

# Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force

**Agenda: Tuesday, February 9th, 2021**

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.
- Sign language interpreters are provided at most meetings. We will pause as needed to “switch” interpreters.
- Auto-captioning is provided. You may turn captioning on or off. Click on the ^ symbol next to the CC Live transcript button if you want to hide subtitles, or to view the full transcript.
- At the top of your video screen you can choose between speaker view or gallery view – whichever you prefer.

## **Meeting materials including presenter resources are posted on our website**

- <https://www.milwaukeeemhtf.org/2021/02/04/mental-health-task-force-february-9th-virtual-meeting/>

### **1. Welcome and Task Force Updates (3:00 – 3:10)**

Mary Neubauer & Christine Apple, co-chairs

- Our focus at this meeting will be on new models of crisis response, including models that do not rely on use of law enforcement.
- We hope you will join us for our March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting which will include a briefing on the proposed Wisconsin Biennial Budget.

### **2. New Models of Crisis Response, Amy C Watson, PhD, Professor, Helen Bader School of Social Welfare. *Includes times for Q and A.* (3:10 – 3:40)**

*(see bio on page 2)*

### **3. CAHOOTS (Crisis Assistance Helping Out On The Streets), Tim Black, Director of Consulting, White Bird Clinic, Eugene, Oregon. *Includes times for Q and A.* (3:40 – 4:10)**

### **4. Tentative – confirmation pending. A Milwaukee perspective on crisis response, District 9 Alderwoman, Chantia Lewis (4:10 – 4:25)**

5. **Public Policy Updates:** Update on state policy and budget, and Mental Health Task Force Priorities. Includes COVID 19 Vaccine updates. Barbara Beckert, Disability Rights Wisconsin(4:25 – 4:35)

- Link to information about [State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee \(SDMAC\) | Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#)
- [Who Are My Legislators](#) link – update contact information for your State Legislators

6. **Spring election updates,** Barbara Beckert, Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition

- February 16<sup>th</sup> Election – key dates and resources (4:35 – 4:45)
- The Mental Health Task Force is a co-sponsor of a Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition Candidate forum for State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Save the date for March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 – 8:30 PM. Registration is required. <https://disabilityvote.org/>

7. **Mental Health Board Updates** (4:45 – 4:55)

**Mary Neubauer**, MHTF co-chair and rep on the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board and **Shirley Drake**, newly appointed MH Board member will update us on the Milwaukee County Mental Health Board

- MHTF Public Comment on proposed Mental Health Emergency Center <https://www.milwaukeeemhtf.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/MHTF-MH-Board-Testimony-01.28.2021-acc.pdf>

8. **Announcements** (4:55 – 5)

### **Bio for Amy Catherine Watson:**

Amy C Watson, PhD, Professor, Helen Bader School of Social Welfare. My work over the past 20 years has focused on the intersection of the criminal justice and mental health systems-including mental health courts, re-entry programs, and police response to mental health crisis. I have conducted several federally funded studies of the Crisis Intervention Team model and have examined various models of crisis response. I served on the compliance team for the City of Portland (OR) settlement agreement with the United States Department of Justice and the Mayor's Mental Health Steering Committee (Chicago). I currently serve as the President of the CIT International Board of Directors.

### **Save the Dates**

- **February 16, 2021** at 7 PM: Governor Evers Budget Address.
- [February 25<sup>th</sup> Mental Health Board Meeting](#), 8 AM, contract approval
- **March 9<sup>th</sup> Mental Health Task Force meeting and State Budget overview**