



STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH
and Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health

State Advisory Council on Mental Health

Thursday, February 6th, 2025, 10am - 1pm

In-Person and Virtual Meeting

Attendance (bold = in-person)

Attendees: **Alison Wolbeck**, Amy Jones, Britt Olean, **Claudia Daml**, **Damir Urtzan**, Dave Lee, Ellie Miller, Eliot Butay, Eren Sutherland, Jennifer Springer, **Jode Freyholz-London**, Rakesh John, **Susan Hasti**, Tom Delaney, Patrick Rhone, **Peter Fischer**, Triasia Robinson, Sarah Driever, Wayne Garrett, Shanna Langston, Alyssa Greene, Cheryl Lundsgaard, Corey Harland, **Lisa Hoogheem**, Dan Porter, Dr BraVada Garrett-Akinsanya, Donna Lekander, Holly Hanson, Dani Indovino Cawley, Tom Delaney, Jeffrey Lind

Other attendees: **Sara Nelson**, **Lea Bittner-Eddy**, **Kelly Deering**, **James Xiong**, Tamir Elnabarawy, Gena Savage, Kristine Preston, EJ Dean, Michael Gallagher, Angie Schmitz, Miranda Solem, Katie Brennan, mfizz5084@gmail.com

AGENDA

I. Welcome, grounding and housekeeping – Claudia Daml - 10:00 - 10:08 (10:01)

- Opens meeting and welcomes participants
- Mute mics when not speaking
- Use chat for communication and also use the raise hand feature to speak
- Please use the raise hand or chat to indicate you want to speak
- Shares respectful meeting guidelines

II. Land Acknowledgement – Claudia requests member volunteer - 10:08 – 10:10 (10:03)

- Jode Freyholtz-London reads
- We, the members of the State Advisory Council on Mental Health and Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health, acknowledge that the wealth of this country was built on stolen land and with enslaved and underpaid labor of African American, Native American, and Immigrant people. We acknowledge that the recent global uprising, which was sparked by the murder of George Floyd here in Minnesota, paired with the COVID-19 pandemic, makes for a time of profound uncertainty, shame, fear, and distrust. We also recognize that despite those feelings, we all must actively challenge the impact of our own implicit biases and how they may influence our decisions as individuals and leaders.
- Furthermore, we recognize that racism also expresses itself in policies and practices that either target or erase BIPOC communities and erect barriers to their prosperity. Therefore, we pledge to be vigilant in monitoring the formulation of policies and practices that produce harm to vulnerable populations. We also commit to being



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open to other people's truths as we acknowledge the resilience, creativity and generosity of the human spirit and we hold firmly to a persistence of Hope.

- With these issues in mind, we commit to dismantling systemic and structural racism by initiating and supporting policies, practices, and the allocation of resources that promote diversity, equity, inclusion, and shared power.

III. Member roll call via Padlet chat – Sara Nelson - 10:10 – 10:15 (10:05)

- Invited via link in chat or via QR code on the screen
- Please include first and last name and preferred pronouns
- Whether you are a guest, with the Subcommittee or with the Council
- And which workgroup you are on
- Please email Sara with any issues

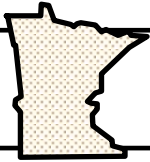
IV. Guest Speaker – Claudia Daml introduces Tamir Elnabarawy (DHS) speaking on Federal funding- 10:15 – 10:35 (10:06)

- Director of Federal Relations
- Shares PPT presentation
- In new Congress and Administration
- Election results from last Nov – Republicans retained a majority in the House
- This dynamic will give any Republican power to delay or impact votes
- VP Vance can break a tie
- MN Congressional District 3 was won by a Democrat
- Key congressional relationships
 - Sr. Smith – Sen Finance
 - Senate Indian Affairs – Sr Smith
 - House Appropriations – rep. McCollum
 - House Majority Whip – Rep Emmer
 - Democrats Steering and Policy Cmte – Sr Klobuchar
- Executive appointments
 - RFK as Sec of Health and Human Services
 - CMS Administrator – Dr. Mehmet Oz
 - Dir of Office of Mgmt and Budget – Russell Vought
 - Dept of Govt Efficiency – Elon Musk
- Federal Funding – through resolution that expires March 14, 2025
 - Bi-partisan negotiations going on now to determine funding for each agency
 - If no agreement, may need stop gap or potential shut down
 - Federal Fiscal year (FFY) 2025
 - House Republicans proposed 6% spending cut domestically overall
 - MH and block grants were level or slightly increased during Trump's first term
- Reconciliation Bill
 - Offsets needed to pass
 - Including \$2.3 trillion cuts to Medicaid over 10 years



