

Behavioral Health Planning Council

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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Open Positions

Private Mental Health Provider

ND National Guard Representative

Individual in Recovery (Mental Health)

To be considered for an appointment to the Behavioral Health Planning Council, an on-line application must be completed.

[Boards \(nd.gov\)](https://www.nd.gov)

The application must include the following information to be reviewed for the BHPC:

- Name of Board or Council
- Position
- Eligibility criteria

Behavioral Health Planning Council membership positions are appointed by the Governor.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1: The North Dakota Behavioral Health Planning Council shall consist of thirty (30) members, who shall be appointed by the Governor. Members of the council shall be represented in the following manner:

Residents of the State, including representatives of the principle State agencies with respect to mental health and substance abuse, education, vocational rehabilitation, criminal justice, housing, Medicaid, and social services; public and private entities concerned with the need, planning, operation, funding, and use of mental health and substance abuse services and related support services; the National Guard; veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts and families of such veterans; youth mental health or substance abuse consumers; adults with serious mental illnesses and those with substance use disorders who are receiving (or have received) mental health or substance abuse services; and the families of such adults or families of children with emotional disturbances.

The ratio of parents of children with a serious emotional disturbance to other members of the Council shall be sufficient to provide adequate representation of such children in the deliberations of the Council; and not less than 50 percent of the members of the Council are individuals who are not State employees or providers of mental health and substance abuse services.

[42 USC CHAPTER 6A, SUBCHAPTER XVII, Part B, subpart i: block grants for community mental health services \(house.gov\)](#)

Future

- Term limits will be added to all positions on BHPC website, as by-laws currently identify the term of Council members shall be 3 years.
- Membership position and criteria will be updated on BHPC website, based upon position descriptions
- Members can request to continue serving on the Council prior to the end of each term. Members may be re-appointed by the Governor.
- The Attorney General has provided a recommendation for the BHPC to replace the current by-laws with a “Policies and Procedures Handbook”. This would provide structure for the Council to follow, draft changes and adopt the handbook without permission from the Governor's office.