



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 2020 Karen Avery Forum Housing: *Opportunities, Rights and Resources*

*-Awards Presentation-*

**Tuesday, November 13, 2020 2:30 - 5 PM**

**Register online at [www.milwaukeeemhtf.org/2020forum/](http://www.milwaukeeemhtf.org/2020forum/)**

Many people who live with a mental illness struggle to find and maintain safe, accessible, affordable housing. Access to housing is key to maintaining recovery. This virtual forum will explore opportunities to expand access to housing, tenant rights including disability related accommodations, and resources to support consumers with maintaining housing.



### **OPENING SPEAKER: Housing Opportunities and Innovations:**

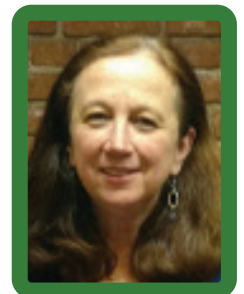
***Andy McMahon, Vice President of Health and Human Services Policy at UnitedHealthcare Community & State***

Prior to joining UnitedHealthcare, Andy worked at the Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH) for 15 years, most recently as the Vice President for Policy and External Affairs. At CSH, Andy led an array of national, state, and local efforts to align systems and integrate resources to create supportive housing opportunities for vulnerable populations. Andy will address policy opportunities to expand access to housing and related supports.

### **Housing Rights**

***Monica Murphy, Managing Attorney Disability Rights Wisconsin***

Finding housing that is affordable, available, and accessible is often difficult for people with disabilities. It's important to understand your housing rights, the different programs that may be helpful to people seeking housing, as well as options for modifications to provide accessibility. Attorney Monica Murphy will address housing and tenant rights, including disability related legal protections and accommodations.



### **COMMUNITY VOICES: Breakout discussion session**

Participants will attend a breakout session for dialogue on community needs. Each session will feature a community speaker with an important perspective on housing: peer specialist, case manager, housing division, and shelter network. Community speakers will share their perspective on housing – challenges and opportunities, followed by facilitated group discussion. Breakout groups will report out with their recommendations, which will provide the start of an action plan for the Task Force.

## Presentation of the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Karen Avery Award & Marie C. Perry Rising Leader Award



### **Karen Avery Award:**

Annually recognizes an individual whose work and values align with the legacy of Karen Avery, who was an outstanding advocate, mentor, peer, friend and leader in the fight for disability rights. As Associate Director of Independence**First**, 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. Karen was a leader in the Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force. She was generous in sharing the challenges of her own lived experience and recovery journey. After Karen's passing in 2013, the Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force established this award to honor her important and enduring legacy.

**Marie C. Perry Rising Leader Award:** Inspired by the dedication of our inaugural recipient, the Marie C. Perry Rising Leader Award honors Marie's memory and recognizes visionary leadership by an individual who is a rising and/or young leader in the Milwaukee area mental health community.



Thank you to Marie's family for the generous endowment that will fund the Marie C. Perry Rising Leader Award/Scholarship into the next decade.

### **Networking reception**

**The forum will conclude with a virtual networking session.**

**Accommodation Requests:** ASL interpreters will be available. To request other disability related accommodations, email [barbara.beckert@drwi.org](mailto:barbara.beckert@drwi.org) by October 2nd. We will do our best to be responsive to requests received after that date.

**Housing Resource List:** We are developing a list of housing resources to be shared at the forum. We invite the community to share housing resources to include. Email your suggestions to [barbara.beckert@drwi.org](mailto:barbara.beckert@drwi.org)

### **Continuing Education**

- Certified Peer Specialists can receive 2.0 Continuing Education Hours (CEHs) by attending the entire training and submitting a completed evaluation.
- All Participants can request a Certificate of Participation for 2.0 hours by attending the entire training and submitting a completed evaluation.