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- Per capita caps
- Lower expansion population FMAP
- Limit Medicaid provider taxes
- Lower FMAP floor
- Debt limit can back Jan 1, 2025
 - House Republicans propose a \$2.5 trillion reduction to mandatory spending over 10 years
 - Default could impact funding for behavioral health
 - Congress has addressed debt limit 68 times since the 1960s
 - Most experts think budgetary impacts would be felt by summer 2025
- Dept of Govt Efficiency
 - Aims to cut \$2 trillion from the \$6.8 trillion annual budget
 - Has called out unauthorized appropriations
 - Not an official govt agency
 - Could impact federal opioid treatment funding
 - Largest proposed cuts to veterans' health care, opioid treatment, housing
- Federal Aid Freeze
 - Temporarily put in place by OMD memo last week calling for all federal funding to cease pending review
 - Was lifted several days later
 - A temporary restraining order is in place preventing the freezing of this aid
 - DEI funding streams may still be frozen
 - Medicaid portal is operational
 - No interruption of funding for services
 - DHS working w partners to understand the freeze and potentially impacted programs
- Public Charge
 - Process when immigrant applies to enter US or elongate stay
 - Determinations expanded to include certain non-emergency MA benefits, SNAP benefits, certain housing benefits
 - Could contribute to a "chilling effect" where people may avoid benefits they are entitled to
 - DHS will continue to build partnerships with legal entities to ensure people receive free and confidential support and services
- Official Poverty Measure
 - OMB increase this annually
 - Ultimately determines eligibility for many benefits (including certain Medicaid and CHIP benefits)
 - A slower rate of inflation could reduce or eliminate benefits for millions of people
- CODEL Insights (Congressional Office)
 - "hard to predict"
 - "waiting with baited breath"

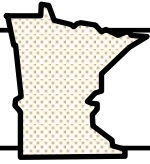


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- “don’t know much”
- Potential sequence of events
 - House of Reps will release budget resolution by end of week Feb 10
 - Senate adopts budget resolution week of Feb 17
 - Interim; concurrent resolution adopted
 - Feb 27: final vote to adopt concurrent budget resolution
 - April 20: reconciliation package passes House
 - May 26: reconciliation package passes Senate – passed by simple majority – minority not allowed to filibuster this
 - Administrative action will happen throughout with rule making, etc.
 - Tamir.A.Elnabarawy@state.mn.us
- Will send slides to Sara
- Claudia thanks Tamir and says a future invite for him to speak again may be useful

V. Guest Speaker - Jode Freyholz-London introduces Gena Savage (DHS) to give a legislative update- 10:35-10:55 (10:34)

- Shares slides
- Legislative Dir for BH since Sept 2024
- 2025 Session
 - Senate
 - DFL had 1 seat majority and w death of Sr Dzedzic in Dec awaiting special election
 - Power-sharing agreement until after special election
 - Co-presiding officers
 - Doron Clark (DFL) won the seat
 - New power sharing agreement now in place
 - House
 - Originally had 67-67 tie with several seats in contention
 - Judge threw out one seat for Republican that didn’t live in the district
 - Legal fight in Shakopee resulted in judge ruling Rep was legal
 - 3rd seat in contention for Rep in middle of criminal case
 - Sitting members cannot be tried so she’ll remain in seat and face criminal case after session
 - Not currently sitting on any committees
 - Republican have 67-66 majority
 - DFL boycotted first few weeks of session denying quorum
 - Action went to Supreme Court
 - All hearings cancelled for House and no power-sharing agreement is in place
 - Have come to agreement as of 2.5.25 and will be announced today
 - Special election for district 40B seat will take place on March 11
 - Senate didn’t contest timeline so this is moving forward



