

**ND Behavioral Health Planning Council (BHPC)**  
**Quarterly Business Meeting**  
**July 19, 2023**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Attendance**

**Council Members in Attendance:** Kurt Snyder (Consumer, Individual in Recovery); Daniel Cramer (DHS Behavioral Health Delivery System); Mandy Dendy (Principal State Agency: Medicaid); Christina Bond (ND National Guard); Melanie Gaebe (Consumer, Individual in SUD Recovery); Matthew McCleary (Mental Health America of ND); Carlotta McCleary (ND Federation of Families for Children’s Mental Health); Andrea Hochhalter (Consumer, Family Member of an Individual in Recovery); Pamela Sagness (Principal State Agency: DHHS Mental Health); Lisa Peterson (Consumer, Family Member of a Veteran); Brad Hawk (Indian Affairs Commission); Michelle Masset (Principal State Agency: DHHS Social Services); Emma Quinn (Consumer, Individual in Recovery Mental Health); Jennifer Henderson (ND Housing Finance Agency); Paul Strokland (Consumer, Family Member of an Adult with SMI); Carl Young (Consumer, Family Member of a Child with SMI); Camille Redmann (private mental health provider); Tania Zerr – parent of child with SMI

**Staff:** Tami Conrad (DHHS, Behavioral Health); James Knopik (DHHS, Behavioral Health); Kelli Ulberg (DHHS, Behavioral Health); Leah Jangula (DHHS, Behavioral Health), Shauna Eberhardt (DHHS, Behavioral Health);

**Other:** Chaz Brost (CFN President); Dr. Eduardo Yabut (ND State Hospital)

**Call to Order**

Chairperson McCleary called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM CT.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairperson McCleary called for the approval of the May 17, 2023; meeting minutes as presented.

MELANIE GAEBE MADE A MOTION AND CARL YOUNG SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE MAY 17, 2023, MEETING MINUTES. THE MOTION WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**Approval of Agenda**

Chairperson McCleary called for the approval of the agenda as presented. CHRISTINA BOND MADE A MOTION AND MATTHEW MCCLEARY SECONDED THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE JULY 19, 2023, AGENDA. THE MOTION WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**BHPC Updates**

Tami Conrad provided the Behavioral Health Planning Committee updates and welcomed two new council members: Camille Redmann and Tania Zerr. Deb Jendro has resigned her position from the council and the Governor’s office will be appointing a new member. Tami encouraged council members to share the open position with interested individuals and stated all applications for the council must be completed online on the governor’s website.

**North Dakota State Hospital Update**

Dr. Eduardo Pelayo Yabut provided updates on the ND State Hospital.

### **North Dakota Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program Update**

Jenn Faul (Program Director, Sanford Health) provided updates on the ND Pediatric Mental Health Care Access Program.

**Chairperson McCleary recessed the Council at 11:14 AM CT for a brief break and reconvened at 11:21 AM CT.**

### **1915(i) Provider Status & Clients Served Update**

Monica Haugen (DHHS, Behavioral Health Administrator for the 1915(i) program) provided data updates related to 1915(i) clients served and providers.

**Chairperson McCleary recessed the Council at 11:52 PM CT for a lunch break and reconvened at 1:00 PM CT.**

### **Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) & Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services Block Grant (SUPTRS BG) Update**

ND DHHS Behavioral Health Division staff members, Lacresha Graham, Laura Anderson, Shauna Eberhardt, James Knopik, Kelli Ulberg, Tami Conrad, and Heather Brandt provided updates on the Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) and the Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services Block Grant (SUPTRS) initiatives and discussed the upcoming combined application process. Council members provided feedback regarding gaps of behavioral health services in the state. The council was encouraged to continue to provide feedback of the combined application at any time. The application is available on the ND DHHS website at [Community Mental Health Services Block Grant and Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services Block Grant | Health and Human Services North Dakota](#). Feedback can be provided by email to [dhsbhd@nd.gov](mailto:dhsbhd@nd.gov). The council will also receive the combined application draft when completed by email.

### **Behavioral Health Division Update**

Pamela Sagness (Executive Director Behavioral Health Division, DHHS) provided updates on the Behavioral Health Division Updates.

### **BHPC Discussion Regarding Interim Study Positional Statements**

Chairperson McCleary would like to schedule an Executive Committee meeting to prioritize which studies the council would like to focus on.

### **Summary Report of ND Behavioral Health Strategic Plan and Future Activities**

Bevin Croft (Human Services Institute) provided updates on the Behavioral Health Strategic Plan and Future Activities.

### **Crisis Response Units Updates**

Daniel Cramer provided an update on the regional team, dispositional data, impact of 988, and specialized population group response.

### **Lightening Round Resource Sharing**

Kurt Snyder shared the open house for the new Heartview facility in Dickinson will be July 26, 2023.

The Behavioral Health and Children and Family Services Conference will be held October 24, 25, and 26 in Bismarck or virtually.

**Public Comments**

Chairperson McCleary called for any public comments. None were provided.

**Next Meeting**

The next BHPC meeting is scheduled for **October 18, 2023**, via videoconference or in person at the Bismarck Office of Job Service, located at 1601 East Century.

**Adjournment**

Having completed all agenda items and hearing no further comments from BHPC members, Chairperson McCleary declared the meeting adjourned at 4:06 PM CT.