

**Chairperson:** Thomas Lutzow  
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**Secretary:** Michael Davis  
**Senior Executive Assistant:** Jodi Mapp, 257-5202

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD  
BUDGET MEETING**

**Thursday, July 11, 2019 - 8:00 A.M.**  
**Zoofari Conference Center**  
**9715 West Bluemound Road**

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Michael Davis, Kathie Eilers, Rachel Forman, Jon Lehrmann, Thomas Lutzow, Mary Neubauer, Maria Perez, Duncan Shrout, and Brenda Wesley

**EXCUSED:** Walter Lanier and Sheri Johnson

**ABSENT:** Robert Curry

**SCHEDULED ITEMS:**

**NOTE: All Informational Items are Informational Only Unless Otherwise Directed by the Board.**

1. **Welcome.**

Chairman Lutzow greeted Board Members and welcomed everyone to the July 11, 2019, Mental Health Board Budget meeting.

2. **Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division 2020 Budget Narrative Presentation.**

Michael Lappen, Administrator, Behavioral Health Division (BHD)  
Matt Fortman, Interim Fiscal Director, BHD

Mr. Lappen stated there were challenges with meeting the target numbers without cutting any major service programs, which would negatively impact customers. The Fiscal staff was acknowledged for all the hard work put into BHD's 2020 Recommended Budget. Increases in revenue offset tax levy reductions and proved to be imperative in balancing the budget while enabling new services to be implemented. The largest expenditure is related to Comprehensive Community Services (CCS), which appears to be gaining momentum. The service array is becoming more attractive due to more options. There are a few items included to support BHD's continuous effort to build toward the future state of Crisis services and the community-based crisis services continuum. Over recent years, there has been improvement in reimbursement of these services as a result of changes made at the State level.

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

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|    | <p>Mr. Fortman, provided a high level overview of the Behavioral Health Division's (BHD) 2020 Recommended Budget was presented. As has been previously stated by the Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Milwaukee County, as a whole, has structural deficit issues. For the past approximately two years, departments have been directed to cut their budget by a set amount determined by the DAS Office of Performance, Strategy, and Budget. This year, BHD's budget cut, in the form of a local property tax levy revenue reduction, was \$2.7 million. With this directive comes the struggle to maintain funding and services at current levels and in some instances, limits the expansion of services.</p> <p>There were no significant or measurable cuts made to services. This was achieved by identifying new revenue opportunities and ways to increase current revenue streams. Expenses include increased funding in the following areas: CCS, ongoing placements at Community Based Residential Facilities and State institutes, inpatient staffing, and security. Expenses also include expansion of Crisis Resource Center and Federally Qualified Health Center services and Oxford House model funding. Big ticket items the State's budget will consider and would be beneficial in the area of mental health services were not a factor in balancing BHD's budget.</p> |
| 3. | <p><b>Mental Health Board Finance Committee's Recommended 2020 Amended Budget.</b></p> <p>Matt Fortman, Interim Fiscal Director, Behavioral Health Division</p> <p>The Board was informed the Finance Committee, at their meeting on June 27, 2019, unanimously agreed to recommend <b>APPROVAL</b> of the 2020 Budget <b>AS AMENDED</b>.</p> <p>Mr. Fortman explained the amended budget recommended by the Finance Committee includes an approved amendment, which will be discussed further in Item 4, and accounts for the \$75,000 increase in the budget's bottom line.</p>   |
| 4. | <p><b>Mental Health Board Finance Committee Amendment Recommendations.</b></p> <p>The Board was informed the Finance Committee, at their meeting on June 27, 2019, unanimously agreed to <b>REJECT/DENY</b> recommending approval of Amendment #1 and unanimously agreed to recommend <b>APPROVAL</b> of Amendment #2.</p> <p>Board Member Neubauer indicated Amendment #1 is for a Living Room model. She requested, however, that <b>Amendment #1 be WITHDRAWN</b> from consideration at this time. The Living Room model concept, which was highly favored by the Finance Committee, will be resubmitted in the form a report to the Finance Committee to include their recommendations for more information and further clarification.</p> <p>Board Member Forman presented Amendment #2. Concerns were raised regarding a potential conflict of interest. It was deemed the vote on the Amendment would be for an award process and not the actual contract.</p>   |

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

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|   | <p><b>MOTION BY:</b> (Davis) Approve Amendment #2 as Recommended by the Finance Committee. 8-0</p> <p><b>MOTION 2<sup>ND</sup> BY:</b> (Shrout)</p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Davis, Eilers, Forman, Lutzow, Neubauer, Perez, Shrout, and Wesley – 8</p> <p><b>NOES:</b> 0</p>   |
| 5.  | <p><b>Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division 2020 Budget Consideration.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION BY:</b> (Neubauer) Approve the Behavioral Health Division’s 2020 Recommended Budget AS AMENDED Inclusive of Amendment #2. 8-0</p> <p><b>MOTION 2<sup>ND</sup> BY:</b> (Perez)</p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Davis, Eilers, Forman, Lutzow, Neubauer, Perez, Shrout, and Wesley – 8</p> <p><b>NOES:</b> 0</p> |
| 6.  | <p><b>Adjournment.</b></p> <p><b>MOTION BY:</b> (Perez) Adjourn. 8-0</p> <p><b>MOTION 2<sup>ND</sup> BY:</b> (Shrout)</p> <p><b>AYES:</b> Davis, Eilers, Forman, Lutzow, Neubauer, Perez, Shrout, and Wesley - 8</p> <p><b>NOES:</b> 0</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: 8:04 a.m. to 8:38 a.m.</p> <p>Adjourned,</p> <p><i>Jodi Mapp</i></p> <p>Jodi Mapp<br/>Senior Executive Assistant<br/>Milwaukee County Mental Health Board</p> |  |

**SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):**

**The next regular meeting for the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board is  
Thursday, August 22, 2019, @ 9:00 a.m. at  
The Sojourner Family Peace Education Center**

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The July 11, 2019, meeting minutes of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board are hereby submitted for approval at the next scheduled regular meeting of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board.



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Michael Davis, Secretary  
Milwaukee County Mental Health Board