

Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force

Agenda: Tuesday, March 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 will be posted on our website

<https://www.milwaukeeemhtf.org/2021/02/19/milwaukee-health-task-force-march-9th-meeting-budget-briefing/> Some materials may not be posted until after the meeting.

1. Welcome and Task Force Updates (3:00 – 3:05)

Mary Neubauer & Christine Apple, co-chairs

- We are pleased to welcome Wisconsin Medicaid Director Jim Jones to provide some updates. DRW will provide a briefing on the biennial budget. We encourage you to get informed and take an active role in supporting the many positive proposals in the budget.
- Join us for our April 13th meeting which will focus on the future of crisis services in Milwaukee County. This will include a presentation about the Joint Venture Emergency Center from Pete Carlson, Advocate Aurora Behavioral Health Services, and Joy Tapper, Milwaukee Healthcare Partnership. BHD Administrator Mike Lappen will speak about Milwaukee County’s role with the Joint Venture Emergency Center, and the continuum of crisis services.

2. Briefing on Biennial Budget 3:05 – 4:15 PM:

Barbara Beckert and Phyllis Greenberger, Disability Rights Wisconsin.

This is one of a series of briefings provided by Disability Rights Wisconsin, The Arc Wisconsin, and Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities. The briefing will cover policy priorities for the Mental Health Task Force: the Department of Health Services including mental health services, Corrections and Youth Justice, K-12 education, transportation, supports for people experiencing housing insecurity, voting rights, and more.

3. **Medicaid and Budget updates**, Jim Jones Wisconsin Medicaid Director: 4:15 – 4:50 PM. Medicaid updates may include Medicaid suspension instead of termination for people who are incarcerated, residential substance use disorder treatment for people, telehealth, and housing supports.

4. **Legal Aid Society and ACLU-WI invitation to provide feedback on community and co-provider perception of care and continuity of care provided to individuals with mental illness who have recently experienced (May 2019 - 2021) incarceration in the Milwaukee County Jail and Milwaukee County House of Correction.**

Attorney Pete Koneazny, Legal Aid Society, 4:50 – 5 PM

- If you are a service provider/ agency, and would like to schedule a time to provide comments, contact Pete pkoneazny@lasmilwaukee.com to indicate your interest.
- Input is also needed from family members and individuals who were cared for in the jail during May 2019 – 2021. A survey will be posted at the Legal Aid Society website to gather input. <https://lasmilwaukee.com/>

Save the Dates

Milwaukee County Mental Health Board meeting: March 18th at 4:30. Includes Public Input on the BHDS budget. Check the website for meeting agenda and the link to participate: <https://county.milwaukee.gov/EN/DHHS/About/Governance>

April 6th Election – important dates

Registration:

- By mail or online: Mar 17
- In-Person: Apr 6
- At Municipal Clerk's Office until Apr 2

Absentee:

- Request your ballot ASAP to allow time to receive and return. Legal deadline to request is April 1 by 5 pm

Resources:

My Vote Wisconsin: <https://myvote.wi.gov/>

Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition: <https://disabilityvote.org/>

Press Release: Gov. Evers to Host Six Virtual Badger Bounceback Live Sessions (govdelivery.com)

Gov. Tony Evers has announced a series of virtual Badger Bounceback Live Sessions that will provide six opportunities for Wisconsinites to discuss, provide feedback, and share personal stories on the governor's Badger Bounceback agenda and how it affects them, their families, and communities across the state while also having the opportunity to engage in the policymaking process as the 2021-23 budget moves through the legislative process.