

Chairwoman: Dr. Maria Perez
Vice-Chairperson: Walter Lanier
Secretary: Mary Neubauer
Senior Executive Assistant: Jodi Mapp, 257-5202

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Thursday, March 11, 2021 - 10:00 A.M.
Teleconference Meeting
MINUTES

PRESENT: Maria Perez, Walter Lanier, Mary Neubauer, and Thomas Lutzow

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. Welcome.

Chairwoman Perez welcomed everyone to the March 11, 2021, Mental Health Board Executive Committee remote/virtual Special meeting.

2. Psychiatric Crisis Services Joint Venture (JV) Roadmap:

- Milwaukee County Investment
- Milwaukee County Mental Health Board Advance Alert Issue
- Timelines/Schedule

Matt Fortman, Fiscal Administrator, Department of Health and Human Services
Aaron Hertzberg, Director, Division of Economic and Community Development

Mr. Fortman stated the Mental Health Board approved the County's portion of the start-up funds at the February Board meeting. The next step for funding is the capital portion, which will be financed through general obligation bonds. This request will go before the County Board of Supervisors for approval later this month. No major challenges are foreseen. Both the JV member and management services agreements are still in the process of negotiation. Construction is anticipated to start in early June. The facility's timeline is to be open and operational by the Spring of 2022, which is the approximate time the Behavioral Health Division's Psychiatric Crisis Services Emergency Room is expected to no longer be operational.

Vice-Chairman Lanier requested the Board be provided with a high-level roadmap with bullet points to keep them abreast. Mr. Hertzberg indicated the Team would provide the Board with a summary of the various documents expected to come before them, inclusive of steps remaining and highlighted key points. He also assured the Committee he intends to keep them informed through communications in between meetings. Vice-Chairman Lanier inquired about the Board's fiduciary responsibility and where it resides within this transaction.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

	<p>Mr. Herzberg confirmed information related to the various aspects of funding would be included in the summary.</p> <p>Mr. Fortman acknowledged concerns raised regarding information shared in other venues. The understanding from the direction received in December from the Board, with the approval of the Letter of Intent, was to move forward and negotiate the details. It was acknowledged the Board should never be the last to know any project related information. Consideration is given regarding the need to keep the project moving and the sense of urgency with which some decisions have to be made to expedite matters.</p> <p>Mr. Herzberg stated they are anticipating a zoning action by the City of Milwaukee on April 1, 2021. Documents have been submitted, and there have been discussions surrounding the site. Steps have been taken to subdivide the parcel, and the land will require a special use permit to ensure zoning alignment.</p> <p>Questions and comments ensued at length.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>
3.	<p>Enrollment Trends in Wraparound.</p> <p>Brian McBride, Director, Children’s Community Services and Wraparound Milwaukee, Behavioral Health Division</p> <p>Mr. McBride referenced past reporting related to overall Wraparound Health Management Organization (HMO) enrollment. The focus has been on the Wraparound HMO’s declining numbers in court ordered programs. There has been a decrease in HMO numbers and contracting, and enrollment certainly impacts funding mechanisms overall. The number of referrals received from Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice have decreased. However, there is a key part of the data reflecting a drastic increase in Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) enrollment within the total system of care, which includes multiple programs. Those numbers continue to rise. This is one of a few reasons for the HMO decrease.</p> <p>Mr. Fortman stated there has been a reduction in cost per enrollee during the pandemic. While the overall capitated revenue has decreased with the enrollment, overall spending has also decreased.</p> <p>Question and comments ensued.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>
4.	<p>Adjournment.</p> <p>Chairwoman Perez ordered the meeting adjourned.</p>

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

This meeting was recorded. The official copy of these minutes, 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: 10:03 a.m. to 10:53 a.m.

Adjourned,

Jodi Mapp

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**The next meeting for the
Milwaukee County Mental Health Board Executive Committee
Will be on Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.**

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The March 11, 2021, meeting minutes of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board Executive Committee have been reviewed and are hereby approved.



Maria Perez, Chairwoman
Milwaukee County Mental Health Board