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Thank You to the Governor's Task Force on Opioid Abuse from Wisconsin Voices for Recovery

STATEWIDE: On behalf of nearly 7,700 members, statewide Advisory Council, and member organizations across the state of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Voices for Recovery (WIVFR) would like to thank the Governor's Task Force on Opioid Abuse for their recent efforts to combat the Opioid Epidemic and respond to citizens' requests for action.

Many in the WIVFR community, including family members, individuals in or seeking recovery, non-profit organizations, businesses, treatment providers, medical professionals, and law enforcement, are very encouraged by the recommendations released in *Combating Opioid Abuse*. We are especially pleased with the recommendations related to Recovery Support Services like Hospital-based Recovery Coaches, Corrections-based Recovery Coaches, Addiction Recovery Resource Hotline, and Training for a Recovery Corps. It is clear that the Task Force listened to the voices of family members and those in recovery, along with focused their recommendations on evidence-based practices.

We believe that Wisconsin can continue to develop innovative and sustainable solutions to the opioid epidemic, along with address other issues created by substance use disorders. Solutions that are grounded in our communities and relationships are paramount. We are confident that the Governor's Task Force will continue to listen to the voice of the recovery community as they make tough decisions and prioritize issues.

For a copy of the letter or more information, please contact Flo Hilliard, Director of Wisconsin Voices for Recovery at florence.hilliard@wisc.edu or Caroline Miller, Outreach Specialist, at cmmiller5@wisc.edu.

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