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Secretary: Mary Neubauer
Senior Executive Assistant: Jodi Mapp, 257-5202

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
BUDGET MEETING**

Thursday, July 8, 2021 - 8:00 A.M.
Teleconference Meeting

MINUTES

PRESENT: Kathie Eilers, Rachel Forman, Walter Lanier, Jon Lehrmann, Mary Neubauer, Maria Perez, Duncan Shrouf, and *Brenda Wesley

EXCUSED: Shirley Drake, Sheri Johnson, Thomas Lutzow, and James Stevens

*Board Member Wesley was not present at the time the roll was called but joined the meeting shortly thereafter.

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. **Welcome.**

Chairwoman Perez welcomed everyone to the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board's July 8, 2021, remote/virtual Budget meeting.

2. **Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division 2022 Recommended Budget Narrative Presentation.**

Matt Fortman, Fiscal Administrator, Department of Health and Human Services

Mr. Fortman provided an overview of the Behavioral Health Division's (BHD) 2022 Recommended Budget. It represents a major transition for BHD. It is anticipated the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health operated hospital will be closed by mid-2022. Hospital services will be shifted to the Universal Health Services hospital, Granite Hills in West Allis. The Psychiatric Emergency Room is also closing. The level of care currently provided will be offered at the new Mental Health Emergency Center, which should begin construction any day. The final approval was received from the City of Milwaukee yesterday. Everything appears to be on track. Of course, there is a lot of uncertainty with any transition. It is important to make sure safe staffing levels and adequate psychiatric beds are maintained. Reserve funds are being relied upon to make sure everything goes smoothly. BHD does not want to rely too heavily on State institute placements. A conservative approach to the budget was taken to ensure BHD makes it through the transition successfully. Anticipated costs could come in lower than expected and represented in the budget or locating additional grant revenue might be needed to help bridge any gaps.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

	<p>BHD is continuing to aggressively expand Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) for both youth and adult programs. There is an increase for Community Support Programs (CSP) with expansion in the areas of crisis intervention services, crisis mobile team services, certified peer specialists, and employment. Support continues for integrated care through partnerships with the community health centers and a new joint screening initiative in Wraparound.</p> <p>Overall, this budget concentrates on integrated care. It supports the shift in services upstream for a more population health focus.</p> <p>Questions and comments ensued at length.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>
3.	<p>Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division 2022 Budget Consideration.</p> <p>Matt Fortman, Fiscal Administrator, Department of Health and Human Services</p> <p>Mr. Fortman reiterated the Finance Committee unanimously recommended approval of the recommended budget with no amendments.</p> <p>MOTION BY: (Eilers) Approve the Behavioral Health Division’s 2022 Recommended Budget. 7-0</p> <p>MOTION 2ND BY: (Shrout)</p> <p>AYES: Eilers, Forman, Lanier, Neubauer, Perez, Shrout, and Wesley – 7</p> <p>NOES: 0</p>
4.	<p>Adjournment.</p> <p>MOTION BY: (Neubauer) Adjourn. 7-0</p> <p>MOTION 2ND BY: (Shrout)</p> <p>AYES: Eilers, Forman, Lanier, Neubauer, Perez, Shrout, and Wesley – 7</p> <p>NOES: 0</p>

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

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: 8:11 a.m. to 8:46 a.m.

Adjourned,

Jodi Mapp

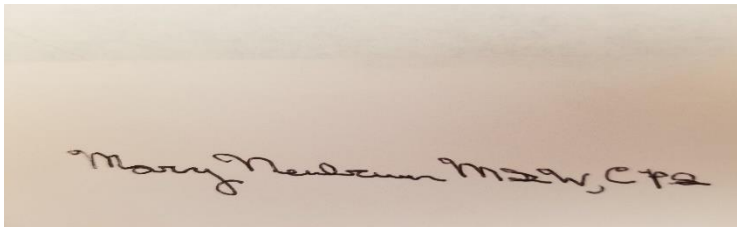
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**The next regular meeting for the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board is
Thursday, August 26, 2021, @ 9:00 a.m. at**

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<https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/DHHS/About/Governance>**

The July 8, 2021, 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.

A photograph of a handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored surface. The signature reads "Mary Neubauer MAW, CPA".

Mary Neubauer, Secretary
Milwaukee County Mental Health Board