

**Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force**  
**Agenda: Tuesday, June 9, 2020**

Thank you for joining us! Please follow these ground rules for our virtual meeting:

- **Everyone will be muted throughout the session.**
- We hope to have time after each speaker for questions. Please use the chat feature to type your questions. We will answer as many as we can.
- If you need sign language interpreters, please follow the directions on the screen. We will pause as needed to “switch” interpreters.
- At the top of your video screen you can choose between speaker view or gallery view – whichever you prefer.

1. **Opening Remarks including Tribute to Jeanne Lowry** (3:00 – 3:15)  
Mary Neubauer & Christine Apple, co-chairs
  
2. **Reflections from Pastor Walter J. Lanier (3:15 – 3:35)**
  - [Recommendations from African American Roundtable](#)
  
3. **Update from Milwaukee County Health and Human Services (DHHS), Shakita LaGrant McClain**, Interim Director [Milwaukee County Department of Health and Human Services](#) (3:35 – 3:55)
  
4. **Milwaukee County Disability Benefit Specialist Program**, Amos Besaw, Disability Benefit Specialist (DBS). (3:55 – 4:15)
  - [Milwaukee County Disability Resource Center](#)
  - [Disability Benefit Specialist brochure](#)
  
5. **New Community Options for Substance Abuse Treatment**, Heather Martens, Psy.D. , Dr. Bryan Johnston and Dr. John Hayes, Medical College of Wisconsin and Ascension (4:15 – 4:35)
  
6. **Mental Health Task Force Updates**, Barbara Beckert, MHTF Coordinator, Disability Rights Wisconsin (4:35 – 4:50)
  - a. Support the Mental Health Task Force membership drive
  - b. MHTF annual survey on Milwaukee County Budget Priorities
  - c. Save the Date: Our September 8<sup>th</sup> Karen Avery Forum will focus on housing.
  - d. August 11 / November 3 election: Campaign to Support Absentee Voting.
  
7. **Mental Health Board Update**, Mary Neubauer, MHTF Board Representative, MHA Wisconsin (4:50 – 5)
  - Reminder: [Complete BHD Budget Priorities Survey](#) by June 11 COB
  - [BHD 2021 Budget Update](#)

## **SAVE THE DATE**

### **July 14<sup>th</sup> MHTF Virtual meeting:**

- Speaker from Universal Health Services, Inc (tentative)
  - Employment update, Beth Lohmann, *Integrated Services Coordinator, Employment Services / Individual Placement and Support, Milwaukee County Behavioral Health*

**August 11:** Briefing on Milwaukee County Department Budget Requests as Submitted to the County Executive

**September 8:** Annual Karen Avery forum and MHTF awards presentation. This year's forum will focus on housing. We welcome volunteers to serve on the planning committee. Interested? Contact MHTF Coordinator Barbara Beckert at [barbara.beckert@drwi.org](mailto:barbara.beckert@drwi.org).

### **Milwaukee County Mental Health Board:**

<https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/DHHS/About/Governance>

June 12: BHD budget narrative posted on Mental Health Board website

June 16 at 4:30: Mental Health Board Finance Committee Public Comment re budget Stay tuned for details

Contact the Mental Health Board at: [MHB@milwaukeecountywi.gov](mailto:MHB@milwaukeecountywi.gov)

2021 BHD budget and How to Participate:

<https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/DHHS/BHD#2021BHDbudget>