

# **ND Behavioral Health Planning Council (BHPC)**

## **Special Meeting**

**January 10, 2023/12 pm CST**

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Council Members in Attendance:** Emma Quinn, (Consumer- Individ. in recovery MH), Carlotta McCleary, (ND Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health); Andrea Hochhalter (Consumer, Family Member of an Individual in Recovery); Denise Harvey (Protection and Advocacy); Matthew McCleary (Mental Health America of ND); Mandy Dendy (Principal State Agency: Medicaid); Timothy Wicks (Consumer, Veteran); Brenda Bergsrud (Consumer Family Network); Mark Schaefer (Private Substance Use Disorder Treatment Provider); Lorraine Davis (Consumer- member at large) Michael Salwei (Healthcare Representative); Michelle Masset (Principal State Agency: DHHS Social Services); Amy Veith (Principal State Agency/Criminal Justice); Christina Bond (ND National Guard); Kurt Snyder (Consumer- Individ. in Recovery).

**Council Members Absent:** Cheryl Hess Anderson (DHHS, Vocational Rehabilitation); Lisa Peterson (Consumer, Family Member of a Veteran); Pamela Sagness (Principal State Agency: DHHS Mental Health); Paul Stroklund (Consumer, Family Member of an Adult with SMI); Jennifer Henderson (Principal State Agency: Housing); Michelle Gayette (DHHS Aging Services); Deb Jendro (Consumer, Individ. in Recovery MH); Carl Young (Consumer, Family Member of a Child with SED); Amanda Peterson (Principal State Agency: NDDPI Education); Brad Hawk (Indian Affairs Commission) Rosalie Etherington (DHS Behavioral Health Delivery System); Glenn Longie (Tribal Behavioral Health Representative); Sarah Bachmeier (Consumer- has provided resignation from BHPC); Stacey Hunt ( Private Mental Health Provider – has provided resignation from BHPC); Jodi Stittsworth (Consumer- Family member of child with SED– has provided resignation from BHPC);

**Staff:** Tami Conrad (DHS, Behavioral Health); Ebony Flint (Human Services Research Institute)

**Facilitator:** Janell Regimbal of Insight to Solutions on behalf of The Consensus Council, Inc.

**Call to Order:** Chairperson McCleary called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM CT, via video conference.

**Quorum.** Online log in roll call indicated a **quorum was present.**

### **Request to Approve the Formation of a Legislative Committee for 2023 Session**

Chairperson McCleary provided a brief history of how legislative related activities were conducted last session.

ANDREA HOCHHALTER MADE AND LORRAINE DAVIS SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE FORMATION OF A LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

FOR THE 2023 LEGISLATIVE SESSION specifically that the Executive Committee comprise the Legislative Committee. Any additional BHPC members who chose to join in on weekly virtual public meetings are welcome. The committee will operate following similar protocols as last session with the following activities:

- Identify prospective legislative initiatives aligned with the purpose of the BHPC.
  - Monitor legislative initiatives through the legislative process.
  - Coordinate communication with the BHPC members and allow for BHPC input throughout the process if there is a need to provide testimony.
  - Draft legislation that might advance the aims of the BHPC and state's behavioral health strategic plan.
  - Empower the BHPC Legislative Committee to provide any testimony that supports the aims of the BHPC. This committee may act independently on behalf of the BHPC to achieve the stated goals of the BHPC.
- THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Request to Approve the Adoption of Behavioral Health Workforce Priorities for ND BH Strategic Plan**

KURT SNYDER MADE AND LORRAINE DAVIS SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE ADOPTION OF THE FOLLOWING BEHAVIORAL WORKFORCE PRIORITIES FOR INCLUSION IN THE ND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STRATEGIC PLAN:

- Fully fund and resource a 'backbone' organization to lead behavioral health workforce initiatives in North Dakota.
- Design and field 'pipeline' and workforce costs needs assessment/gaps analyses.
- Enhance existing recruitment programs and create new ones.
- Collect, review, and report on behavioral health workforce-related licensure regulations, policies, and procedure.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**IMD 1115 Waiver Learning Session #2 (PPT slides provided)  
Elizabeth Priaulx, Senior Disability Legal Specialist/National Disability Rights Network and Jennifer Lav, Senior Attorney/National Health Law Program**

An additional virtual learning session for the North Dakota's Behavioral Health Planning Council members to increase knowledge and understanding about the Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMDs) 1115 Waiver. The IMD 1115 Waiver has been a part of discussion at several past Council meetings. Following a Q&A session and discussion, it was noted this topic will likely come up in the legislative session, with the legislative committee established at this meeting charged with further developing an opinion to share on behalf of the BHPC.

Here is the link to view the recorded learning session

<https://vimeo.com/788045943>

**BHPC Legislative Committee Meetings-** Regimbal reminded members that Public Notice will be made soon now that the committee has been established. The links and outlook invites will be provided for BHPC members for the weekly Friday meetings during the session.

**Next Regularly Scheduled Business Meeting- May 17, 2023, via videoconference or in person at Bismarck office of Job Service at 1601 East Century.**

**Adjournment.** Having completed all agenda items and hearing no further comments from BHPC members, Chairperson McCleary declared the meeting adjourned at 1:15 PM CT.

Respectfully submitted,

Janell Regimbal/Facilitator

Insight to Solutions on behalf of The Consensus Council, Inc.