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MILWAUKEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Thursday, June 17, 2021 - 9:00 A.M.
Teleconference Meeting

MINUTES

PRESENT: Shirley Drake, Kathie Eilers, Rachel Forman, Sheri Johnson, Walter Lanier, Jon Lehrmann, Thomas Lutzow, Mary Neubauer, Maria Perez, Duncan Shrout, James Stevens, and Brenda Wesley

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

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| 1. | <p>Welcome.</p> <p>Chairwoman Perez welcomed everyone to the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board's June 17, 2021, remote/virtual meeting.</p> |
| 2. | <p>Approval of the Minutes from the April 22, 2021, Milwaukee County Mental Health Board Meeting.</p> <p>MOTION BY: (Lanier) Approve the April 22, 2021, Meeting Minutes. 10-0
MOTION 2ND BY: (Neubauer)
AYES: Drake, Eilers, Forman, Lanier, Lutzow, Neubauer, Perez, Shrout, Stevens, and Wesley – 10
NOES: 0</p> |
| 3. | <p>Overview by the Milwaukee County Executive on the Prevention Campaign Addressing Overdose Deaths and Increasing Awareness of Available Resources.</p> <p>County Executive David Crowley</p> <p>County Executive Crowley explained there has been an alarming increase in overdose deaths within the last year, which is cause for concern. The Behavioral Health Division (BHD) is continuing to work on connecting people to prevention services for both substance use and suicide. CARES Act funding has assisted with increasing timely access to residential treatment, community assessment services, and has helped move services to a telehealth platform. The new format allows for access to services after hours, as well as weekends, and supports the ability to offer six day-a-week assessment availability for people in need. The Milwaukee Overdose Response Initiative will work collaboratively to identify system gaps to improve the response to opioid deaths and support families, which is critical. It will ensure the resources which can be offered in real time are available and accessible.</p> |

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

	<p>He went on to discuss how BHD’s Community Access to Recovery Services (CARS) is contributing to this effort by distributing drug deactivation system pouches throughout the community and the increased outreach and public service campaign initiatives underway.</p> <p>Questions and comments ensued.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>
4.	<p>Our Safe Place Presentation on Behavioral Health Division (BHD) Contracted Services.</p> <p>Andy Liss, Program Manager, Our Safe Place</p> <p>Our Safe Place is a bridge housing provider through BHD/Community Access to Recovery Services and provides housing to men in recovery from drugs and alcohol. It consists of a thirty-unit building and is home to approximately fifty men in recovery. He provided an overview of the bridge housing concept, requirements, funding, and the referral process.</p> <p>The video Mr. Liss used for his presentation can be accessed by clicking the link below.</p> <p>https://youtu.be/V9WK4JjsI5E</p> <p>Questions and comments ensued.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>
5.	<p>Budget Public Hearing Follow-Up Discussions.</p> <p>Matt Fortman, Fiscal Administrator, Department of Health and Human Services</p> <p>Mr. Fortman provided highlights of the Behavioral Health Division’s (BHD) Recommended Budget, which includes a reduction in management and support services costs, hospital operating costs needed through June of 2022, the expansion of Community Access to Recovery Services (CARS), a decrease in Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) expenditures, reduced spending for residential services due to Medicaid reimbursement, and increased expenses for Wraparound services based on enrollment trends.</p> <p>Feedback was incorporated from previous public hearings and board meetings and through a survey taken by BHD frontline staff. There was public feedback regarding the continued need for community services, especially support related to peer specialists and housing.</p> <p>The amendment template has been distributed and posted. The submission deadline for amendments is tomorrow.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

6.	<p>Corporation Counsel’s Emergency Center Joint Venture and Crisis Services Update.</p> <p>David Farwell, Assistant, Corporation Counsel</p> <p>Attorney Farwell stated the letter of intent focused primarily on setting forth the plan structure of the Joint Venture. It was a key piece of the process because it established a good faith obligation to come together and work to achieve the common goal. The member agreement and the bylaws carry out the intent set forth in the binding letter of intent. The County’s capital contribution and distribution of the financial obligation will be fifty percent. This will be a ten-year commitment.</p> <p>He went on to discuss governance and management of the Joint Venture/Psychiatric Crisis Services Emergency Center and how it will work.</p> <p>Questions and comments ensued.</p> <p>Board Member Lanier requested the critical questions raised by Board Members be memorialized by listing the question posed and the answer.</p> <p>Board Member Lutzow referred to the Board of Director’s responsibilities section of the agreement related to Medicare/Medicaid certification and discussed the importance.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>
7.	<p>Administrative Update.</p> <p>Michael Lappen, Administrator, Behavioral Health Division</p> <p>Mr. Lappen referred the Board to Attachments A, B, and C, which references the County Executive’s Big Data County-Wide Project and reflects his commitment to make Milwaukee County a more transparent organization. A detailed presentation is expected from the Information Management Services Division.</p> <p>Updates were provided on the City of Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) Diversion Task Force and expansion of MPD’s Crisis Assessment Response Team (CART) program.</p> <p>Questions and comments ensued.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

