



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.

Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force Agenda: Tuesday, February 14, 2023

1. Welcome – Mary Neubauer & Christine Apple, co-chairs (3 -3:05)

- Meeting ground rules
- Complete the MHTF 2023 Programs Survey: <https://forms.gle/NHCtKjZmvK5boTvz6>
- Reminder: [MHTF annual membership drive Membership Drive Letter](#)
- **Vote** in the February 21 primary for the Wisconsin Supreme Court. The new justice may have the deciding vote on cases on the rights of people with mental illness, voting rights, redistricting, and much more. See resources on page 2.

Note: Meeting Materials are posted on our website at this link:

- <https://www.milwaukeeemhtf.org/2023/02/08/february-14-2023-milwaukee-mental-health-task-force-meeting/>

2. Harm Reduction and Prevention Vending Machines, Jeremy Triblett, Prevention Services Coordinator, Milwaukee County (3:05 – 3:40)

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), harm reduction is critical to keeping people who use drugs alive and as healthy as possible. Behavioral Health Services of Milwaukee County Department of Health & Human Services has partnered with Vivent Health's Lifepoint program and HRI Vending to increase Milwaukee County residents' access to harm reduction and prevention supplies via vending machines located in agencies across Milwaukee County.

3. Supporting and Empowering Milwaukee Youth (3:40 – 4:30)

- Audra O'Connell, Executive Director, [Walker's Point Youth and Family Center](#)
- DeShanda Clark, Sr. Vice President of Programs & Services, [Pathfinders](#)

4. Black Pioneers, Montréal Cain – MERA WI (4:30 – 5)

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.

Resources for the February 21st Spring Primary

Disability Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline: 844-347-8683 or email info@disabilityvote.org

- [MyVote Wisconsin \(wi.gov\)](https://www.wi.gov)
- [Voter Toolkit – 2023 Elections - Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition](#)
- [Make Your Plan to Vote 2023 – English version \(accessible PDF\)](#)
- [Wisconsin Supreme Court Fact Sheet – Disability Vote Coalition](#)
- [Wisconsin Courts Matter: FAQ and Resources](#)

Links to learn about the candidates

- [Vote 411 Wisconsin](#) – Voter information from the League of Women Voters, including candidate information. Includes links to candidate websites
- [Ballotopedia](#): View your ballot with links to candidate information
- [WisPolitics State Supreme Court Election Forum - WisconsinEye \(wiseeye.org\)](#)
- Wisconsin Eye “Newsmaker” Interviews with the Candidates
Note 2 candidates have been interviewed. The other two are coming soon.
 - [Newsmakers: Campaign 2023 Interview with Wisconsin Supreme Court Candidate Everett Mitchell - WisconsinEye \(wiseeye.org\)](#)
 - [Newsmakers: Campaign 2023 Interview with Wisconsin Supreme Court Candidate Dan Kelly - WisconsinEye \(wiseeye.org\)](#)

Coverage in the media. Here are a few links:

- Wisconsin State Journal Editorial: [OUR VIEW: Look for a judge who hasn't made up mind \(madison.com\)](#)
- [2023's Biggest, Most Unusual Race Centers on Abortion and Democracy - The New York Times \(nytimes.com\)](#)
- Other websites may offer nonpartisan information:
 - [Meet the candidates running in the 2023 Wisconsin Supreme Court primary \(pbswisconsin.org\)](#)
 - [2023 Wisconsin Supreme Court Race Non-partisan Voters Guide \(guides.vote\)](#)

Know Your Rights

People with disabilities have the right to have an equal opportunity to vote, and to access disability related accommodations, if needed. Some of the most widely used accommodations are curbside voting, receiving assistance with marking a ballot, and use of accessible voting machines. See our fact sheet and video:

- [View English Voting Rights fact sheet here \(accessible pdf\)](#).
- [View Spanish Voting Rights fact sheet here \(accessible pdf\)](#).
- [Know Your Rights](#) video

Ballot Return Assistance. As affirmed by a federal court in August 2022, any Wisconsin voter who requires assistance with mailing or delivering their absentee ballot to the municipal clerk because of a disability must be permitted to receive such assistance by a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.

- [Guidance on Absentee Ballot Return Options Under the Federal Voting Rights Act | Wisconsin Elections Commission](#)

Guardianship and Voting Rights. In Wisconsin, a person under guardianship retains the right to vote unless the court expressly removes it. If an individual is under guardianship and unsure of their right to vote, the Court's decision regarding the right to vote is recorded on a court form called "A Determination and Order on Petition for Guardianship Due to Incompetency." A person who has a guardian and has lost the right to vote may petition the court to restore their right to vote

- [Competency, Guardianship and Voting in Wisconsin](#).
- [Competency, Guardianship and Voting in Wisconsin - Spanish](#)
- [Guardianship and Voting Resources - Disability Rights Wisconsin](#)

Help with Voting Questions

- Disability Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline: 1-844-347-8683 / 1-844-DIS-VOTE or email us at info@disabilityvote.org
- Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition website - <https://disabilityvote.org/>
- Your municipal clerk: myvote.wi.gov/en-US/MyMunicipalClerk
- Wisconsin Elections Commission: 866-VOTE-WIS/868-3944 (staffed Mon – Fri from 7:45 AM – 4:30 PM/ longer hours on Election Day)
 - Email: elections@wi.gov Website: <https://elections.wi.gov/>
- DMV Voter ID Hotline: (844) 588-1069. Apply for a free Photo ID for voting at the [Wisconsin Division of Motor Vehicles](#) (DMV).