

**Behavioral Health Planning Council Legislative Committee**  
**Friday, March 10, 2023**  
**12 to 1 p.m. CT**

**Legislative Committee Members in Attendance:** Carlotta McCleary, Lorraine Davis, Emma Quinn, and Carl Young

**Legislative Committee Members Absent:** Andrea Hochhalter

**Additional BHPC Members in Attendance:** Mathew McCleary,

**DHHS Staff Liaison:** Tami Conrad

**Call to Order:** Chairperson McCleary called the meeting to order at 12:05 PM CT via video conference.

**Quorum:** A quorum was declared

**Approval of Minutes.** There was no review and action taken regarding minutes of previous meetings. This item will be carried over to a future meeting, with minutes from 2/10/2023, 2/17/2023, 2/24/2023, 3/3/2023 all needing review and approval.

**Review of Legislative Calendar Activities**

- Week just ended:
  - **HB 2128** (appropriation for a certified community behavioral health clinic grant program) BHPC provided testimony in favor of this bill. There was not testimony against the bill. This will be a financial investment for a grant to a private entity. Senator Mathern talked about why it is important and did a good job highlighting the needs. Grand Forks Public Health also testified. The HSCs CCBHCs are in SB 2012
  - **SB 2149** (creation of the 988-crisis hotline program; and to provide an appropriation). Discussion included the federally funding available and what FirstLink needs to continue. Without the proper support, across the country there are wait times that are incredible. It is important to properly support non-profits engaging in these services. Calls are only going to increase with awareness. Chairperson McCleary was under the impression public testimony would be held on 3/9 therefore the BHPC legislative committee held an electronic vote pertaining to SB 2149. It is now known that this testimony will be heard on Monday 3/13.
    - ON MARCH 9 LORRAINE DAVIS MADE AND EMMA QUINN SECONDED A MOTION TO APPROVE TESTIFYING IN FAVOR OF SB 2149 FUNDING FOR THE 988 SYSTEM IN NORTH DAKOTA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY ELECTRONIC VOTE FO THE LEGISLATIVE SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE ND BHPC.

- **HB 1138** – still waiting to see where that shows up on the schedule.
- **SB 2012** (NDDHHS Budget Bill). BHPC still needs to include funding for the State Hospital in our testimony. A written resolution will be provided. It will also include IMD Exclusion Waiver stance. If additional conversation comes from people advocating IMD Exclusion Waiver, it can include the additional information from our learning sessions and unused options for Medicaid Expansion reimbursement for IMD facilities.

#### Upcoming Week

- **SB 2149** on Monday.
- **SB 2012** Public Testimony on Friday.
- After this coming week, we will just have mental health courts in HB 1138 left to speak to.

#### Consideration of Select Bills

- **SB 2351** (Relating to a data collection system for classroom and hallway clearings)-This is really about children with behavioral disorders. The conversation, from nearly all parties, around those children has been really negative. Amanda Peterson (DPI, also BHPC) was good at discussing the best practices and the dangers of seclusion and restraint in public schools. Children need to be provided services in line with their mental health needs, rather than blaming children and families for system failures. It was discussed that maybe the BHPC needs to get more involved in this issue and do public education with state agencies and school agencies on the needs of children to change the dialogue.

**Public Comment:** Chairperson Carlotta McCleary called for public comments. There were no public comments.

**Next Meeting-March 17, 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