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## **ND Behavioral Health Planning Council to meet Oct. 7 by video conference**

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Behavioral Health Planning Council, a citizen advisory group that includes people with lived experience and other stakeholders, will meet Wednesday, Oct. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. CT by video conference. The public is welcome to attend.

Representatives from the Human Services Research Institute will provide an update and guide discussions regarding the state’s behavioral health strategic planning implementation efforts.

Council members will also hear an update from the North Dakota Department of Human Services on current behavioral health services statewide and the development of a services asset map. The North Dakota Department of Health will share information about its Pediatric Mental Health Care Access program.

Members will also discuss a letter to Gov. Doug Burgum regarding council priorities. Members will discuss forthcoming legislative proposals and will announce the results of its election of officers. Other topics may be discussed.

The council has reserved time for public comment on behavioral health services and issues from 3:45 to 4 p.m. CT. The complete agenda is online at [www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html).

Interested individuals can join by video at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83832952638>, meeting ID: 838 3295 2638 or by phone at 1-346-248-7799, meeting ID: 838 3295 2638#.

Individuals with disabilities who need accommodations to participate in the meeting or who would like more information about the Behavioral Health Planning Council can contact council facilitator Greg Gallagher at 701-224-0588 ext. 102, 711 (TTY) or [ggallagher@agree.org](mailto:ggallagher@agree.org).

The governor appoints planning council members who represent people with first-hand knowledge of behavioral health services, their family members, other advocates, agencies, human service zone offices, formerly called county social service offices, and public and private behavioral health service providers. Council information is available at [www.nd.gov/dhs/services/mentalhealth/ndmhpc/](http://www.nd.gov/dhs/services/mentalhealth/ndmhpc/).

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