



COMMUNITY ADVOCATES
Public Policy Institute

MAKING PARITY REAL

Help shape the future of
addiction and mental health
treatment in Wisconsin.

Monday, March 29
9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

UAW Local 95
Union Hall
(1795 Lafayette St.,
Janesville)

What State Policy Changes Will Improve Our Addiction and Mental Health System?

In the U.S. and Wisconsin, we're moving rapidly toward parity—health insurance benefits for substance use disorder and mental health treatment that equal those for physical medical care. But parity doesn't mean that people will actually get the treatment they need. This symposium will assess the state policy challenges we face in delivering these services in Janesville and southcentral Wisconsin.

Making Parity Real is a moderated dialogue among southcentral Wisconsin stakeholders and will include breakout sessions, and updates on parity legislation and regulations.

Discussion will explore the changes that can be made to state laws, budgets, standards, and rules and regulations to increase access to mental health/substance use disorder treatment, including:

- The quantity, cultural competency and location of providers.
- The adequacy of public and private funding sources.
- The ability of non-medical providers to administer treatment.
- Strategies to reduce stigma.
- Other non-financial barriers to receiving treatment services.

Based on information learned during Making Parity Real symposia, the Community Advocates Public Policy Institute plans to present state lawmakers and policymakers with recommendations about how to provide improved coverage, access and outcomes for Wisconsinites seeking mental health and substance use disorder care.

Participants include:



Speaker Mike
Sheridan
(D-Janesville)



Rep. Kim Hixson
(D-Whitewater)



Rep. Sandy Pasch
(D-Whitefish
Bay)



David Riemer,
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