment. There were no outside participants logged into the meeting; therefore, no public testimony was taken. One public comment was sent via email and was read into the record.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>
4.	<p><b>2022 Budget Amendments.</b></p> <p>The Fiscal Administrator did not receive any amendments. BHD was very proactive to receive feedback from participants, providers, and frontline staff, which were included in the budget request. Not receiving amendments could be attributed to the thorough job done soliciting feedback and incorporating the feedback into the budget presented before the Committee today.</p> <p>Questions and comments ensued.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>
5.	<p><b>The Finance Committee's 2022 Behavioral Health Division Budget Recommendation.</b></p> <p>With no further discussion, the Finance Committee, except for Committee Member Shrout who was not present for this Item, unanimously agreed to <b>RECOMMEND APPROVAL</b> of the 2021 Budget to the Board.</p>
6.	<p><b>Adjournment.</b></p> <p>Chairman Lutzow ordered the meeting adjourned.</p>

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: 1:37 p.m. to 2:05 p.m.

Adjourned,

*Jodi Mapp*

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**The next regular meeting of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board's Finance Committee is Thursday, August 26, 2021, at 8:00 a.m.**

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