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ND Behavioral Health Planning Council to meet July 21 to recap legislative behavioral health initiatives

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, July 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. CT, to recap behavioral health initiatives authorized during the 2021 North Dakota legislative session.

The public is welcome to attend the meeting by Microsoft Teams or by conference call. Individuals can also attend the meeting in person at Job Service North Dakota in the Dakota Room, 1601 E. Century Ave., in Bismarck.

The meeting agenda includes a review of the state’s behavioral health strategic plan, a quarterly report on the status of the Pediatric Mental Health Access Program and a review of the council’s upcoming priorities. Members will also discuss the status of council membership slots, the executive budget regarding behavioral health programming and council activities for the current biennium.

The committee has reserved time for public comment on behavioral health services and issues at 3:40 p.m. CT. Other business will be discussed.

A complete agenda is online at www.nd.gov/dhs/info/publicnotice/index.html.

Interested individuals can join by video using the [Microsoft Teams link](#) or by conference call at 701-328-0950, conference ID: 279 089 418#.

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.

The governor appoints 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/.

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