8.	<p>Finance Committee Professional Services Contracts Recommendation.</p> <p>Michael Lappen, Administrator, Behavioral Health Division (BHD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2020 Contract Amendment(s)<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Critical Management Solutions➤ The Greeley Company, LLC <p>Professional Services Contracts focus on facility-based programming, supports functions critical to patient care, and are necessary to maintain hospital and crisis services licensure. An overview was presented of all hospital/operations services provided.</p> <p>The Board’s consideration is needed on amendments to the above referenced existing contracts, which were necessitated by the extension of the Systems Improvement Agreement (SIA) period. They represent six-month extensions to the contracts with Critical Management Solutions, who are the contracted experts required under the SIA, and the Greeley Company, which is the onsite independent monitor who essentially reports independently to the Center for Medicaid Services (CMS) on BHD’s progress.</p> <p>CMS has been satisfied with BHD’s progress. Difficulties related to the pandemic both in staffing and in supply chain, which greatly delayed the ability to complete facility renovations, was acknowledged. The original SIA was slated to be exited by the end of June this year. CMS, at the recommendation and support of the independent contractors, granted an extension through the balance of the year. The new exit date is on or before December 30, 2021.</p> <p>Questions and comments ensued.</p> <p>The Board was informed the Finance Committee unanimously agreed to recommend approval of the Professional Services Contract Amendments as delineated in the corresponding report.</p> <p>MOTION BY: <i>(Stevens) Approve the Professional Services Contract Amendments Delineated in the Corresponding Report. 8-0</i></p> <p>MOTION 2ND BY: <i>(Eilers)</i></p> <p>AYES: Drake, Eilers, Forman, Lanier, Lutzow, Neubauer, Perez, and Stevens – 8</p> <p>NOES: 0</p> <p>EXCUSED: Shrout and Wesley - 2</p>
9.	<p>Finance Committee Purchase-of-Service Contracts Recommendation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2021 Agreement Amendment(s) <p>Brian McBride, Director, Children’s Community Services and Wraparound Milwaukee, Behavioral Health Division</p> <p>Purchase-of-Service Agreements for the Provision of Adult and Child Mental Health Services and Substance Use Disorder Services were reviewed. An overview was provided detailing the</p>

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

	<p>youth services contract amendment. It is a grant funded Youth Crisis Stabilization program award. It is the second annual award received from the State to operate the Stabilization Center in partner with Wisconsin Community Services.</p> <p>The Board was informed the Finance Committee unanimously agreed to recommend approval of the 2021 Purchase-of-Service Agreement Amendment as delineated in the corresponding report.</p> <p>MOTION BY: (Eilers) Approve the Purchase-of-Service Contract Amendment Delineated in the Corresponding Report. 7-0-1</p> <p>MOTION 2ND BY: (Lutzow)</p> <p>AYES: Eilers, Forman, Lanier, Lutzow, Neubauer, Perez, and Stevens – 7</p> <p>NOES: 0</p> <p>EXCUSED: Shrout and Wesley - 2</p> <p>ABSTENTION: Drake – 1</p>
10.	<p>Finance Committee Fee-for-Service Agreements Recommendation.</p> <p>Amy Lorenz, Deputy Administrator, Community Access to Recovery Services, Behavioral Health Division</p> <p>Fee-for-Service Agreements are for the Provision of Adult and Child Mental Health Services and Substance Use Disorder Services. An overview was provided detailing the program agreement, which provides a broad range of support services for adults with serious emotional disturbances and their families.</p> <p>The Board was informed Finance Committee unanimously agreed to recommend approval of the Fee-for-Service Agreement to the Board as delineated in the corresponding report.</p> <p>MOTION BY: (Lutzow) Approve the Fee-for-Service Agreement Delineated in the Corresponding Report. 7-1</p> <p>MOTION 2ND BY: (Neubauer)</p> <p>AYES: Drake, Eilers, Lanier, Lutzow, Neubauer, Perez, and Stevens – 7</p> <p>NOES: Forman - 1</p> <p>EXCUSED: Shrout and Wesley - 2</p>
11.	<p>Finance Committee Update. (Update from June 3, 2021, Preliminary Budget Presentation Meeting.)</p> <p>Matt Fortman, Fiscal Administrator, Department of Health and Human Services</p> <p>Mr. Fortman stated the final narrative was not available for the above referenced meeting. Fiscal was still working through some details of the budget but was able to provide an update on the Behavioral Health Division’s tax levy target and major changes, which were discussed in Item 5. The narrative released was consistent with the details released on June 3, 2021.</p>

