

Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force

Agenda: Tuesday, November 10, 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. Welcome and Task Force Updates (3:00 – 3:15)

Mary Neubauer & Christine Apple, co-chairs

- [Mental Health Task Force Membership Drive](#). Please complete your membership form and contribution to support the Task Force. Thanks to those who have responded!
- Congratulations to Shirley Drake on being appointed to the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board

2. Otis Winstead, Executive Director of Great Lakes Dry Hootch, and Mark Flower, Peer Mentor, Veterans Peer Respite. (3:15 – 3:35)

Veterans Day is October 11th. our speakers will share community resources and support veterans in a manner that is trauma informed and respectful.

(see “about our speakers” at the end of this agenda)

3. Supported Employment. (3:35 – 4:20)

Beth Andrea Lohmann |Integrated Services Coordinator, Employment Services | Individual Placement and Support

Keith Schroeder, IPS Supervisor from Goodwill

Darrel Lofton, IPS Employment Specialist from Easterseals

The IPS Milwaukee Teams will give an overview of the evidence based supported employment model they are using to support job seeker’s with mental illness as part of their recovery. Individual Placement and Support (IPS) services are used in the Comprehensive Community Support (CCS) program in Milwaukee with plans to expand IPS services into Community Support Program (CSP) in 2021. IPS is currently offered in 22 other counties within Wisconsin. Our speakers will share the 2019 -2020 Milwaukee County outcomes related to employment and hear from some job seekers who have accessed the service to hear how work has impacted their lives.

4. **MHTF 2020 Forum on *Housing: Opportunities, Rights and Resources*:**
(4:20 – 4:30) Debrief and discuss next steps. Moriah Iverson,
IndependenceFirst and Mental Health Task Force Steering committee
 - [Forum evaluation results](#)
 - [Forums Housing Resources posted](#)
 - Future speakers on housing – send suggestions to barbara.beckert@drwi.org
 - Policy Opportunities

5. **Mental Health Board Update: Mary Neubauer**, MHTF co-chair and rep on the
Milwaukee County Mental Health Board (4:30 – 4:45)

6. **Election Results for State Legislature, and other Policy Updates**, Barbara
Beckert, MHTF Coordinator (4:45 – 5)

ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS ON VETERANS ISSUES

Otis Winstead, VPS,WCPS, NPS, Executive Director of Great Lakes Dryhooch, has dedicated his career to serving as an advocate, peer mentor, and leader in his community. His heart can be found in walking alongside and providing support to other Veterans and peers in recovery. As a peer mentor, Otis uses his recovery as a way to connect with others and use his lived experience to spread the message of hope and resilience to the Veterans he mentors. Otis is a constant advocate for Veteran health. He teaches his community and academic partners from a first-hand perspective about the struggles of opioid recovery and the need to address personal life trauma, adversity, and mental health. A Vietnam Era Army Veteran, Otis is a leader among Veterans who leads by example and practices what he teaches. Otis was the seventh recipient of the Mental Health Task Force Karen Avery Award

Mark Flower, Co-founder of Dryhooch of America. Mark Flower was involved with the day-to-day functioning of the organization at the executive level and also works with his guy's as a peer mentor and works with his mentors. A veteran from the Cold War era, Mark joined the Army in 1976, and served on active duty with the 25th Infantry Division through 1980. Later 1981 to 2006 actively serving our under contract, he joined the 84th Training Division Milw.,WI. and served as a Tank Commander and later as a instructor/evaluator, then as a field sanitation NCO and a Medic with the 452nd Combat Support Hospital out of Milw.,Wi,. Mark struggled with alcoholism and drugs and started his journey in Recovery in September of 1993. Since that date, he has been substance free and has helped other on there journey in recovery by managing halfway houses, including the Manitoba House, Sals House Transitional Living Facility,and managing the Alano Foundation a recovery organization.

SAVE THE DATE

December 8th Meeting

DeShanda Williams, MSCP is the Director of Runaway and Homeless Youth Services for Pathfinders in Milwaukee

BHD CARS staff will speak about their initiative to address housing work, including the housing checklist, training for case managers and defining this as part of their job, and the housing champions. (30 minutes)

Tuesday, November 17th, 9:30am-11:30am, CST

Intersection of Race and Mental Health Presentation & Discussion

Rogers InHealth and WISE will host three guest speakers during this virtual state-wide coalition meeting.

[WISE Coalition Meeting Nov. 17th](#)

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

Contact the Mental Health Board at: MHB@milwaukeecountywi.gov

Mental Health Board Executive Committee
December 1 at 9 AM

Mental Health Board Finance Committee
December 3 at 1:30 PM

Mental Health Board Quality Committee
December 7 at 10 AM

Mental Health Board Meeting
December 10th 8 AM Teleconference meeting