



**Who we are:**

Current Officers:

- Wendy Weckler, Hope House—Chair
- Donna Rongholt-Migan, Cathedral Center—Vice Chair
- Jennifer von Helms, The Salvation Army—Secretary

Agency	
Guest House	MPS Homeless Education Program—Partner Liaison
Legal Action of Wisconsin—Partner Liaison	Hope House of Milwaukee
YWCA Southeast Wisconsin	Cathedral Center
Sojourner Family Peace Center	Pathfinders
The Salvation Army	LaCausa Crisis Nursery
IMPACT, Inc.	Walker’s Point Youth and Family Center
Community Advocates	Bureau of Child Welfare—Partner Liaison
Daystar, Inc.	

## Purpose:

The Shelter and Transitional Housing Task Force (formerly the Shelter Task Force) is an official workgroup of the Milwaukee Continuum of Care that provides advocacy, planning, service coordination, public education and resource development for emergency shelter and transitional housing issues on behalf of its members and clients. The membership of the Shelter and Transitional Housing Task Force (STTF) shall be directors or their designee of Milwaukee based non-profit emergency shelters, transitional housing programs and other related providers who offer significant services to the homeless.

## Goals:

- Foster active collaboration among community partners
- Educate the public on the causes and consequences of poverty, homelessness, and the public safety net.
- Advocate on the Federal, State, County and City level to ensure adequate and effective safety net services
- Partner with the Milwaukee Community on developing local solutions and improving service delivery systems
- Fight for low-income and homeless families, youth, victims of domestic violence, and single adults.

## Why are Shelters Important?

- Critical component in the process of moving individuals and families from the street to permanent housing
- Shelters provide safety and case management while housing is arranged
- Shelters are able to verify and track down documentation for HUD defined Chronic Homelessness
- Shelters are at or near capacity every night, serving 5,500 men, women and children annually

## If you want to learn more:

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STTF Meetings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the Month, 10:30 am, Greater Milwaukee Foundation