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Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force Commends Signing of Mental Health Board Bill

Today Governor Walker will sign into law the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board bill, SB 565. This legislation will provide a new oversight model for mental health services in Milwaukee County and has the potential to significantly improve services and access and advance a system that truly supports recovery.

The Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force thanks Representative Sanfelippo, Senator Vukmir, and Representative Pasch for their leadership in advancing this bill and for their vision of a community-based, person-centered, recovery-oriented system that seeks to protect the personal liberties of individuals living with mental illnesses.

The legislation designates the Chairperson of the Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force as a member of the board. "I look forward to representing the Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force on the new board and to working collaboratively to advance significant improvements in the Milwaukee County Mental Health System," said Task Force Co-chair Mary Neubauer.

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. It includes over 45 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. The Task Force will celebrate its first decade of mental health advocacy on September 10th at the 2014 Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force Summit: "*Understanding Recovery: Health Home Purpose Community - Making Our Lives Better*".