

Council Discussion: Review Function of MHBG/SUPTRS

December 2025

Why the BHPC Role Matters (Federal Context)

- Federal law requires states receiving MHBG and SUPTRS BG funds to maintain a **Behavioral Health Planning Council**
- The BHPC serves as a **public accountability and oversight body**
- SAMHSA expects **documented, meaningful engagement** of the Council
- The Council's role spans **planning, implementation oversight, and outcome review**

Key distinction:

BHPC provides **oversight and input** — not administration or management

Federal Planning Structure

- **Federal Fiscal Year (FFY):**
October 1 – September 30
- **Two-Year Behavioral Health Assessment & Plan**
 - Updated and submitted on an **annual cycle**
- North Dakota submits a **combined MHBG + SUPTRS BG application**

AWARD TIMEFRAMES



AWARD	FFY 2022 10/1/21 – 9/30/22	FFY 2023 10/1/22 – 9/30/23	FFY 2024 10/1/23 – 9/30/24	FFY 2025 10/1/24 – 9/30/25	FFY 2026 10/1/25 – 9/30/26	FFY 2027 10/1/26 – 9/30/27
2021				Report 12/1/2024		
2022					Report 12/1/2025	
2023	Mini App 9/1/2023					Report 12/1/2026
2024		App 9/1/2023				
2025			Mini App 9/1/2024			
2026				App 9/1/2025		

Red reflects spending timeframe – each award has two years for spending

Reporting timelines may differ as SAMHSA reports are not all requested according to FFY Awards

Key Federal Deadlines (What Drives the Timeline)

- **September 1**

- Combined MHBG + SUPTRS BG application due to SAMHSA

- **October 1**

- Federal Fiscal Year begins
- Block grant funds become operational

- **December 1**

- Annual MHBG & SUPTRS BG report due

- **December 31**

- Synar annual report due (SUPTRS BG)

BHPC Role: Post-Award Oversight October – September (FFY Implementation)

BHPC responsibilities include:

- **Monitoring** whether funds are used **as described in the approved plan**
- **Reviewing progress** toward stated goals and outcomes
- **Asking oversight questions**, such as:
 - Are strategies being implemented as planned?
 - Are priority populations being reached?
 - Are there emerging gaps or concerns?
- **Identifying issues** to inform future planning cycles

The BHPC's federally required role is to ensure that North Dakota's behavioral health block grant funds are planned based on need, informed by public input, implemented as intended, and reviewed for impact — on behalf of the public.

As a Council, how do you think WE are doing in carrying out our role?

Successes	Areas of Growth	Barriers

What would “meaningful oversight” look like?

Desired Next Steps