

Behavioral Health Planning Council Legislative Committee
Friday, Jan. 13, 2023
12 to 1 p.m. CT

Legislative Committee Members in Attendance: Carlotta McCleary, Emma Quinn, Andrea Hochhalter

Legislative Committee Members Absent: Lorraine Davis, Carl Young

Additional BHPC Members in Attendance: Brenda Bergsrud, Denise Harvey, Matthew McCleary, Paul Stroklund

Call to Order: Chairperson McCleary called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM CT via video conference.

Quorum: A quorum was declared.

Review of BHPC Executive Committee charge: Carlotta McCleary

The committee reviewed the recent establishment of the Behavioral Health Planning Council Legislative Committee.

Review of Legislative Calendar Activities

- Week just ended
- Upcoming week

Consideration of Select Bills

HB 1261 (IMD Exclusion Waiver): BHPC Legislative Committee is opposed to IMD Exclusion Waiver. PAUL STROKLUND MADE AND EMMA QUINN SECONDED A MOTION TO OPPOSE HB 1261.

HB 1138 (Mental Health diversion pilot program): BHPC is in favor of establishing mental health courts. This bill was heard last week. BHPC will track bill and offer testimony as it progresses through the session. EMMA QUINN MADE AND PAUL STROKLUND SECONDED TO SUPPORT THE FORMATION OF MENTAL HEALTH COURTS IN NORTH DAKOTA.

SB 2012 (NDDHHS Budget Bill): BHPC is in favor of support NDDHHS budget bill. The bill will be heard starting on Monday, Public comment has not been scheduled at this time. MATTHEW MCCLEARY MADE AND SECONDED BY PAUL STROKLUND TO SUPPORT THE DHHS BUDGET BILL.

Public Comment: Chairperson Carlotta McCleary called for public comments. No public comments were given.

Review of Action Steps: Chairperson McCleary suggested we utilize Protection and Advocacy's bill grid for tracking behavioral health legislation. Chair McCleary informed

the group about legislative Working Group that meets on Fridays an electronic link was provided to members. This week we will monitor HB 1138, SB 2012, and provide testimony to HB 1261 Monday at 10:00 AM.

Next Meeting-January 20, 2023, at 12:00 PM CT via videoconference

Adjournment: Having completed the agenda items and hearing no further comments from BHPC Legislative Committee members, Chairperson McCleary Adjourned at 12:57 PM CT.

Respectfully submitted,
Carlotta McCleary, Chair BHPC