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

	<p>This item was informational.</p>
12.	<p>Department of Administrative Services Quarterly Update on the State of Milwaukee County's Interests and Matters Related to the Behavioral Health Division.</p> <p>Joseph Lamers, Budget Director Department of Administrative Services</p> <p>Mr. Lamers provided fiscal updates related to the County's 2022 Budget. The Budget Office is projecting a budget gap of approximately \$20 million. The gap comes from a combination of expenditure growth and spikes in healthcare costs. Revenues appear to be recovering and estimates are improving from the significant drop due to COVID-19. It is anticipated the \$20 million budget gap will reduce.</p> <p>Departments were asked to submit a budget identifying flat tax levy targets. This was the first time in many years there was no need to issue a reduction target. Overall, the process was well received. Budget requests are due from departments by July 15, 2021, and the process of review and submission of the County Executive's Recommended 2022 Budget will be adopted in November.</p> <p>Mr. Lamers discussed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA), which provides COVID-19 State and local fiscal recovery funds. The funding can be used for critical pandemic response needs, fill revenue shortfalls for governments, and support the communities hardest hit by the pandemic. Use for the ARPA funds include community engagement, allocations decisions, and evaluation of investments.</p> <p>Questions and comments ensued.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>
13.	<p>2020 Annual Environment of Care Program Report and 2021 Environment of Care Management Plans.</p> <p>Lynn Gram, Safety Officer, Behavioral Health Division</p> <p>The Board was informed the Quality Committee, at their meeting on May 3, 2021, unanimously recommended approval of this Item.</p> <p>MOTION BY: (Forman) Approve the Environment of Care 2020 Annual Report and 2021 Goals and Plans Recommendation. 8-0</p> <p>MOTION 2ND BY: (Drake)</p> <p>AYES: Drake, Eilers, Forman, Lanier, Lutzow, Neubauer, Perez, and Stevens – 8</p> <p>NOES: 0</p> <p>EXCUSED: Shrout and Wesley - 2</p>

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

14.	<p>Quality Committee Documents and Policies Package.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community Access to Recovery Services (CARS) Quality Annual Plan• Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Quality Assurance Performance Improvement (QAPI) Annual Plan• Hospital Quality Assurance Performance Improvement (QAPI) & Patient Safety Annual Plan• Hospital Scope of Services Policy• Hospital Infection Prevention and Control Program Annual Plan <p>Board Member Neubauer provided a brief explanation of the Quality documents package. Corrections were made to some documents at the Quality Committee level.</p> <p>Questions and comments ensued.</p> <p>The Board was informed the Quality Committee, at their meeting on May 3, 2021, unanimously agreed to recommend approval of the Policies Package as presented and represented in the corresponding reports.</p> <p>MOTION BY: <i>(Neubauer) Approve the Quality Committee’s Policies Package as Presented and Represented in the Corresponding Reports. 8-0</i></p> <p>MOTION 2ND BY: <i>(Forman)</i></p> <p>AYES: Drake, Eilers, Forman, Lanier, Lutzow, Neubauer, Perez, and Stevens – 8</p> <p>NOES: 0</p> <p>EXCUSED: Shrout and Wesley - 2</p>
15.	<p>Quality Committee Update.</p> <p>Secretary Neubauer, Chairwoman of the Quality Committee, discussed the telehealth survey; community contract vendor quality updates, which includes sanctions, holds, or service suspensions imposed; the demographic makeup of the Behavioral Health Division’s contracted vendors, and provided a policy and procedure update.</p> <p>Questions and comments ensued.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>
16.	<p>Wraparound Milwaukee 2020 Year-End Report.</p> <p>Brian McBride, Director, Children’s Community Services and Wraparound Milwaukee, Behavioral Health Division</p> <p>Mr. McBride provided an overview of the report by reviewing overall program data, enrollment numbers, quality measures, Wrap’s success stories, and evaluation and other outcomes information. This annual report has been combined with the required Health Management</p>

