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## **PUBLIC HEARING**

### **Speaker's Task Force on Mental Health**

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The Task Force will hold a public hearing on the following items at the time specified below:

Thursday, May 9, 2013  
12:00 PM  
Polk County Government Center - County Board Room  
100 Polk County Plaza  
Balsam Lake, WI 54810

#### **Speaker's Task Force on Mental Health**

By or on May 31, 2013, the Task Force should recommend improvements in the following areas: Eliminating barriers to treatment and promoting early and voluntary intervention for juveniles and adults in need of mental health services, improving coordination of care among those who treat people with mental illness, increasing awareness and reducing the stigma that often accompanies mental health diagnoses, identifying and promoting best practices for addressing the link between mental illness and substance dependence and abuse, and addressing mental illness in the prison population.

*Invited speakers to testify, followed by an opportunity for public input.*

*Invited Speaker's: Department of Corrections, State Public Defender's Office, ABC for Rural Health, Katie Johnson, MS, Ed.S; Amery School Psychologist, Polk County Sheriff Peter Johnson, Wisconsin Counties Association, Cumberland Healthcare*

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Representative Erik Severson  
Chair