

Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force 2020 Karen Avery Forum

Housing: Opportunities, Rights and Resources **Breakout Session Directions and Roles**

Forum Break out Sessions are scheduled from 3:45 – 4:10. The purpose of the breakout session is to have some focused discussion on housing challenges and opportunities with support from a community resource person who will provide a frontline perspective.

Thank you for agreeing to assist with our forum break out sessions. You will be preassigned to a breakout session – there is nothing you need to do except select “join the breakout session” when it becomes available on your screen. The breakout session is timed and you will automatically be returned to the main Zoom call when the breakout session completes.

If you have any questions or experience any technical difficulty during your session please contact me, Barbara Beckert at barbara.beckert@drwi.org. Here is a reminder of the roles and responsibilities.

Breakout Session Facilitator Responsibilities

Each session will have a facilitator.

1. As a facilitator, we ask that you introduce yourself and welcome participants to the group.
2. Each session will need a volunteer to take notes. At the beginning of the session, please ask for a volunteer to take notes that they can email to you. (We may be able to pre-assign a notetaker – if so, we will let you know!)
3. Introduce, the speaker/ resource person for your group. Review the Speaker handout to get some background on your session’s speaker.

The Breakout Session Speakers have been asked to do the following:

- Share a 5-7 minute overview of the challenges and opportunities that they see for people who live with a mental illness to find and maintain housing in Milwaukee County.
 - Address from their perspective, what is working, what are the barriers, and are there opportunities for the Mental Health Task Force to help advance change?
 - After their remarks, be available as a resource and content expert during the group discussion.
4. After your group’s speaker shares their remarks, the facilitator will support the group by moderating three questions:
 - a. What are the most significant barriers in this area in Milwaukee County?
 - b. What is currently working well in this area in Milwaukee County?
 - c. What are the top priorities in this area for MHTF to address over the next 12 months?

As a facilitator, we ask that you encourage participation from all group members, redirect conversations to stay on topic when necessary, and provide clarification on any questions that arise during the session. Remind participants that they can also share comments and resources in the chat.

5. REPORTING OUT TO LARGE GROUP

Following the breakout session, everyone will return to the large group to report out.

Each group will be asked to do the following:

- The Facilitator or recorder should report back to the large group with some highlights of the discussion. Each group will have 2 -3 minutes. You could summarize what the group discussed, or share a few key points, such as opportunities for the Mental Health Task Force to address.
- **IMPORTANT:**
As Facilitator please ask the group notetaker email their notes to you at the end of the breakout session. Please look them over and make any additions or clarifications. Then email the notes from your group to me, Barbara Beckert, at barbara.beckert@drwi.org

Breakout Session Speakers

Each group will have a Speaker who is a content expert in one of the following areas: Peer Specialist, Case Management, Housing Division, Shelter and Transitional Housing.

As a leader and resource person the focus areas, the speaker will:

- Share a 5-7 minute overview of the challenges and opportunities that you see for people who live with a mental illness to find and maintain housing in Milwaukee County.
- From your perspective / role, comment on what is working, what are the barriers, and are there opportunities for the Mental Health Task Force to help advance change?
- After your remarks, be available as a resource and content expert during the group discussion.

After the speaker's remarks, the facilitator will moderate a discussion among breakout session participants. The facilitator will be available as a resource.

Notetaker

- Each session will need a volunteer to take notes. The facilitator will receive a document that can be used by the Notetaker with the three areas the group will discuss.
- The Notetaker should email their notes to the Facilitator.
- The Facilitator should add their comments, make any clarifications, and email the note to barbara.beckert@drwi.org

BREAKOUT SESSION SPEAKERS AND FACILITATORS

Breakout Session Peer Specialist Perspective

Speaker: *Shirley Drake*, Program Coordinator of the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division Office of Consumer Affairs, WCS

Facilitator: *Todd Scharrer*, Certified Peer Specialist with Independent Living Resources.

Breakout Session Case Manager Perspective

Speaker: *Matt Raymond*, Supportive Housing Program Director at Community Advocates, Inc.,

Facilitator: *Moriah Iverson*, Business Innovations Manager at IndependenceFirst.

Breakout Session Housing Division Perspective

Speaker: *Beth Lappen*, Community Intervention Specialist at the Milwaukee County Housing Division.

Facilitator: *Mary Neubauer*, Public Policy and Advocacy Coordinator for Mental Health America of Wisconsin.

Breakout Session Housing Division Perspective

Speaker: *Eric Collins-Dyke*, Assistant Administrator of Supportive Housing and Homeless Services for the Milwaukee County Housing Division.

Facilitator: *Cynthia (CeCe) Brown*, President/CEO of C Renee Consulting and Management Group, Quality Coaching and Training Services.

Breakout Session Shelter/ Transitional Housing Perspective

Speaker: *Wendy Weckler*, Executive Director of Hope House of Milwaukee, Inc.; Chair Milwaukee Shelter and Transitional Housing Task Force. She has more than seventeen years of experience in program development.

Facilitator: Kimberly Scott-Dorsey, President/CEO and founder of the KSD Consultant Firm, LLC.

GROUND RULES - TIPS FOR A GOOD VIRTUAL MEETING EXPERIENCE

- Please remain muted throughout the presentations.
- If you experience connectivity issues, it can help to turn off your camera.
- Feel free to put questions in the chat box as you think of them. We have limited time for questions but will answer as many as we can, and we will try to post answers after the forum to questions that are not addressed.
- If you have any problems, put it in the chat box. The chat box will be monitored throughout the session.
- The PowerPoint, resources and a recording will be available on our website shortly.
- ASL Interpreters are available. To use the interpreters, you should "pin" the interpreter.
- This forum is live captioned. If you would like to use this service, click on the CC icon on the dashboard bar. Then click "show subtitle". Click "view full transcript" to see captions on the right side panel.