

2020-2021 Behavioral Health Planning Council

Launched in 2017, the Minnesota Behavioral Health Planning Council (BHPC) is an integrated mental health and substance use disorder Council that advises the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS), Behavioral Health Division regarding Minnesota's combined Mental Health and Substance Abuse Federal Block Grant.

Responsibilities

- Review Combined Substance Abuse and Mental Health Federal Block Grant plans and applications and submit recommendations to DHS for modifications to the grant;
- Serve as an advocate for adults with serious mental illness, children with severe emotional disturbance, other individuals with mental illnesses, and people experiencing or at risk of experiencing substance use disorder;
- Monitor, review and evaluate not less than once each year, the allocation and adequacy of mental health and substance use disorder programs and services within the state.
- Inform DHS about issues at the local level.
- Point out structural gaps in the system and identify barriers in the delivery of services to communities.
- Consult on policy development: DHS will share what they are planning and ask for the Council's feedback.
- Offer insights for consideration on effective measures and themes/issues DHS should consider in its work.
- Represent Council activities under the direction of the Minnesota Department of Human Services, Behavioral Health Division, as needed.
- Participate in continuous development of the Council, including group norms/values, leadership and decision-making structures.

Time Commitment

- New representative terms will be two years (November 2019 - November 2021);
- Renewing representative terms will be one year (November 2019 - November 2020) with opportunity to reapply for open seats in summer 2020.

Compensation

- \$55 per diem
- Mileage (the current IRS rate of \$.58/mile)
- Meals, parking, lodging and child care expenses will be reimbursed according to DHS policy