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

	<p>Organization (HMO) quality report to the State, which is more efficient for staff and accounts for some cost savings.</p> <p>Questions and comments ensued.</p> <p>This item was informational.</p>
17.	<p>Medical Executive Credentialing and Privileging Recommendations Report.</p> <p>Dr. John Schneider, Chief Medical Officer, Behavioral Health Division</p> <p>MOTION BY: <i>(Lanier) Adjourn into Closed Session under the provisions of Wisconsin Statutes Section 19.85(1)(c) for the purpose of considering employment or performance evaluation data for public employees over which the Board has jurisdiction and exercises responsibility. Some or all the information discussed may also be subject to confidentiality under Section 146.38, Stats. as it relates to Item 17. At the conclusion of the Closed Session, the Board may reconvene in Open Session to take whatever action(s) it may deem necessary on the aforesaid item. 8-0</i></p> <p>MOTION 2ND BY: <i>(Neubauer)</i></p> <p>AYES: Drake, Eilers, Forman, Lanier, Lutzow, Neubauer, Perez, and Stevens – 8</p> <p>NOES: 0</p> <p>EXCUSED: Shrout and Wesley - 2</p> <p>The Board convened into Closed Session at 11:52 a.m. to discuss Item 17 and reconvened back into Open Session at approximately 12:03 p.m. The roll was taken, and all Board Members were present, except for Forman, who rejoined the meeting, and Johnson and Lehrmann, who did not rejoin the meeting.</p> <p>MOTION BY: <i>(Drake) Approve the Medical Staff Credentialing Report and Medical Executive Committee Recommendations. 8-0</i></p> <p>MOTION 2ND BY: <i>(Forman)</i></p> <p>AYES: Drake, Eilers, Forman, Lanier, Lutzow, Neubauer, Perez, and Stevens – 8</p> <p>NOES: 0</p> <p>EXCUSED: Shrout and Wesley – 2</p>
18.	<p>Adjournment.</p> <p>MOTION BY: <i>(Neubauer) Adjourn. 7-0</i></p> <p>MOTION 2ND BY: <i>(Eilers)</i></p> <p>AYES: Drake, Eilers, Forman, Lanier, Neubauer, Perez, and Stevens – 7</p> <p>NOES: 0</p> <p>EXCUSED: Lutzow, Shrout, and Wesley - 3</p>

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

ADDENDUM ITEM

19. Mental Health Emergency Center Member Agreement and Bylaws.

Michael Lappen, Administrator, Behavioral Health Division (BHD)
David Farwell, Assistant, Corporation Counsel

Mr. Lappen stated this item represents a pivotal moment as BHD moves forward with a more community-based system of care. It is a small but key and essential piece to the continuum of care. This will be a game changer for the community.

MOTION BY: *(Lanier) Approve the Member Agreement and Bylaws of the Mental Health Emergency Center, Inc., as Represented in the Attached Report, with such Modifications Necessary to Finalize the Documents as may be Determined by County Leadership and the Office of Corporation Counsel to be in the Best Interest of Milwaukee County and to Authorize the Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health Division, the Office of Corporation Counsel, and any Other Department that may be Necessary to Execute all Documents and Perform all Actions Required to Effectuate the Approval of these Agreements. 9-0*

MOTION 2ND BY: *(Neubauer)*

AYES: Drake, Eilers, Forman, Lanier, Lutzow, Neubauer, Perez, Stevens, and Wesley – 9

NOES: 0

EXCUSED: Shrout - 1

This meeting was recorded. The aforementioned agenda items were not necessarily considered in agenda order. 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: 9:03 a.m. to 12:09 p.m.

Adjourned,

Jodi Mapp

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Senior Executive Assistant
Milwaukee County Mental Health Board

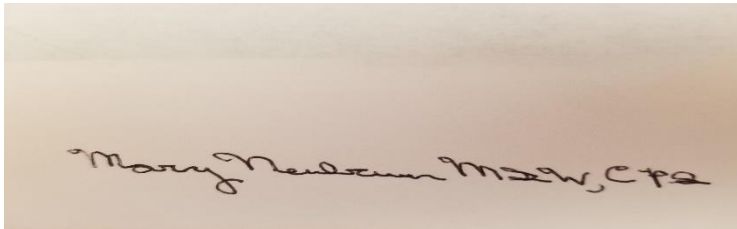
SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

**The next meeting for the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board will be on Thursday,
July 8, 2021, @ 8:00 a.m.**

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The June 17, 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.

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Mary Neubauer, Secretary
Milwaukee County Mental Health Board