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- Was contested in House and Judge ruled date push back to March stands
- Questions
 - Will Speaker remain?
 - Speak of House, Lisa Demuth (GOP), will retain speakership and Rep Tapke will be seated
 - Republicans will also chair Oversight Committee with power-sharing committee
 - How does power-sharing work with GOP chair?
 - They transfer the gavel between leaders
 - Republicans only Chair Oversight Committee, rest are co-chaired
 - Have rep Fischer here who shares some thoughts
 - Committees: will have even numbers of reps/dems in committee and one dem will not have voting rights; once 67-67 this will resind with a rotating gavel
 - First time this has been tried in MN
- BH Policy Proposal highlights
 - Children's MH Act Clarifications: aligns Children's MH case mgmt. statute with state plan agreement with CMS
 - Current state law requires MA covers CMN-TCM and adult MH-TCM if they meet requirements in case management statute and activities (assessment, clinical supervision, referrals, monitoring, coordination)
 - She's happy to share draft legislative language with Sara for sharing with members
 - Codification of intermediate school-linked grants (originally authorized in 2017)
 - MN has 4 intermediate school districts service more than 20,000 students (SW, NE, Dakota, Henn)
- Next steps
 - Watching House closely on power-sharing
 - Feb forecast coming up and Gov's proposals will be repriced
 - Priorities for caucuses
 - DFL: childcare, healthcare housing
 - GOP: balancing budget, fraud, waste and abuse
- Invites feedback and comments directly to her
- Claudia thanks Gena for her presentation and good information

VI. Claudia Daml introduces discussion on next steps for Advisory Council's recommendations – 10:55 – 11:05 (10:52)

- Hopes all members have read the recommendations that were published (hard copy and electronic copies available – on SAC website)
- Members are asked to distribute recommendations into hands of people influential in discussing these topics

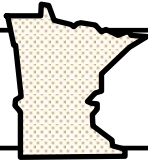


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- Wants workgroups to give some feedback to the Council on what and who are the appropriate next steps to bring recommendations to the next level
- When recommendations were submitted, there was room to note influential people associated with the recommendations; so focus here now and moving forward
- Alison says she doesn't see the recommendations on the SAC website; this may be due to a Communications issue; see previous email from Sara who will also email current copy to all (done during meeting)
- When workgroups next meet, please include a discussion on getting this information to discuss in next Council meeting
- Questions? Clarification?
- Once next steps are gathered from workgroups, Council can move forward on determining how to move recommendations forward
- If anyone isn't yet on a workgroup, this is an opportunity to get involved;
- Please contact Claudia if you have a problem in joining a workgroup (logging on, schedules, finding appropriate topic, etc.)
- Claudia invites Council to recommend appropriate workgroup topics for future consideration
- Elliot: MH Day on the Hill is actually February 20th this year
- Claudia encourages members to attend this event and try to speak with your Representative
- Elliot discusses day's activities:
 - Mid-morning education session in Armory near Capital – to hear where bills are and talking points for meeting with legislators
 - Time for people to meet with legislators
 - 1:30 speaking at Capital Rotunda for people with lived experience and legislators
 - Email Elliot for questions on how to get a meeting with your legislator or getting a ride; NAMI is helping set people up for these (see chat for email)
 - Claudia says these discussions can be very friendly and welcoming and give an opportunity to showcase the recommendations of the Council; can take physical copy of recommendations to meeting (request copies from Sara via email)
 - Can bring others to these meetings which may help make this less intimidating
 - Attendance and transportation will be reimbursed by Council
 - Cheryl: Aspire MN is making presentation and Cheryl would like to bring a copy of the recommendations to their planned activities; Sara will get copies to Cheryl
- Please be ready at the next meeting to discuss next steps from workgroups

VII. Claudia Daml introduces presentation of proposed bylaws changes – 11:05 – 11:35 (11:05)

- Bylaws workgroup has been meeting for several months; Claudia thanks members for their participation
- Council bylaws haven't been altered since 2004



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- Claudia shares proposed changes; clarifies no voting will take place today; changes need to be reviewed by General Council of DHS first
- Will vote after GCO review
- Encourages members to view current bylaws alongside proposed changes (Sara emailed to members)
- Two areas discussed were things to be changed and also things in the bylaws that need a closer look by members to understand their responsibility; may invite a deeper dive discussion in future by members
- Highlights: pink = proposed changes, green = stated by statute, yellow = points for deeper discussion
- Article 2 Purpose
 - 2 - "Review the State MH Plans as part of the block grant application"
 - Isn't part of statute, but in bylaws
 - Need to decide what we want to say instead of statement to bring bylaws into compliance
 - This was created before Council was created
 - Could have liaison from Council that attends BH Committee
 - 5 – advise Commissioner on all phases of the development of MH aspects of the bi-annual budget
 - Damir: doesn't the Council need to be empowered legislatively to have authority to make an impact;
 - Community member Katie Brennan agrees
 - Susan: Can lawyer (GCO) answer this question? Help Council find legal avenue to have the authority to do this?
 - Writing is very broad
 - Sara unsure if this would be a responsibility for General Council/Legal;
 - Claudia says this is why DHS leadership attends these meetings to bridge the gap and communicate across groups and budgets
 - Claudia hoping to get core group of members to continue these discussions
 - Rep Fischer: Council does this through recommendations which have budget proposals; need to ask which proposals have been incorporated into DHS's budget
 - Claudia: having a "post mortem" built into recommendation process would be helpful
 - BH Council could be attended by member of SAC; Jode offers to fill this role
 - Sara will get Jode connected with those meetings
 - 10 – review and comment on all grants dealing with MH and of the development and implementation of state's and local MH plans
 - Unsure of total number, but is in the hundreds
 - Isn't feasible for Council members' capacity
 - Kristine Preston says number is near 1000



