

SPECIAL MEETING

Public Comment Meeting Peer Support Specialist Certification Process

Friday, Nov. 14, 2019

5 – 6 p.m., Central Time

Bismarck Event Center, Prairie Rose Room 101
315 S. Fifth St., Bismarck, ND 58501

The North Dakota Department of Human Services' Behavioral Health Division is seeking public comment on the peer support specialist certification process.

The meeting will focus on gathering input from interested stakeholders. Information about the proposed certification process, supporting documents and written comment can be found at www.behavioralhealth.nd.gov/addiction/peer-support.

During the 2019 session, North Dakota passed legislation to establish a credentialing program for peer services to continue to support the growth of a robust peer workforce. Supporting and expanding peer support is an effective, evidence-based way for the state to improve the current behavioral health system by expanding access to supports in rural areas of the state and at vital places like emergency departments, as part of crisis teams, local public health units and homelessness services.

Agenda

- Welcome
- Introduction – What is peer support certification?
- Public comments
- Final remarks

Individuals who are unable to attend the meeting and would like to **submit comments** can submit them **until 5 p.m. CT on Nov. 22, 2019**, to:

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People with disabilities who need accommodations to participate in a meeting should contact Nicole Berman in the department's Behavioral Health Division at 701-328-8949, toll-free 800-755-2719, 711 (TTY) or nberman@nd.gov.

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