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Rep. Sanfelippo Thanks Milwaukee County Supervisor Romo West *Chairwoman Announces Suggestions for Milwaukee County Mental Health Board*

(Madison, WI) - State Representative Joe Sanfelippo (R-New Berlin) released the following statement after learning Milwaukee County Supervisor Peggy Romo West, who is the Chairwoman of the Health and Human Needs Committee, announced suggestions for members of the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board after calling a special committee meeting:

“Today’s action is exactly what was intended when this legislation was drafted. The stellar group of individuals suggested today is made up of medical professionals, advocates and consumers with first-hand knowledge and experience in place to oversee the delivery of these critical services. I am grateful to the individuals who have stepped up and volunteered to be considered for service to the newly created MCMHB. Together, their vast experiences will combine to create a patient-centered, community based model of care that will finally bring about long needed reforms and improve the lives of individuals with mental illness in our community.

I appreciate Supervisor Romo West’s work on this issue. I would like to thank my Senate Co-Sponsor of 2013 Wisconsin Act 203, Sen. Leah Vukmir for her hard work toward getting this reform passed. I especially thank Governor Walker and Speaker Vos for making improvements to mental health services in our state a priority this session.”

2013 Wisconsin Act 203 created the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board. 2013 Wisconsin Act 203 gives the newly created Milwaukee County Mental Health Board complete authority to design and implement the programs and services it feels are required to meet the needs of our community in the most efficient and effective way possible.

The State Senate passed the [legislation](#) on a unanimous 33-0 vote and the State Assembly gave overwhelming bi-partisan approval with a vote of 89-1.

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