



*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 13, 2024**

- 1. Ko-Thi**, Drumming call
- 2. Welcome and Introductions**, Dr. Christine Apple
- 3. Sumaiyah Clark – Chief Equity Officer, Milwaukee County**
- 4. Ko-Thi Dance Company Live**, Artistic Director, Sonya Thompson. (3:10-3:25)  
Founded in Milwaukee, Ko-Thi Dance Company has been a beacon of African and Caribbean dance traditions since 1969, bringing continuity, faith, and love to audiences worldwide.
- 5. Acknowledgements**
- 6. Brenda Wesley and Terri Ellzey**, presenting from The ASK (Access, Support, Knowledge) Series, a sample of "Why is the Village Burning?", addressing generational trauma and mental health in the black community.
- 7. Ko-Thi panel presentation**
- 8. Jessica Perez**, CPS-LC Trainer & Engagement Coordinator from Chrysalis in Madison.  
Discussing a statewide grant from the Department of Health Services. Learn about becoming part of the cohort if you offer services to underserved populations.
- 9. Montreal Cain**, Founder of MERA WI, presenting on Black Inventors in the realm of Mental Health and Substance Use. MERA directly works with underserved populations providing SUD and OUD services.
- 10. Membership Campaign**
- 11. Closing**
- 12. Reception**

## 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.