

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

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

Thursday, June 28, 2018 - 1:30 P.M.
Milwaukee County Mental Health Complex
9455 Watertown Plank Road
Conference Room 1045

MINUTES

PRESENT: Maria Perez, Jon Lehrmann, Michael Davis, Walter Lanier, and Robert Curry

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. Welcome.

Chairwoman Perez welcomed everyone to the June 28, 2018, Mental Health Board Finance Committee Budget Hearing.

2. Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division 2019 Budget Narrative Presentation.

An explanation was provided related to the tax levy reduction and its impact on costs to continue, including fringe benefits, cost increases, salary increases, and contracting services increases. Rearrangement of priorities was necessary to achieve new initiatives resulting in the increased costs being absorbed without cutting services.

An overview of the Division's 2019 Budget was presented. Structure of the Budget Summary document was reviewed for clarity. Significant changes were highlighted and include Outpatient Plus, the expansion of Bridge Housing, and Recovery Support Coordination. Additional highlights include the peer respite program, psychiatric technician (psych tech) positions, the Sheriff Department's collaboration with the Behavioral Health Division and long-term commitment for a multi-jurisdictional Crisis Assessment and Response Team (CART), Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) partnerships, and the transportation initiative.

Questions and comments ensued.

3.	<p>Public Comment on the 2019 Behavioral Health Division Budget Narrative.</p> <p>The meeting opened for public comment on the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division 2019 Budget. The following individuals appeared and provided comments:</p> <p>Susan Gadacz, Outreach Community Health Centers Clay Ecklund Maria I. Nogueron, Mental Health Task Force Brian Michel Valerie Vidal, Meta House, Inc. Bobby G. Buggs, Jr. Jeanne Lowry, Mental Health Task Force</p>
4.	<p>2019 Behavioral Health Division Budget Amendments.</p> <p>Board Member Curry presented an amendment (Amendment #1) that addresses accessible legal services for trauma-affected veterans who have earned Veterans Administration health care but are unnecessarily utilizing County funded behavioral health services.</p> <p>The Finance Committee raised concern as to whether the Budget is the appropriate forum to consider the issue described in the amendment.</p> <p>The Finance Committee unanimously agreed to REJECT/DENY recommending approval of Amendment #1 to the full Board and to TABLE the topic for discussion at a future regular Finance Committee meeting.</p>
5.	<p>The Finance Committee's 2019 Behavioral Health Division Budget Recommendation.</p> <p>Further discussion ensued regarding the 2019 Budget.</p> <p>The Finance Committee unanimously agreed to recommend approval of the 2019 Recommended Budget to the full Board.</p>
6.	<p>Adjournment.</p> <p>Chairwoman Perez 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: 1:33 p.m. to 3:18 p.m.

Adjourned,

Jodi Mapp
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**The next regular meeting of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board
Finance Committee is Thursday, August 23, 2018, at 7:00 a.m.**

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