

Behavioral Health Planning Council Legislative Committee
Friday, Feb. 24, 2023
12 to 1 p.m. CT

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

Legislative Committee Members Absent: Carl Young and Lorraine Davis

Additional BHPC Members in Attendance: Mathew McCleary

DHHS Staff Liaison: Tami Conrad

Call to Order: Chairperson McCleary called the meeting to order at 12:10 PM CT via video conference.

Quorum: A quorum was declared

Approval of Minutes. There was no review of minutes or action related to minutes taken.

Review of Legislative Calendar Activities

- Week just ended:
 1. **HB 2016** (furthered study with implementation of HSRI and Schulte 2022 report). Testimony was supported by Emma and Andrea
 2. **SB 2012** (NDDHHS Budget Bill). Chairperson McCleary reported on discussions related to this Bill. It was \$77M over Governor's recommendation. Major reductions came from behavioral health including in Free Through Recovery. School pilot expansion was cut. FTEs reduced. In total childcare increase was over \$100 million. \$5 million for State Hospital. Much of removal was supported by Senator Davison. DD Providers wanted 7/4 increase, which was mostly about maintaining services where they are at (not expecting an improvement in the depleting system). Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (the number of sites may not have been impacted from the 3, but the dollars were reduced). Impact of reducing who is being seen by HSC created a fiscal impact on the state a few years ago. Demonstrated Medicaid Expansion benefit to the state was \$8 million.
 3. Peer Support Association 501(c)3 accomplished.
 4. Some studies went to the Senate including one that studies beds in acute psychiatric. It does have community services in there, but predominant narrative is concern about lack of institutional beds.
 4. Mental health awareness dollars were eliminated
- Upcoming week:

- No discussion.

Consideration of Select Bills

No further plans were made at this time.

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

Next Meeting-March 3, 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 1:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carlotta McCleary, Chair BHPC

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