

The Behavioral Health Planning Council

is primarily volunteers from communities across the state bringing forward the voice of consumers, family members, advocates and providers to work on improving the quality and availability of effective mental health and substance use disorder prevention, treatment and recovery support services to help serve New Mexicans in every part of the state.



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Focusing on Comprehensive Behavioral Health Services



New Mexico Behavioral Health Planning Council

The Council shall

advocate for adults, children and adolescents with serious mental illness and/or severe emotional, neurobiological and behavioral disorders including substance use and co-occurring disorders.

The Behavioral Health Planning Council (BHPC) is statutorily established and is comprised of at least 51% consumer and family representation. Establishment of the Council is a requirement of the Substance Use and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), which funds the substance use and mental health block grants in New Mexico.

The BHPC's role is to make recommendations to NM State Leaders on policies, programs, funding, and to provide input on an ongoing basis in all related initiatives. The Council plays a key role on many initiatives in our state, both federally and locally funded, to help ensure consumer voice and choice are meaningfully included and central to decision-making.

The council's focus being a potent voice for children, adults, families, and providers that serve New Mexico's consumer centered, recovery and resiliency focused coordination of quality behavioral health care system.

The Council consists of the following members, all of who are appointed by the Governor:

- Adults with serious mental illness
- Family members of adults with serious mental illness and of children with severe emotional, neurobiological and behavioral disorders
- Persons with co-occurring disorders
- Native American representatives from a pueblo, an Apache tribe, the Navajo Nation and an urban Native American population
- Behavioral Health Providers
- State agency representatives responsible for:
 - Adult mental health and substance use
 - Children's mental health and substance use education
 - Vocational rehabilitation
 - Criminal justice
 - Juvenile justice
 - Housing
 - Medicaid and social services
 - Health policy planning
 - Developmental disabilities planning
 - Disabilities issues and advocacy
 - Advocates



Providers and state agency representatives together may not constitute more than Forty nine percent (49%) of the Council members.

The Behavioral Health Planning Council

9am to 12pm Bi-Monthly

STATUTORY SUBCOMMITTEES

Adult Substance Use Medicaid (ASUM)

Chaired by the Health Care Authority Designee

Native American Subcommittee (NASC)

Chaired by the Secretary of Department of Indian Affairs or Designee

Children's & Adolescents (CASC)

Chaired by the Secretary of Children, Youth and Families Department or Designee

See BHPC meeting schedule for specific dates. All meetings are held virtually via zoom until further notice. If you would like to be included in any of the meetings listed above, please contact Natalie Rivera – nataliea.rivera@hca.nm.gov

