

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

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

Thursday, June 4, 2020 - 4:30 P.M.
Teleconference Meeting

MINUTES

PARTICIPANTS: Maria Perez, Michael Davis, Kathie Eilers, Jon Lehrmann, and Duncan Shrout

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. Welcome.

Chairwoman Perez welcomed everyone to the June 4, 2020, Mental Health Board Finance Committee's Budget remote/virtual meeting.

2. 2021 Budget Preliminary Overview.

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic has caused issues for Milwaukee County's overall finances. The Behavioral Health Division (BHD) has been given a mid-year tax levy reduction of \$1.5 million for 2020. This is attributed to lower sales and property tax projections. The reduction is proportionately similar to other direct service departments and proportionately less than other non-public health departments. Compounding this issue in the current year is BHD's reduced inpatient bed capacity and as a response to COVID-19, single bed occupancy on inpatient units. Serving less patients decreases the ability to draw down revenue. This has created a \$500,000 a month revenue loss at the hospital. Some losses are offset by CARES Act funding, but others are not.

In order to make the situation whole, intermittent furloughs have been implemented for most non-direct patient serving staff through the end of July. There has also been a hiring freeze put in place, spending reductions, overtime decreases, and revenue increases in community programs to help offset the remaining 2020 gap. In addition, work continues with the Systems Improvement Agreement and other unbudgeted capital work.

The Milwaukee County Budget Office was originally projecting a \$21 million operating budget gap for Milwaukee County in 2021, which is less than it has been in the past several years. Revised estimates now indicate the 2021 Budget gap has the potential to fall within a range of \$42 to \$67 million and could increase based on updated projections in the upcoming months.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

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| | <p>BHD has been given a \$2.5 million tax levy reduction for 2021. This is proportionally less than some other departments and brings the amount very close to the \$53 million tax levy floor identified in State Statutes. Progress towards BHD's 2021 Budget target was reviewed in detail.</p> <p>Next steps in BHD's budget process include releasing the 2021 Budget Narrative on June 16, 2020, budget amendments or suggestions are due by June 19, 2020, the Finance Committee will meet on June 25, 2020, to discuss and vote on the Budget and any amendments, and the Board will meet on July 9, 2020, 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>Chairwoman Perez 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: 4:38 p.m. to 4:58 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 16, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. via a Teleconference Meeting

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