



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 invites you to a free Training

***Moving Recovery into Practice:
An eLearning Series for peer specialists serving people with
mental health conditions experiencing homelessness***

SAMHSA's Recovery to Practice (RTP) initiative is offering an onsite, face-to-face introduction to this eLearning series created for peer specialists serving people with mental health conditions experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. **Space is Limited - Register Online Now:**

Monday May 7, 4 – 8 PM or Tuesday May 8, 9 AM – 1 PM

Hosted by *Whole Health Clinical Group* at 932 S. 60th St., West Allis

Register online at: <http://www.milwaukeeemhtf.org/2015/04/05/moving-recovery-into-practice/>

More information and training resources can be accessed from: <https://www.samhsa.gov/recovery-to-practice>

Technical Assistance and Training Staff from Advocates for Human Potential, Inc., (see bios attached)

- Patricia (Pat) Tucker, M.B.A., M.A., Senior Program Manager
- Melody Riefer, M.S.W., Senior Program Manager

Training Topics:

The training brings together the skills of peer delivered services and knowledge about homelessness and housing systems with the topics of:

Recovery Oriented Peer Support	Effective Services and Support	Continuums of Care
Housing Resources	Outreach and Engagement	Mainstream Resources

Who should attend:

This is a training opportunity for peer workers serving people with mental health conditions who are at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

- Peer specialists/housing
- Peer specialist/any work area
- Supervisors or employers of peer specialists
- Staff interested in how peer specialists work
- Staff interested in housing/homelessness partnerships

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CEH Hours for Peers: *Attention Certified Peer Specialists – If you attend the training, you will receive 4 Continuing Education Hours (CEHs) that will fulfill several different categories for certification hours. Does **not** cover Ethics and Boundaries and Substance Use Specific.*

- *To request disability related accommodations, send your request by April 20 to elise.cassidente@drwi.org or call 414-773-4646.*
- *Environmental/Chemical Sensitivities: For the safety and comfort of those with chemical sensitivities, please refrain from using any perfumed products and do not smoke near the building.*

About Our Trainers

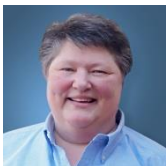
Technical Assistance and Training Staff, Advocates for Human Potential, Inc.



Patricia (Pat) Tucker, M.B.A., M.A., Senior Program Manager

Pat Tucker is an experienced trainer and technical assistance (TA) provider at AHP. Ms. Tucker is a nationally recognized leader in supportive housing, supported employment, and community integration for people with disabilities, including those with behavioral health conditions. As a senior program manager and one of AHP's top trainers, Ms. Tucker's professional experiences and creative spirit produce a training style that is concise, easily followed, worthwhile, and fun. She brings a passion to her trainings and successfully takes difficult, complex subjects and transforms them into information everyone can enjoy. Regardless of the topic, people attending Ms. Tucker's trainings gain a deeper, fuller, and clearer understanding of the content area and the skills necessary to complete related tasks with greater confidence and effectiveness. She consistently scores well above average on training evaluations and clients nearly always request that she return and train additional staff.

Ms. Tucker provides TA and training to providers throughout the country in the following evidence-based practices: supported employment, permanent supportive housing, harm reduction, case management, and Motivational Interviewing. In addition, Ms. Tucker has conducted assessments of programs around the country providing supported employment and permanent supportive housing to determine whether those programs meet fidelity.



Melody Riefer, M.S.W., Senior Program Manager

Melody Riefer is a senior program manager at Advocates Human Potential, Inc. (AHP). Ms. Riefer provides consultation to behavioral authorities on many aspects of recovery-oriented systems. During her more than 30-year career, Ms. Riefer has worked as a practitioner, manager, educator, and consultant—accruing expertise in policy and organizational development, community service management and service delivery, and implementation sciences. Recent Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) work includes her roles as content expert and facilitator for webinar series under Bringing Recovery Supports to Scale Technical Assistance Strategy (BRSS TACS), Recovery to Practice (RTP), and State Technical Assistance (TA) for block grant planning councils across the nation.

Before joining AHP in 2015, Ms. Riefer worked as a trainer and consultant focusing on recovery support services and systems. Her projects included developing implementation and training protocols for shared decision making, consulting with state and local behavioral health authorities; developing infrastructure solutions for statewide mental health consumer networks, models of advocacy, alternative dispute resolution, and ethics/boundaries; and creating curricula for certification and training processes for Medicaid reimbursable peer services. Her professional work is grounded in her lived experience with psychiatric disorders as an individual and family member.

The training was developed under guidance of the Recovery to Practice initiative which is made possible by funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

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