# 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