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WALKER ANNOUNCES EXPANDED STRATEGIC PLAN FOR BHD

MILWAUKEE – County Executive Scott Walker today announced an expanded strategic plan for quality of patient care and safety at the Behavioral Health Division (BHD) to include consideration of a move of the current facility.

“I have directed that an RFP be developed to gather proposals to provide options on potential sites to move the Behavioral Health complex,” said Walker. “The proposals will be another resource for the groups studying enhancements to the delivery of services at BHD. The bottom line is to improve patient care and safety.”

The RFP responses will provide comprehensive information to complement the planning efforts of the Community Advisory Board (CAB) and the Human Services Research Institute (HSRI) - that is providing the study on the adult mental health redesign under the direction of Rob Henken, President of the Public Policy Forum. Many public and private community partners are also key stakeholders in this effort.

The CAB, under co-chairs Barbara Beckert, Executive Director of Disability Rights Wisconsin, and Paula Lucey, former Milwaukee County DHHS director, was formed in June through a County Board resolution to evaluate acute in-patient hospital care at BHD.

The RFP process will gather essential information about potential new locations for the Community Advisory Board and HSRI to review. This effort will expand on previous discussions that centered on a move to St. Michael Hospital. Responses to the RFP, along with the studies of CAB and HSRI, will provide a road map for the location and delivery of mental health services in Milwaukee County.

“These three initiatives – the RFP responses and studies by CAB and HSRI, will provide us the key information to develop a blueprint for the future of the mental health system,” said Walker.

Additional information - Link to Public Policy Forum Report – Transforming the Adult Mental Health Care Delivery System in Milwaukee County: <http://tinyurl.com/27ppv97>

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