



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.

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Agenda: Tuesday, September 12, 2023

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

- Meeting ground rules

Meeting Materials are posted on our website at this link:

<https://www.milwaukeeemhtf.org/2023/09/01/september-12-2023-milwaukee-mental-health-task-force-meeting/>

2. Suicide Prevention: What's Happening in Wisconsin? (3:10 – 3:40)

Erica Steib, MPH, Suicide Prevention Program Manager; Prism Program Founder at Mental Health America of WI

September is National [Suicide Prevention Month](#). Erica will share Wisconsin's strategies to prevent suicide and statewide data. Join us in this effort to raise awareness and increase prevention efforts.

3. A Focus on National Recovery Month, including Speakers from *The Phoenix* and sharing recovery resources. (3:40 – 4:10)

Christine Ullstrup, LCSW, CSAC, Meta House, will introduce our speakers:

Byron Thompson, Regional Manager, The Phoenix

Jason Ciepluch, Volunteer Coordinator, The Phoenix

The Phoenix is a national nonprofit organization that provides free physical activities and social events for anyone in recovery or sober curious with 48 hours of continuous sobriety.

Susan Gadacz, MHTF Steering Committee member, will share recovery resources.

September marks [National Recovery Month](#), a time to share the message that treatment can save a life and can help people with substance use disorders recover from addiction's powerful effects on their brain and behavior.

4. Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Services Division (BHS) Update, Mike Lappen, Administrator (4:10 – 4:40)

5. Policy Updates – Milwaukee County Mental Health Board, State updates
Mary Neubauer, MHTF Co-chair and Mental Health Board member,
Barbara Beckert, Disability Rights Wisconsin (4:40 – 5)

- Plan to participate in next Mental Health Board Public Comment session, Thursday September 28 at 4:30 PM at Washington Park Senior Center, 4420 W. Vliet Ave.
- Milwaukee County Budget advocacy – the time is now!
Contact your County Supervisor: [Find your District and Supervisor \(findyourcountysupervisor.com\)](http://findyourcountysupervisor.com)

Save the Date! Our October 10th meeting will include the following:

- Granite Hills update from Angela Sanders, CEO
- State Warmline update: Maddison Wagner, Uplift Program Supervisor, and Jensen Bosio, Uplift Program Manager
- Mental Health Navigation Initiative, supported by INPOWER, to share recommendations for improving navigation resources with the Mental Health system

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.