



The Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force is committed to being a leader in identifying issues faced by all people affected by mental illness, facilitating improvements in mental health services, giving consumers and families a strong voice, reducing stigma, and implementing recovery principles.

July 14, 2015

Dear Mental Health Task Force Member,

This is the Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force's eleventh year of education, advocacy and collaboration. We thank you for your partnership and participation in the Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force – and ask for your support moving forward. Our new membership year begins August 1. If you are currently a member, thank you for your past support and please renew your membership to ensure that the work of the task force can continue! If you or your agency are not currently members, we warmly invite you to join - your support is greatly needed and appreciated!

The Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force was formed in 2004, in response to a crisis in inpatient psychiatric services that exposed major gaps in Milwaukee's system of mental health care. The task force includes participants from over 50 organizations who work collaboratively to identify issues faced by people affected by mental illness, facilitate improvements in services, give consumers and families a strong voice, reduce stigma, and implement recovery principles.

We need your support to sustain the important work of the task force – please join or renew your membership.

Your membership and support will enable the Task Force to continue our work as a positive force for systems change, cover a portion of staff costs to coordinate the task force, and ensure that our programs are open to all. We welcome both organizational members and “community supporters” - individuals who want to support the task force.

Your membership will support the work of the Task Force:

- Educating the community about key issues impacting people with mental illness through our outstanding Mental Health Summits. *Our 2014 Summit on Understanding Recovery, brought in outstanding national and local speakers and drew over 300 people.*
- Updates about public policy that impact quality and accessible mental health care and other important services and policy concerns for people with mental illness. *Recent updates featured Department of Health Services leadership, as well as Milwaukee County BHD leadership, and other community partners.*
- Educating the community and policy makers about funding for mental health services in county and state budgets. This includes briefings on county and state budgets, sponsoring meetings with elected officials and policy makers, candidate forums, and development of position papers. Task Force leadership also serve on state councils and committees to bring a Milwaukee perspective.
- Continued collaborative work and updates from community leaders on efforts to address mental illness in the criminal justice system, including medical and mental health care for detainees, and support for the Crisis Intervention Training program which has trained hundreds of Milwaukee Police Department and Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department personnel. *The Task Force worked with Mayor Barrett, MPD, and Milwaukee County to advance recommendations to expand CIT and address other concerns regarding law enforcement's interaction with individuals with mental illness.*
- Task force administration including updating our *Mental Health Task Force Directory*, maintaining the web site and listserv, coordinating forums and other meetings with elected officials, developing task force position papers and legislative testimony, writing funding proposals, and serving as the fiscal agent.

All members will be recognized and honored in task force materials and at our September 8th Event and Reception celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, where the second annual Karen Avery Award will be presented. The event will include featured speaker Darby Penney, M.L.S., a nationally known leader in the human rights movement for people with psychiatric histories, and co-author of *The Lives They Left Behind: Suitcases from a State Hospital Attic*, based on a multi-method qualitative study of the lives of state hospital inmates from the 19th and 20th centuries. *Save the date and stay tuned for event details!*

Please support the work of the task force with your membership donation and continue to work with us to facilitate improvements in service, give consumers and families a strong voice, reduce stigma, and implement recovery principles. Please return the enclosed form with your check by August 25, 2015. Thank you for your partnership.

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Mary Neubauer
Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force Co-chairs

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Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force Annual Membership Form

Name: _____

Organization: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ E-mail: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Note: To be added to the Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force Directory, please complete the attached Directory Information Form.

PAYMENT REQUESTED BY: August 25, 2015

Amount: \$ _____ *Please see suggested amounts below*

Organizations with budgets of:

- \$5,000 - \$300,000 – pay \$100 annual membership
- \$301,000 - \$750,000 – pay \$250 annual membership
- Above \$750,000 – pay \$500 annual membership
- We encourage any organization that can pay a \$1000 annual membership to do so.
- Community member -active in the task force. All contributions gratefully accepted.
- Community supporter - not active with the task force but supportive of its efforts. All contributions are gratefully accepted.

Make check payable to Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force. Note: DRW serves as fiscal agent for the Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force.

Thank you for your support!

Mail with your check payable to Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force to:

Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force
c/o Disability Rights Wisconsin
6737 W. Washington Suite 3230
Milwaukee, WI 53214

Questions? Contact Barbara Beckert at Barbara.beckert@drwi.org or 414-773-4646 x 15



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MHTF Directory Information Form

(Email completed form to: elisec@drwi.org)

Name _____

Email _____

Preferred Phone # _____ Work Cell Home

Alternate Phone # _____ Work Cell Home

Fax # _____

Please check if you are new to the MHTF. How did you hear about the MH Task Force?

Work Information

Work Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please indicate your preferred listing for the directory (check all to be listed)

- My name
- My email address
- My preferred phone number
- My alternate phone number
- My agency information (agency name and address)
- Not at all

Home Address Information*

*Note: We are requesting a home address to help us identify legislative contacts for Task Force members. This information will NOT be published in the directory

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Directory Information:

Please indicate all applicable categories you wish to be listed under in the directory.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy | <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Provider MH |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government Agency | <input type="checkbox"/> Research | <input type="checkbox"/> Provider AODA |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education/Training | <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal Justice/ Correctional | <input type="checkbox"/> Provider Youth/Children Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal | <input type="checkbox"/> Peer Specialist | <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital | <input type="checkbox"/> Managed Health Care Org. | <input type="checkbox"/> Independent /Private Provider |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support group facilitator | <input type="checkbox"/> Other(Explain): _____ | |