



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.



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**ABOUT KAREN AVERY**

Karen Avery was an advocate, mentor, peer, friend and leader in the fight for disability rights. As Associate Director of IndependenceFirst, she was a respected leader in the mental health consumer/survivor movement in Wisconsin and nationally, tirelessly advocating to advance the rights of people with mental illness and ensure a strong consumer voice. She was a founding board member of the Grassroots Empowerment Project and a leader in the Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force. Karen spoke about the system and about recovery with such impact and conviction because she lived it. She was generous in sharing the challenges of her experience with mental illness and her recovery journey. After Karen's passing in 2013, the Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force established this award to honor her important and enduring legacy.

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