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**MILWAUKEE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH BOARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Thursday, June 18, 2015 - 1:30 P.M.
Milwaukee County Mental Health Complex Auditorium

MINUTES

SCHEDULED ITEMS:

1. Performance Merit Follow Up.

APPEARANCE:

Randy Oleszak, Fiscal Administrator, Behavioral Health Division (BHD)

A Performance Merit Increase has been proposed for departments across Milwaukee County for 2016, including the Behavioral Health Division. Discussions have been held with the Department of Human Resources regarding how to implement the performance merit structure, and include it in the Budget. It stands as a place holder for all departments throughout the County in their respective budgets until a recommendation is clarified.

2. 2016 Budget Request Narrative.

APPEARANCE:

Hector Colon, Department of Health and Human Services

The approach with the 2016 Budget continues movement toward a community-based system of care and is in line with recommendations from various reports received over the years, including the Mental Health Redesign Initiative, HSRI, and Public Policy Forum reports and the State Audit. This Budget reflects a 49% reduction in psychiatric in-patient admissions, a 30% reduction in emergency room detentions, and a 20% reduction in emergency room visits. Increases/decreases in expenditures were discussed for the areas of Management and Support Services, Adult Crisis Services, In-Patient Services (adults and children), and Community Access to Recovery Services. Other Budget highlights include Community Based Residential Facilities, strategies to eliminate chronic homelessness, the partnership with the Justice Council, new pharmacy technology, electronic medical record enhancements, and the space consolidation initiative. A Northside Community-Based Center is also included in the Budget.

Questions regarding the Budget were raised by Board Members and discussed.

SCHEDULED ITEMS (CONTINUED):

The meeting opened for public comment on the Budget. The following appeared:
Amy Lindner, Meta House

The Finance Committee, after full consideration over the course of several meetings, recommends the Budget be approved by the Mental Health Board.

Length of meeting: 1:35 p.m. to 2:22 p.m.

Adjourned,

Jodi Mapp
Senior Executive Assistant
Milwaukee County Mental Health Board

**The next meeting of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board
Finance Committee is Thursday, September 24, 2015, at 1:30 p.m.**