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

Thursday, June 3, 2021 - 4:30 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 3, 2021, Mental Health Board Finance Committee's Budget remote/virtual meeting.

2. 2022 Budget Preliminary Overview.

The Behavioral Health Division (BHD) is still seeing substantial revenue loss. An approximately \$7 million deficit is expected related to reduced bed capacity on inpatient units. This is, in part, due to ongoing single bed capacity COVID limits, but other capacity issues are caused by general staffing challenges. The loss will be offset by increased community aids funding received from the State and increased cost report payments.

The Milwaukee County Office of Performance, Strategy, and Budget is projecting a \$20 million operating budget gap for Milwaukee County in 2022. BHD has been given a tax levy decrease of \$80,449, which puts the Division at the statutory tax levy floor of \$53 million.

Large initiatives in the 2022 Budget encompass major system changes. These one-time expenses center around the closure of the hospital/psychiatric emergency room and include the opening of the Mental Health Emergency Center, which will be the alternative to BHD's psychiatric emergency room; opening of the Universal Health Services Hospital, to be the primary inpatient operation going forward; the hospital staff retention package to retain staff through the closure; and BHD administration staff relocation costs.

Ongoing 2022 Budget initiatives include cost increases for State institute and group home placements, Community Support Programs (CSP) provider rates, continued Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) expansion, continued crisis intervention and community clinic service enhancements, and reduced alcohol and other drug abuse (AODA) residential costs.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

	<p>The impact of the 2022 State Budget is unknown. Even though there were a lot of exciting proposals in the Governor's requested budget, they were not considered when compiling BHD's financials.</p> <p>There are adequate reserves to fund all the items detailed in the presentation at their current anticipated costs, as well as other items the Mental Health Board previously approved to be funded through reserves. It is anticipated all the known commitments will bring reserve balances down below \$10 million, which leaves adequate funds to cover any unanticipated deficit situations. There is verbiage in the State Statute which states if the balance goes below the \$10 million threshold, it can only be used to cover deficits and cannot be proactively allocated for expansion of services.</p> <p>Next steps in BHD's budget process include releasing the 2022 Budget Narrative for the June 15, 2021, Finance Budget Public Hearing; budget amendments or suggestions are due from the Board and public by June 18, 2021; the Finance Committee will meet on June 24, 2021, to discuss and vote on the Budget and any amendments; and the Board will meet on July 8, 2021, to approve the final Budget for submission to the County Executive.</p> <p>Discussion ensued at length.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>
3.	<p>Adjournment.</p> <p>Chairman Lutzow ordered the meeting adjourned.</p>
	<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.</p> <p>Length of meeting: 4:32 p.m. to 5:23 p.m.</p> <p>Adjourned,</p> <p><i>Jodi Mapp</i></p> <p>Jodi Mapp Senior Executive Assistant Milwaukee County Mental Health Board</p>

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

The next meeting of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board's Finance Committee will be a Public Hearing on Tuesday, June 15, 2021, at 4:30 p.m.

**TOPIC: 2022 Budget Narrative
PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE HEARD ON
THE 2022 BUDGET**

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