



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.

Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force Steering Committee Nominations April 2016

The Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force is seeking nominations to fill five seats on the Steering Committee. The terms of several Steering Committee members who were elected three years ago have expired, including Walter Laux, Robin Pederson, Tom Reed, and Susan Sigl. In addition Steering Committee member Mark Flower is stepping down. We are very grateful to these outstanding individuals for their dedicated service and giving of their talents and time to lead the Task Force.

Options for Nominations:

- Individuals who are interested in serving a three-year term (2016-2019) should self-nominate using the attached form.
- Individual who would like to nominate another Task Force member should, first, consult with that member, and then complete the attached form.
- Outgoing Steering Committee members may also self nominate or may be nominated, should they be interested in continuing to serve.

Service on the Steering Committee is a leadership role and requires previous participation in the Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force. See Expectations for Steering Committee Members on the back.

To Make a Nomination or Self-Nominate

1. Complete the nomination form and submit by end of business May 2 to Barbara Beckert via email barbara.beckert@drwi.org or fax 414-773-4647.
2. If you are nominating someone to serve, both you and the nominee should complete and submit a form.
3. The Steering Committee has designated positions for advocates, consumers, providers, family member, and at large. At this time, the following positions are open: At Large, Consumer, Family, and Provider (2 openings). Nominees may choose to be considered for multiple categories.

Next Steps for Candidates

1. Brief bios and statements from each of the individuals interested in serving will be distributed to the full Task Force
2. Candidates will have an opportunity to address the full Task Force at the May 11th meeting.

The Election Process

The Steering Committee is updating our guidelines for the election including who can vote, and how voting will take place – we want to be sure that the process is very clear and transparent. In the past, voting has occurred at the Task Force meeting – we are also looking at the pros and cons of doing online voting. The updated guidelines will be shared with the full Task Force next month.

**Expectations for Steering Committee Members
for the Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force (rev. April 2016)**

Service on the Steering Committee is a leadership role and requires previous participation in the Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force. Terms are for three years.

Expectations for Steering Committee members include the following:

1. Attend monthly task force meetings on a regular basis.

Task Force meetings are the second Tuesday of the month from 3:00 – 5:00 at:
IndependenceFirst, 540 S. 1st St., Milwaukee, WI 53204

2. Attend monthly Steering Committee meetings on a regular basis.

Steering Committee meetings are usually held the first Tuesday of the month from 2:30 – 4:30 PM at:
Disability Rights Wisconsin, 6737 W. Washington St. Suite 3230, Milwaukee, WI 53214

3. Steering Committee members are asked to take a leadership role in some task force initiatives. This could include summit planning, post summit work group, or county/state budget advocacy. As leaders of the task force, Steering Committee members are also encouraged to take an active role in communicating with elected officials and policy makers about budget and policy matters impacting mental health services, and people with mental illness.
4. Steering Committee members are asked to support the guiding values of the Task Force which seek to advance recovery, empowerment, and full inclusion of people with mental illness, as well as an expanded community service system. We value the importance of a strong consumer voice.
5. Be a Supporting Member of the Task Force or work for an agency that is a Supporting Member – or make this commitment for the future. This includes an annual membership fee (the amount is flexible).