

Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force

Agenda: Tuesday, October 12, 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 a few questions. 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.
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- 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/2021/09/28/october-12th-mental-health-task-force-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

- Thank you to supporting members. Note we have a new option for online payment: <https://www.milwaukeeemhtf.org/2021/09/30/mmhtf-2021-2022-membership-drive/>
- Appreciation for our forum planning committee and speakers
- Thanks for new Steering Committee members JJ Bell and Pete Koneazny

2. **Granite Hills Hospital Update**, Jennifer Bergersen, CEO. (3:10 – 3:35)

Granite Hills is the new behavioral health hospital expected to open very soon. It will include provide care for patients referred from the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division, as the Mental Health Complex closes.

<https://granitehillshospital.com/>

3. **Medicaid Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) update and changes**, Nicholas Di Meo, MPH, Health Policy Advisor | State of Wisconsin, Department of Health Services, Division of Medicaid Services (3:35 – 4:05)

Three Veyo representatives joining.

- Adam Thomas, Wisconsin Operations Manager
- Beau Johnson, Call Center Manager
- Jonathan Liegeois, Education, Training, and Outreach Manager

4. **Wisconsin Community Services (WCS) Hub & Spoke Program**, Eric Diamond, Director of Innovation and Special Projects and Maya Robinson, Assistant Director of Hub & Spoke Health Home (4:05 – 4:20)
5. **Debrief on our 2021 Karen Avery Forum, Celebrating Recovery, Ending Stigma, Embracing Possibilities and discussion of next steps, Susan Gadacz, Forum Planning Committee.** (4:20 – 4:45)
 - Mental Health Board testimony September 23rd
 - Advocacy Opportunity: SB-600 decriminalizing fentanyl testing strips
Link to Senate Bill 600: [2021 Senate Bill 600 \(wisconsin.gov\)](https://legis.wisconsin.gov/2021/bills/senate/sb_600)
6. **Policy Updates**, Milwaukee County Mental Health Board and State legislation Mary Neubauer, MHTF representative on Mental Health Board, and Barbara Beckert, Disability Rights WI (4:45 – 5))

Save the date

November 9th Mental Health Task Force meeting

- In honor of Veteran's day, we will hear from:
Brian Michel, Director of Prevention Services from MHA and Sara Kolbeck, Director the Division of Suicide Prevention from MCW for November to speak on the *Remembering The Lost Project*
- **Update on Mental Health Emergency Center (MHEC)**
Jessica Small, *Aurora Behavioral Health Services* VP of Operations for WI, and the executive leader for the MHEC
Mike Lappen, Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division Administrator

October 28th Mental Health Board meeting, 8 AM

Agenda and meeting materials will be posted on:

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