

Why join the Recovery Implementation Task Force?

“I value the opportunity to develop partnerships with peer leaders through the Recovery Implementation Task Force. Having the perspectives of those with lived experience ensures Wisconsin’s mental health and substance use services promote recovery, hope, dignity, and empowerment through the lifespan.”

~ **Patrick Cork**, Administrator, Division of Care and Treatment Services

“The Recovery Implementation Task Force has given me the opportunity to see outside of myself on a much larger scale. To have an influence, and connect to people with the same passion I have for mental health and addiction. There is nothing better than to have your voice be heard.”

~ **Julie F.**, Consumer Member

“New Horizons North’s participation in the Recovery Implementation Task Force connects us with colleagues invested in promoting and providing recovery oriented services. After each meeting, I am further motivated and inspired to continue to innovate and provide excellent services to the people we support.”

~ **Val Levno**, Provider Member

Join the Recovery Implementation Task Force!

- Meetings are held on the third Friday of every other month.
- Members serve staggered 3-year terms.
- Terms begin in September.
- All applicants are required to attend at least one meeting as a guest prior to being appointed as a member.
- Applications are accepted year-round.
- Applications are reviewed by the Membership Committee and prioritized based on applicant’s skills, interests, and geographic representation.
- Reimbursement for mileage and lodging is available for consumer members.

To apply to become a member of the Recovery Implementation Task Force, please contact:

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Recovery Implementation Task Force

Mental Health | Substance Use



25 Individuals

The Recovery Implementation Task Force (RITF), established in 1996, is a 25-member advisory board to the Department of Health Services, Division of Care and Treatment Services.

Members include individuals with lived experience with mental health and substance use disorders, as well as recovery advocates such as family members and service providers.

Together, members of the RITF use their own experiences to strengthen the public and private systems of care in Wisconsin. Members take information back to their home communities to increase recovery opportunities at the local level.

RITF Mission

To transform Wisconsin mental health and substance use services to embody recovery, hope, dignity, and empowerment throughout the lifespan, in partnership with the Department of Health Services, Division of Care and Treatment Services, Bureau of Prevention Treatment and Recovery

3 Committees

Members are required to serve on one of these three committees:

PEER SPECIALIST

This committee seeks to create policies and demonstrate support for the recruitment, training, certification, and employment for peer specialists.

RECOVERY EDUCATION/ DUAL RECOVERY

This committee seeks to increase the understanding of recovery through education and to expand the implementation of effective practices, grounded in the principles of recovery, that support people living with mental health, substance use, and associated ongoing health care conditions.

HEALTH CARE INTEGRATION

This committee seeks to promote the provision of health care to a diverse population in a holistic and integrated manner that respects the whole person at every stage of life.

Making a Difference!

Recent projects of the Recovery Implementation Task Force have included:

- Development of the Wisconsin Recovery Model training.
- Development of the Wisconsin Certified Peer Specialist exam and certification.
- Development of a brochure to promote Wisconsin's psychosocial rehabilitation programs.
- Development of person-centered planning training with staff from the Department of Health Services.
- Promotion of trauma-informed care in partnership with staff from the Department of Health Services.
- Presentations at conferences attended by mental health and substance use services professionals.

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RITF Vision

Mental health and substance use consumers of all ages and cultures in Wisconsin are thriving under the principles of recovery in all aspects of life. Mental health and substance use services throughout the state incorporate recovery focused principles such that all consumers can move into recovery.