

**Behavioral Health Planning Council Meeting
Wednesday, October 7, 2020
Video Conference Meeting**

Initial Draft Agenda

- 10:00 AM Welcome and Call to Order: Kurt Snyder, Chairperson
Roll Call of Council Members via Electronic Sign-in
- Approval of July 1, 2020, Meeting Minutes
Approval of October 7, 2020, Meeting Agenda
Review of BHPC Next Steps Summary: Greg Gallagher
Current Status of Behavioral Health Planning Council Membership: Tami Conrad
- 10:15 AM Announcement of Results of BHPC Vice Chair Election, Kurt Snyder
Installment of BHPC Officers Effective October 8, 2020
- Paul Stroklund, Chairperson
 - TBD, Vice-Chairperson
 - Kurt Snyder, Immediate Past Chairperson
- Recognition and Expression of Appreciation for Lorraine Davis, Outgoing Immediate Past Chairperson
- Selection Process for Executive Committee Membership, Pursuant to [BHPC Bylaws](#):
Article VI, Section 1: Executive Committee shall be made up of not more than five (5) Council members which must include the Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Immediate Past Chairperson, a consumer or family member representing mental health services, and a consumer or family member representing substance abuse services.
- 10:30 AM Review Status of ND Behavioral Health Strategic Plan and Set Schedule of Future Activities, Bevin Croft, [Human Services Research Institute](#)
- Overview of Strategic Plan Background and Development
Lead Staff Overview of Goals and Current Activity
- 12:15 PM Lunch
- 1:00 PM Review Status of ND Behavioral Health Strategic Plan (continued)
- Q & A from Overview of Goals and Current Activity
Discussions About BHPC Role
- 2:00 PM ND [Services Person Centered Practices](#) and Human Services [Asset Map](#), Jake Reuter, Department of Human Services
- 2:30 PM Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program, Project Update and BHPC Consultation: Kim Mertz, Department of Health; Jennifer Faul, PMHCAP Coordinator
- 2:45 PM Report on BHPC [Letter to Governor Burgum](#) Requesting Meeting, Kurt Snyder
- 3:00 PM Behavioral Health Division Updates: Pam Sagness, Department of Human Services
- 3:15 PM Legislative Initiatives for 2021 Legislative Assembly: BHPC Membership

3:40 PM Setting BHPC Meeting Dates for 2021

3:45 PM Public Comments

4:00 PM Adjourn

Next Meeting: January 6, 2021, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, CT (Potential Rescheduling)

Members and the interested individuals can join the Council's proceedings, via computer or phone connection at the following address or phone numbers:

Topic: ND Behavioral Health Planning Council

Time: Oct 7, 2020 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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Agenda Appendix
Behavioral Health Planning Council
Letter to Governor Doug Burgum

July 28, 2020

Honorable Douglas James Burgum, Governor
Office of the Governor
600 East Boulevard Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58505

Dear Governor Burgum:

In keeping with its mandate to monitor, review, and evaluate the allocation and adequacy of behavioral health services in North Dakota and to provide advice and consultation to the Governor regarding the overall administration and service delivery of mental health and substance use disorder services, the North Dakota Behavioral Health Planning Council (Council), writes to request a meeting with you to present a series of recommendations for consideration in the development of the 2021-2023 Executive Budget. The Council requests this meeting to fulfill its mandated duties, specified in both federal and state law and honored within a well-established practice of the Council to periodically report to the Governor, ensuring a coordinated and collaborative effort in discerning the provision of essential state services.

During this current biennium, the state has made commendable progress in advancing an increasingly integrated strategic response to the state's many behavioral health needs, spanning the breadth of the continuum of care policies and practices within both mental health and substance use disorder services. Due in large measure to your proactive leadership, the state has evidenced remarkable progress in defining the state's behavioral health strategic plan and implementing promising program initiatives. This progress represents the collaborative effort of many people, organizations, and agencies, both public and nonpublic. For its part, the Council has assessed the state's effort, successes, and deficiencies from the perspective of its membership's scope, including citizens with lived experience, veterans, native populations, and state and local service providers, covering mental health and substance use disorder providers, education, vocational rehabilitation, criminal justice, housing, Medicaid, and social services. The Council's depth of knowledge and experience and its independence represent a considerable asset as you move forward with your Executive Budget.

The Council is prepared to provide an honest, forthright assessment of (1) the state's steady progress in developing and implementing on-point service programming, (2) those areas of evident community need, and (3) proposals that may secure the state's ability to sustain its hard-fought gains and to tackle those areas that still require careful attention. Commendable progress has been made—in large measure to your forthright leadership in setting a direction, a tone, and funding. The Council is prepared to provide not only its considered counsel on the state's standing but to offer whatever assistance and support might be required to make further advancements in the state's behavioral health service initiatives and supportive funding.

We welcome an opportunity for representatives of the Council to meet with you to discuss our findings and to extend our offer of assistance. If you have any questions regarding this request for a meeting and any communications or support work which might result, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

On behalf of the Council, thank you for your kind consideration of our request. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Respectfully,

Kurt Snyder, Chairperson
North Dakota Behavioral Health Planning Council

Council Members:

Nicole Amsbaugh	Healthcare Representative
Sarah Bachmeier	Individual in Recovery (Substance Use Disorder)
Brenda Bergsrud	Consumer Family Network
Lorraine Davis	Member-at-Large
Shauna Eberhardt	Family Member of a Veteran
Rosalie Etherington	DHS Behavioral Health Service Delivery System
Michelle Gayette	Aging Services Division
Brad Hawk	Indian Affairs Commission
Jennifer Henderson	Principal State Agency: Housing
Cheryl Hess-Anderson	Vocational Rehabilitation
Andrea Hochhalter	Family Member of an Individual in Recovery
Stacey Hunt	Private Mental Health Provider
Deb Jendro	Individual in Recovery (Mental Health)
Teresa Larsen	Protection and Advocacy Project
Glenn Longie	Tribal Behavior Health Representative
Carlotta McCleary	ND Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health
Kim Osadchuk	Principal State Agency: Social Services
Dawn Pearson	Principal State Agency: Medicaid
Emma Quinn	Individual in Recovery (MH)
Tom Regan	Mental Health of America of ND
Pamela Sagness	Principal State Agency: Mental Health
Mark Schaefer	Private Substance Use Disorder Treatment Provider
Kirby Schmidtgal	ND National Guard
Kurt Snyder	Individual in Recovery (Substance Use Disorder)
Jodi Stittsworth	Family Member of a Child with Severe Emotional Disturbance
Paul Stroklund	Family Member of an Adult with Serious Mental Illness
Timothy Wicks	Veteran
Carl Young	Family Member of a Child with Severe Emotional Disturbance