Behavioral Health Planning Council Legislative Committee

Summary of Legislative Issues

February 17, 2021

Legislative Committee Charge. The duties of the BHPC Legislative Committee include:

- (1) identifying prospective legislative initiatives aligned with the purpose of the BHPC;
- (2) monitoring legislative initiatives through the legislative process;
- (3) coordinating communications with BHPC members and facilitating effective BHPC input throughout the process;
- (4) soliciting the active participation of BHPC members;
- (5) drafting legislation that might advance the aims of the BHPC and the state's behavioral health strategic plan; and
- (6) empowering the BHPC Legislative Council, with full participation of the BHPC Executive Committee, to transact legislative activities that support the aims of the BHPC.

Identified Issues

- HB 1012: DHS Executive Budget.
- State Hospital Construction
- Continuation of Medicaid Expansion
- HB 1318, Seclusion and Restraint and; and HB 1089, Aversive Therapy.
- Medical and Recreational Marijuana.
- HCR 3022, Hospital Discharge Database.
- HB 1038, Legacy Fund Allocations.
- SB 2311, Mental Health and Suicide Prevention.
- Providing Technical Assistance and Navigation Support to Providers Regarding Medicaid Applications and Management.
- SUD and Mental Health Equity Funding.
- Mental Health Block Grant.