

# Make It Work Milwaukee! Coalition

*Strengthening Milwaukee County through better health and human services*

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and Families  
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## **Action Alert – October 14, 2009 Ask County Board Finance Committee to Put People First - Fully Fund Mental Health Services In the 2010 Milwaukee County Budget**

The County Executive's proposed Milwaukee County 2010 budget is under review by the County Board's Finance and Audit Committee this month. Money is very tight and funding for mental health services may be cut.

**Take Action Today** to contact Finance Committee members and ask them to support full funding of mental health services.

### **Action Requested**

- Contact County Supervisors on the Finance Committee and your own Supervisor to ask them to fully fund mental health services. See the back for emails and phone numbers.
- **Write a letter to the editor** about the need to fund mental health services. Limited to 200 words. Include your name, address and daytime phone number & email to [jsedit@journalsentinel.com](mailto:jsedit@journalsentinel.com).
- Turn out for the **County Board Public Hearing on the Budget** Monday, November 2: 7:00 at Washington Park Senior Center 4420 W. Vliet.

### **Suggested Message to County Supervisors:**

*These are suggestions – it's best to use your own words and experiences.*

I am writing to you because I have seen firsthand the importance of the mental health services funded by Milwaukee County. *(add a few sentences about your own experience.)*

As you work on the 2010 Milwaukee County budget, I urge you to fully fund mental health services including targeted case management, outpatient services, and other community services and supports. These services are a good investment and vital to maintaining people in their recovery, as well as limiting the need for costly emergency room and inpatient services. With these tough economic times, the demand for mental health services is actually increasing, and the services funded by Milwaukee are an important safety net.

Thanks you for your consideration and for your past support for these important services.

*Sign with your full name and home address*

*Contacts for MIWM:*

*Barbara Beckert, Disability Rights Wisconsin, 414-773-4646  
Tom Hlavacek, Alzheimer's Association, 414-479-8800*

**Important:** At this time, it is important to contact your own supervisor as well as members of the Finance and Audit Committee – committee members names are in bold with an \* after their name. The committee chair is Supervisor Elizabeth Coggs and the Vice Chair is Supervisor Johnny Thomas

If you go the following address on the County Board web site, it is easy to send an email to all members of the Finance and Audit Committee:

<http://www.county.milwaukee.gov/FA>

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Note: If you are not sure who your supervisor is, call the main number 278-4222.			
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