

Behavioral Health Planning Council Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2025

1:00 PM – 2:00 PM CT

Virtual via Microsoft Teams

ATTENDANCE

Members Present: Melanie Gaebe (Chairperson); Andrea Hochhalter; - Emma Quinn, and Richard Smith.

Also Present: Janell Regimbal (Facilitator); Shauna Eberhardt (DHHS BHD representative on behalf of Tami Conrad) and Melissa Kainz, BHPC member.

Absent: Tania Zerr; Megan Indvik; Paul Stroklund; Kurt Snyder and Lorraine Davis.

Note: A quorum was not reached at this meeting, so no official business (such as approval of agenda or minutes) was conducted.

AGENDA ITEMS

Welcome and Call to Order

Chairperson Melanie Gaebe called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. Due to lack of quorum, the group proceeded with informal discussion and updates.

Public Comment

No public comment was received.

Legislative Calendar Updates and Committee Discussion

- **Behavioral Health Budget/State Hospital Funding (HB 1012)** was reviewed including discussion about a proposal to move State Hospital funding to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB); Senator Cleary's proposed \$15M amendment to support children's services. Members emphasized the need for continued support for both regional and inpatient services.
- **Guardianship Bill (SB 2029)** was amended to establish a standalone Office of Guardians and Conservatorship.
- **Child Safety Workgroup Bill (SB 1095)** had successful passage to improve collaboration between schools and human service zones.
- **Mandatory Reporting Resolution**, an item brought forward to make legislators mandatory reporters.

- **School Cell Phone Ban Discussion:** discussed ongoing debate and implications for student mental health.
- **Juvenile Justice Bills (SB 2036 and SB 2037):** Reported progress and return to appropriations for juvenile remediation and fitness-to-proceed legislation.

Tentative Future Meeting

Tentative date set for Meeting #8 which will only occur if needed on Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 11:00 AM CT.

Facilitator Regimbal will confirm whether it is needed with Chair Gaebe on April 14th and if so, will issue public notice and develop an agenda.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned informally by Chairperson Gaebe.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Janell Regimbal, BHPC Facilitator