



*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, July 11, 2023**

#### **1. Welcome – Mary Neubauer & Christine Apple, co-chairs (3 – 3:10)**

- Thanks to Independence First for once again hosting Mental Health Task Force meetings, beginning July 11<sup>th</sup>
- Ground rules for hybrid meetings
- Volunteers are needed for our Karen Avery Forum planning committee. This year's forum will focus how to address housing needs. Interested in helping? Email [barbara.beckert@drwi.org](mailto:barbara.beckert@drwi.org). Thanks to those who have responded to date.
- Save the date for our annual **Milwaukee County Budget Briefing** scheduled for Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 3 PM with special guest County Executive David Crowley and department leadership.

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

<https://www.milwaukeeemhtf.org/2023/06/29/july-11-2023-mmhtf-meeting/>

#### **2. What's Happening with Peer Support?** Focus on Peer Run Respite and [Peer Recovery Center](#) with [Our Space](#). (3:10 – 3:40)

Speakers Jennifer Zuelke the Lead Peer Support Specialist for the [Parachute House](#), and Brittney Saenz our Program Development and Analytics Officer for Our Space

#### **3. Supported employment: Learn about the Club House model of supported employment, the work of Grand Avenue Club, and opportunities to get involved.** (3:40 – 4:10)

Speakers: Phillip Connelly, Executive Director, [Grand Avenue Club](#) and Grenesha Reed, a member of Grand Avenue Club

#### **4. Resiliency to Advocacy - Leading a fulfilling life through Peer Support**

Mary Neubauer, MSW, CPS. (4:10 – 4:40)

Mary is a Milwaukee County trained Peer Specialist since 2006 and has been state certified since its inception. Join us as Mary chronicles various types of Peer Support she has provided over the past 40 years and shares the fulfillment of being a Certified Peer Specialist. She will share points of critical Peer Support she has received during the past 40 years and how it impacted her recovery and direction of her life.

## **5. Policy Updates – State Budget and Milwaukee County Mental Health Board,** Barbara Beckert (4:40 – 5 PM)

- Wisconsin Biennial Budget for 2023 – 2025: updates on status of mental health and substance use disorder items approved in the final budget
- Milwaukee County Behavioral Services Proposed Budget from [July 6<sup>th</sup> Mental Health Board meeting packet](#)

## **MEETING GROUND RULES**

Thank you for joining us! Please follow these ground rules for our meeting. We are revising these for our new hybrid format:

### **Zoom participants:**

- Please share any questions or tech issues in the chat. We will monitor the chat and do our best to be responsive.
- **Please remain muted to minimize background noise for others.**
- 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.

### **All Participants:**

- We hope to have time after each speaker for a few questions. Virtual participants: Use the chat feature to type your questions. In person participants: raise your hand. We will answer as many as we can. We will try to first ask the questions from virtual participants.
- 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

## **Dates to Remember**

**August 8<sup>th</sup> Mental Health Task Force County Budget Briefing.** 3 – 5 PM at Independence First, 540 S. 1<sup>st</sup>. Also available via Zoom. With special guest County Executive David Crowley and department leadership.

**August 24 – Milwaukee County Mental Health Board meeting** at 9 AM, Zoofari Conference Center, [9715 W Bluemound Rd, Milwaukee, WI 53226](#)