



The Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force is the voice of the community on issues related to the quality and responsiveness of mental health and substance use disorder services.

About the Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force

The Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force was formed in 2004, in response to a crisis in inpatient psychiatric services that exposed major gaps in Milwaukee's system of mental health care. The Task Force includes participants from over 40 organizations, and other community members, who work collaboratively to advance the quality and responsiveness of mental health and substance use disorder services, give peers and families a strong voice, reduce stigma, and implement recovery principles.

Mental Health Task Force Strategic Priorities

Our strategic plan includes a focus on policy advocacy and analysis, expanding access to community services and supports, and coalition growth including expanding membership to reflect the great diversity of the Milwaukee community. Our meetings provide information about community resources, as well as updates and analysis of the county and state budget and legislation, and how we can influence public policy.

Recent featured issues include Chief Judge Mary Triggiano speaking about efforts to divert people with mental illness from the criminal justice system, briefings on county administered crisis and community services for mental health conditions and substance use disorders, work on redesign of crisis services, our state budget briefing, and our annual briefing on Milwaukee County budget requests. Our annual Karen Avery Forum has provided education on peer run respite, structural racism and implicit bias, housing rights and services, and pathways to employment.



Our Leadership

The Task Force is co-chaired by Mary Neubauer and Christine Apple. Leadership is also provided by our Steering Committee which includes providers, peers, advocates, family members, and at large members. The Task Force is staffed by Disability Rights Wisconsin; DRW Milwaukee Office Director Barbara Beckert serves as Coordinator.

Check Out Our Online Resources



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Join Us at Our Monthly Meetings

The Task Force usually meets the second Tuesday of the month from 3 – 5 PM. We are meeting virtually via Zoom at this time to stay safe. In-person meetings are held at Independence First.



Get Connected - Join Our Email List

All are welcome to sign up for the Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force listserv (email list) which provides information about community events, policy updates, job openings, MMHTF meetings and more. You may complete this form and submit it today. You may also email your request to Disability Rights Wisconsin at elisec@drwi.org.

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