



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, October 10, 2023

1. Welcome – Susan Gadacz & Robin Pedersen, acting co-chairs and Steering Committee members (3 – 3:10)

- Meeting ground rules
- Thank you to Nicole Damiano for speaking on behalf of the MHTF at the Mental Health Board Public Comments session.
- Welcome to Sally Smaida, new Mental Health Task Force Coordinator
- Our annual membership campaign will kick off this fall. Watch for details – your support is vital to the work of the Mental Health Task Force.

Meeting Materials are posted on our website at this link:

<https://www.milwaukeeemhtf.org/2023/09/28/october-10-2023-milwaukee-mental-health-task-force-meeting/>

2. Granite Hills Hospital: An Update (3:10 – 3:50)

Angela Sanders, Psy.D., Chief Executive Officer of Granite Hills Hospital

Dr. Sanders will provide an update on Granite Hills Hospital, including addressing questions provided by the Mental Health Task Force. We will also have some time for questions from attendees. Milwaukee County has a contract with Granite Hills to serve involuntary and uninsured patients.

3. Uplift WI: Wisconsin's New Statewide Warmline Provides Peer Support. (3:50 – 4:20)

Jensen Bosio (she/they), Uplift WI Program Supervisor, Mental Health America of Wisconsin

- Uplift WI is for Wisconsin residents and is staffed by certified peer specialists. Call this line if you need someone to talk to for support when things are difficult, or when you just need a peer to connect with. This line is fully anonymous and confidential. It is not directly connected to crisis linkage services. Uplift will not call emergency services unless you specifically request this from us, and that process will be led by you.

4. Mental Health Navigation Initiative (4:20 – 4:55)

Improving Connections to Mental Health and Substance Services in Milwaukee County

- Alison True, Director of Organizational Advancement, Milwaukee Health Care Partnership
- Mike Lappen, Administrator, Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Services
- Aziz Abdullah, Co-Founder, INPOWER

Save the Dates!

- Our November 10th meeting will focus on Veterans Mental Health. Speakers will include Levi Marker and Bob Curry of DryHootch.
- The Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors will host its Annual Public Hearing regarding the 2024 Recommended Budget on Monday, October 30, 2023. Make your voice heard and share your priorities for housing, transit and paratransit, services for people in the justice system and more.
Note: The mental health budget is approved by the Mental Health Board.
- Contact your Milwaukee County Supervisor to share your priorities for the budget.
 - [Search for your County Supervisor via this look-up](#)
 - [Milwaukee County Executive & County board Contact Information](#)

Meeting Ground Rules For Hybrid Meetings

Thank you for joining us! We have revised these rules for our 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