**June meeting email**

**Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force – July 10th meeting**

Please join us for the Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force July meeting, Tuesday, July 10, from 3 – 5:00 PM at Independence*First,* 540 S. 1st St.

**We have a great agenda you won’t want to miss:**

1. Help us give a warm welcome to recently confirmed **Milwaukee County Dept. of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Director Mary Jo Meyer**. Mary Jo will share her vision and perspective for DHHS, including how the Mental Health Task Force can be a resource.
2. Sixteenth Community Health Center is doing important work on Health Equity. **Dr. Maria Perez will share next steps from their recent Health Equity Summit**, as well as touch on behavioral health services. She is a Licensed Psychologist and Vice President of Behavioral Health 16th Street Community Health Center
3. **Emily Kenney of Impact will share the work of the new Wisconsin Housing First Coalition**. The Mental Health Task Force is a member – this will be a chance to learn how we can get involved.
4. **Nora Hitchcock, of Our Space will provide an update on plans for the very first Peer Run Respite in Milwaukee County**, a top priority for the Mental Health Task Force.
5. Update on plans for our 2018 Karen Avery Forum, ***Our Future Starts Now: Healing, Hope and Resilience*** scheduled for September 11, and nominations for the Karen Avery Award.

**MHTF MEMBERSHIP**We Need You! **The annual Mental Health Task Force Membership Drive is underway!** Thanks to those who have responded and a reminder to others to please help support the educational work of the Task Force.

* <http://www.milwaukeemhtf.org/2018/06/13/mmhtf-2018-2019-membership-materials/>

**SAVE THE DATES**

* August 14th Mental Health Task Force meeting – “Briefing on Proposed 2019 Milwaukee County Department Budget requests as Submitted to the County Executive”
* September 11 Mental Health Task Force meeting – 5th Annual Karen Avery Award and Forum - ***Our Future Starts Now: Healing, Hope and Resilience***

*Environmental/Chemical Sensitivities: For the safety and comfort of those with chemical sensitivities, IndependenceFirst requests that people visiting our agency, refrain from using any perfumed products and not smoke near the building.*

Note: Please arrive early to allow time for parking so we can start on time.

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Prepare agenda

Print powerpoints

Membership packet

Steering committee applications

Budget advocacy - testimony and advocacy activity

Election fact sheet/ disability voter registration week

County budget briefing save the date flyer