

# Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force

**Agenda: Tuesday, June 8, 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. If you need assistance accessing the interpreter, put your request in the chat.
- 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 are being posted on our website at:**

<https://www.milwaukeeemhtf.org/2021/05/28/mental-health-task-force-june-8th-meeting/>

Some materials may not be posted until after the meeting.

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

Mary Neubauer & Christine Apple, co-chairs

- We are planning our annual Karen Avery forum and it will focus on best practices for treatment of substance use disorders, and harm reduction. We want your input! To share ideas, or serve on the planning committee, contact [barbara.beckert@drwi.org](mailto:barbara.beckert@drwi.org).
- We need your input. Take the Mental Health Task Force survey on priorities for the 2022 BHD budget. [Take the 2022 BHD Budget Priorities Survey here.](#)

### **2. Peer Support in Wisconsin (3:10 – 3:45)**

Update from Kenya Bright, Wisconsin Dept. of Health Services - Section Chief, Integrated Services Section, Bureau of Prevention, Treatment & Recovery Division of Care and Treatment Services

### **3. Peer Support Update from Our Space, including Peer Run Respite and other peer delivered services. (3:45 – 4:15)**

Jennifer Zuelke, Peer-run Respite, and Melissa Wisniewski, Executive Assistant

4. **Mental Health America national staff** will provide a policy update on legislation to cover peer support in Medicare. (4:15 – 4:35)  
Caren Howard, Director Policy and Advocacy; Kelly Davis, Associate Vice President of Peer and Youth Advocacy

5. **Policy Updates** (4:45 – 5:00)

Mary Neubauer, MHTF representative on Mental Health Board, and Barbara Beckert, Disability Rights WI

- MHTF Survey on 2022 BHD County Budget Priorities: [Take the 2022 BHD Budget Priorities Survey here.](#)
- **Upcoming public input opportunities on BHD budget**- share your priorities
  - June 15<sup>th</sup> 4:30 Mental Health Board Finance Committee meeting
  - June 24<sup>th</sup> 1:30 Mental Health Board Finance Committee meeting

**State updates: State budget and Voting bills**

- Voter suppression bills will be voted on Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup> in State Legislature. Contact your legislators NOW. Here's how:

<https://disabilityvote.org/2021/act-now-on-voting-bills-that-will-make-it-harder-for-people-with-disabilities-to-vote-2/>

- **State Budget Advocacy needed**

Contact your state legislators and ask them to prioritize mental health and substance user disorder services in the budget and support Medicaid expansion. Here are some resources to provide you with talking points:

- [Mental Health Task Force budget testimony](#)
- View information about mental health and other budget proposals on [the WI Department of Health Services website here.](#)
- View [the MHTF State Budget Advocacy Updates presentation here \(rev. April 15, 2021\).](#)