

Behavioral Health Planning Council Legislative Committee
Friday, Feb. 17, 2023
12 to 1 p.m. CT

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

Legislative Committee Members Absent: Lorraine Davis and Carl Young

Additional BHPC Members in Attendance: Mathew McCleary

DHHS Staff Liaison: Tami Conrad

Call to Order: Chairperson McCleary called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM CT via video conference.

Quorum: A quorum was not able to be declared. Therefore, minutes from the February 10 meeting were not able to be reviewed and approved. They will carry over. No formal actions taken at this meeting.

Review of Legislative Calendar Activities

- **Week just ended:** Chairperson McCleary provided updates on the following bills:
 - **HB 1261** (IMD Exclusion Waiver) Because of some facilities building at 20 bed capacity it puts a lot of pressure and risk around this issue.
 - **SB 2012** (NDDHHS Budget Bill). Many behavioral health items moved over to SB 2012 usually with reduced dollar amounts and with FTE requests. Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics – 2 large and 1 small are included.
 - **SB 2128** (appropriation for a certified community behavioral health clinic grant program).
 - Chairperson McCleary then provided updates on legislation identified by Pam Sagness in the DHHS Bill Matrix she provided including:
 - HB 1312 (MH Tech) Passed the House
 - School grants reduced to \$5M versus \$30M
 - HB 2340 (school counselors) Requiring school district to have 1 FTE per 300 students. Positions may be filled by school psychologists, other mental health professionals to fill that role.
 - SB 2351: Passed the Senate. Want to speak to it in the House to try to reframe the discussion toward children having unmet needs, and this being a system failure rather than a kid's failure.
 - HB 1015: Free Through Recovery to move from DOCR budget.
 - Opioid Settlement Funds: Pam helped proscriptive with what the money can do.
 - SB 2152: Voluntary recovery residents directory. MH directory similarity? May not be helpful but passed the Senate.
 - HB 1390: Creation of a suicide fatality review commission. Passed the house, \$15k appropriated.

- SB 2149: 988 crisis hotline program and to provide an appropriation. DNP recommendation. They want to monitor 988 First Link funding to see what they can do, have First Link provide utilization numbers and track whether families are using it for children or children using it for children's issues, how long to get to calls.
- SB 2322 BH Primary Prevention grants -DNP
- HB 1026: Implementation of HSRI passed House, hearing on Senate on the 20th. Executive Committee electronic vote on 1026 for testimony by Monday.
- SB 2086 DUI Cert Education Courses, pertains to AIMS 2,7.
- SB 2077 pertains to HHS gambling administration.
- Upcoming Week
 - Briefly discussed hearings scheduled for week ahead.

Consideration of Select Bills

No further specific plans were made at this time.

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

Next Meeting-February 24, 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 the meeting at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carlotta McCleary, Chair BHPC