

Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force

Agenda: Tuesday, July 12, 2022

Meeting materials are posted on our website at:

<https://www.milwaukeeemhtf.org/2022/07/01/july-12th-milwaukee-mental-health-task-force-meeting/>

- Some materials may be posted after the meeting.

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

Mary Neubauer & Christine Apple, co-chairs

- Review ground rules (see page 2)
- Save the date for our August 16th County Budget briefing with special guest County Exec David Crowley – Tuesday August 16th at 3 – 5 PM

2. Kevin Kluesner, Site Administrator, Mental Health Emergency Center (3:05 – 3:35)

Administrator Kluesner will provide an overview of the new Mental Health Emergency Center which is scheduled to open in September, and will serve children and adults experiencing a mental health crisis. The MMHTF provided some questions in advance (listed at the end of this agenda)

3. Kelly Pethke, Interim Administrator, DHHS - Children, Youth and Family Services, introduced by Shakita LaGrant-McClain | Director Milwaukee County Department of Health & Human Services (3:35 – 4:05)

Administrator Pethke will update us on what is happening in Milwaukee with youth in the justice system, Milwaukee County's role; what programming, services, and treatment are provided; and the status of plans to bring youth home from Lincoln Hills and Copper Lake

4. Mental Health Task Force Volunteer Opportunities, Christine Apple, MHTF Co-chair (4:05 – 4:15)

5. Policy Updates: Mental Health Board, State policy and budget, and 2022 Elections (4:15 – 4:30)

Mary Neubauer – MNHT CO-chair, and Mental Health Board member, Barbara Beckert Disability Rights Wisconsin.

- Link to Update on 2022 Elections
- [Voter Toolkit](#) – 2022 Elections
- [DRW Statement on Teigen v WEC](#)
- [Make Your Plan to Vote](#)

6. **Robin Dorman, Regional Attorney Manager - State Public Defender Office.** (4:30 – 5)

Attorney Dorman will address the issue of youth with emotional or mental health disabilities who are in the justice system, what is happening to them, any concerns or recommendations for changes, and what services and treatment are available for youth (or should be).

Save the Date

- Wisconsin Partisan Primary: August 9, 2022
register to vote, request an absentee ballot, see your ballot, or check your polling place at: [MyVote Wisconsin](#)
- **Tuesday August 16th** at 3 – 5 PM via Zoom
Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force annual budget briefing: 2023 Milwaukee County Department Budget Requests as Submitted to the County Executive.
The briefing will feature special guest County Executive David Crowley, and department leadership.
- Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 3 – 5 via Zoom
Mental Health Task Force September meeting
Speakers will include Jennifer Bergersen, MSW, CAPSW| Chief Executive Officer, Granite Hills Hospital

MEETING GROUND RULES

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.
- Speakers, please say your name before you speak to help with accessibility
- 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.

Mental Health Emergency Center Questions from Mental Health Task Force

July 2022

The mental health workforce is such a challenge right now. Can you fill us in on where MHEC is with staffing including the following:

- Psychiatrists who you expect will be on the staff.
- Therapists
- Bilingual staff
- Peer support

What is the MHEC philosophy about use of restraints? What practices will be in place to limit use of restraints, support de-escalation, and encourage voluntary treatment.

What will the experience be like from entering the building through discharge for:

- Involuntary patients – adults and youth
- Voluntary patients – adults and youth
- Family members or partners who accompany a patient

What resources will be at the MHEC to connect patients with community services, such as mental health outpatient services, assistance with getting insurance and other benefits, housing, etc. And to follow up with patients after discharge?

In earlier meetings, the MHTF had shared recommendations that the MHEC utilize accessibility experts to ensure that the center was fully ADA compliant and accessible. Can you share how ADA compliance and accessibility has been addressed and reviewed for compliance?

How will patients who are hospitalized be transported?

The Mental Health Task Force has encouraged engagement of community stakeholders in the planning process, especially those who have personal experience with using crisis services at PCS and receiving mental health services. Has this happened to date? What is the plan to involve people with lived experience and other community stakeholders moving forward?

Fencing was put up for construction. Will that be coming down? The current appearance is not welcoming; some have said it looks correctional. We all want to ensure that the new center feels welcoming and respectful.

There is a lot of interest in seeing the facility. Will tours be available soon?

What are the plans to engage with the neighborhood and foster community relations?