



*The Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force is the voice of the community on issues related to the quality and responsiveness of mental health and substance abuse disorder services.*

**Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force 2019 Karen Avery Forum**

***Pathways to Employment: Opportunities, Rights and Resources***

***-Awards Presentation-***

**Tuesday, November 12, 2019**

- 1. Welcome and opening remarks (2 – 2:10)** *Mary Neubauer, Robin Pedersen, Jeanne Lowry Co-chairs*
- 2. Opening Speaker: *Work as Recovery* (2:10 – 2:40)**  
*Dani Rischall, LCSW - Executive Director, Chrysalis*
- 3. Employment and Benefits Counseling (2:40 – 3:00)**  
*Lauren Grudzinski, Benefits Specialist, WIPA Project, IndependenceFirst*
- 4. Panel of Community Members (3:00 – 3:45)**  
*Panel members will share their employment journey and lessons learned*  
**Panel Facilitator:** *Shirley Drake, CPS, Supervisor Office of Consumer Affairs, Wisconsin Community Services*  
**Panel Members:**
  - Marie C. Perry, CPS, Supervisor, Community Linkages and Stabilization Program (CLASP), La Causa, Inc.
  - J. B. Reid, Grand Avenue Club member / Kitchen Assistant at colour palate, a downtown eatery
  - L.T Austin, Employment and Education Specialist at WCS' Coordinated Opportunities for Recovery and Empowerment Program
- 5. Employment Rights (3:45 – 4:10)**  
*Monica Murphy, Managing Attorney School and Civil Rights, Disability Rights Wisconsin*
- 6. Short Break (4:10 – 4:15)**
- 7. Awards Presentation (4:15 – 4:50)**  
**Karen Avery Award:** Presented to Mary Neubauer by Denise Johnson, 2019 Karen Avery Award Recipient  
**Rising Leader Award:** Presented to Marie Perry by Mary Neubauer, Co-chair  
**Outstanding Achievement Award:** Presented to honorees by Tom Reed & Barbara Beckert  
**Honorees include:**  
Deputy District Attorney Jeffrey Altenburg, Deputy Public Defender Regional Attorney Manager Paige Styler, Assistant District Attorney Kelly Hedge and SPD Attorney Manager Dawn Rablin
- 8. Evaluation and Next Steps (4:50 – 5:00)** *Christine Apple, Steering Committee*
- 9. Networking Reception with Refreshments from Chrysalis Pops (5 – 5:30)**

***Join us for December 10<sup>th</sup> MHTF meeting with special guest Sheriff Earnell Lucas***