

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 abuse disorder services.

**Milwaukee Mental Health Task Force**  
**“Code Blue Emergency” – April 17, 2019**  
**Mary Neubauer, Co-chair**

Thank you, Chairman Supreme Moore Omokunde and members of the committee for consideration of the adoption of the “Code Blue Emergency”, resolution put forth by Supervisors Sequanna Taylor and Steven Shea which would create a policy to open overnight warming centers when outside temperatures fall below 32 degrees Fahrenheit which will benefit people with mental illness and substance use disorders, and promote recovery.

The Mental Health Task Force was established in 2004 and works collaboratively to identify issues faced by people affected by mental illness and by substance abuse disorders, facilitate improvements in services, give consumers and families a strong voice, reduce stigma, and implement recovery principles. Our coalition of over 40 organizations includes peers, advocates, service providers, and family members. Our recommendation is informed by our experience on the frontline of the mental health system.

We ask each of you to support the “Code Blue Emergency” Resolution so individuals in Milwaukee County are not left in the cold when the temperature is below 32 degrees Fahrenheit challenging peoples mental well being.

Thank you,

Mary Neubauer, Co-chair

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