

Behavioral Health Planning Council Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2024

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM CT

Location: Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Members Present: Melanie Gaebe (Chairperson); Andrea Hochhalter; Kurt Snyder; Megan Indvik; Tania Zerr; and Rich Smith

Members Absent: Lorraine Davis; Emma Quinn and Paul Stroklund

Also Present: Tami Conrad (Department Liaison) and Janell Regimbal (Facilitator)

Welcome and Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:01 PM by Chairperson Melanie Gaebe. Roll call confirmed a quorum.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the December 12, 2024, agenda was made by Andrea Hochhalter and seconded by Rich Smith. Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

The minutes of November 14, 2024, Executive Committee meeting were reviewed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Kurt Snyder and seconded by Andrea Hochhalter. Motion passed unanimously.

Formulation of Talking Points for Legislative Advocacy Document

**Discussion: **

- Key topics included state hospital funding, continued opposition to the IMD waiver, and community-based care frameworks. The priority list from the BHPC December meeting was reviewed. Those items will be further refined and summarized in a manner that is clear and concise.

- A collaborative effort was proposed for creating a one-page advocacy document with clear messaging, aligning with ND Health and Human Services' communication plan. The document should be a living, breathing one that could be sent out preemptively to legislators as the session begins.

- The inclusion of a QR code linking to the Council's webpage was suggested to enhance accessibility for legislators.

- The committee decided to use facilitator Janell Regimbal's email address as the central point of contact for inquiries related to the advocacy document.

Actions

1. Janell will share the priority items list with committee members.
2. Melanie will draft the advocacy document for discussion during the next meeting.
3. A draft format was proposed to highlight Council identity, priorities, and direct legislators to resources via a QR code.

Adoption of Scheduled Meetings

The committee has scheduled two upcoming meetings, with subsequent meetings scheduled as the session progresses.

- January 2, 2025, at 1:00 PM CT
- January 17, 2025, at 1:00 PM CT

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 PM by Chairperson Gaebe.

Respectfully submitted by: **

Janell Regimbal, BHPC Facilitator of Insight to Solutions, LLC