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Proposal Will Transform the Delivery of Mental Health Services in Milwaukee County

(Milwaukee, WI) - State Representative Joe Sanfelippo (R-West Allis) and State Senator Leah Vukmir (R-Wauwatosa) have unveiled a plan to create a mental health board that will oversee and direct mental health services in Milwaukee County. The plan, which will transform how mental health services are delivered, will create a specialized policy-making board of professionals composed of individuals who possess the credentials, experience and expertise required to effectively and efficiently manage the mental health care system. Advocates and consumers will also play a key role.

“We’re creating an independent board of professionals completely removed from the political and institutional pressures that have put the status quo ahead of consumers and family members for decades. Removing these outside influences will allow the delivery of mental health services in Milwaukee County to be completely centered around and based solely upon what is best for the individuals relying on these critical services,” said Sanfelippo.

“This plan will bring in the best and brightest experts in the field to evaluate mental health services and will ensure those services run smoothly and effectively going forward. The board will also focus on accountability, which is crucial in dealing with problems that have arisen in the mental health services field in Milwaukee County,” said Vukmir.

This proposal continues the commitment to improving mental health services made by the state legislature, Governor Scott Walker and Assembly Speaker Robin Vos and his Task Force on Mental Health.

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