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- Larger task to change this language , esp given current legislature makeup; may not want to take on during this session
- Proposed language change is to have the “authority” to review and comment on...
- Article 3 – membership
 - 11 – other members reflecting a broad range of community interests
 - Actual membership of Council and Subcommittee has changed and seats added
 - History of who made the additional seats and why has been lost
 - Juvenile justice is now represented
 - Incarcerated individuals aren’t represented and Claudia would like to see these people represented
 - Want language to reflect “authority” to add seats
- Article 4 – Subcommittee on Children’s MH
 - Typo correcting section 3 to section 4
 - members are appointed by Chair of Council, want language to not limit seats
 - Section 8 – add “diverse cultures” to description of people with “adverse MH”
 - This is antiquated language
 - In line with CMS
 - Would need to be statutory change for changing language
 - Section 3 – want amendments to broaden geographically represented seats
 - Section 7 – want language to say Council “may” have nominating committee to limit obligation
- Article 5 – Officers
 - Highlighting Sara’s role which used to be called “Director”
 - Want to take out language around titles and refer simply to “staff” to refer to DHS support of these groups
 - Person from DHS supports groups but does not have decision-making authority
- Article 6 – change “steering committee” to “leadership team”
- Article 7 – block grants
 - Work isn’t being done so isn’t needed in bylaws
 - Worthy of larger discussion around how to meet these mandates
- **Claudia will email these copy of points for discussion to members**
 - Section 4 – appointments to Children’s Subcommittee to include Chair and Vice Chair in decision-making
- Article 8 – other committees and work group and policies
 - Section 2 – workgroup chairs to be selected by workgroup
 - Individuals who are non-Council members are invited to attend workgroups as non-voting advisors
 - Section 4 – powers
 - Chairs to set parameters for decorum in workgroup meetings
 - Section 5 – removal



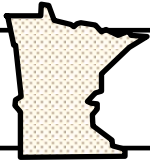
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- Chairs to determine who to remove
- Section 6 – termination of committees
- Decision through leadership team and Council
- Article 10 – meetings
 - Section 5 – related to alternate voting and proxies
 - Want to allow designated representatives to vote
 - Alison points out proxies typically don't vote but attend instead of a member
 - Claudia points out the intention is to allow proxies to vote
 - May be an issue for GCO to weigh in on
 - Section 6 – Robert's Rules
 - To use revised version from 2023
 - Cheryl: wonders if removal of reference to year would be helpful to always refer to most current version
 - Claudia likes this suggestion and will remove year reference
- Claudia apologizes for taking so much time to go through these; thanks members who attended bylaws workgroup meetings; invites members interested in a deeper dive discussion to contact her

VIII. BREAK- 11:35 – 11:45 (11:44)

IX. State Agency Updates – Lisa Hoogheem - 11:45 – 12:00 (11:58)

- DOC – Shanna Langston/Holly Hanson – Shanna shares legislative updates; not directly involved in all conversations but may have to get answers to questions from others; amended application for demonstration waiver; pursuing changes around substance use treatment acknowledging DOC provide more than residential treatment; DOC participated in conversation around race and the age of delinquency; potential grants to juvenile centers to hire counselors; DOC won't take action to legislature but will support work behind it
- DHS – Diane Neal and Kristine Preston – Kristine Dep AC BH DHS, sitting in for Teresa Steinmetz due to a mandatory state training; liked earlier discussion around bylaws; how to make recommendations to commissioner around budget: Teresa sits on Council and may be able to formalize this process; reviewing and commenting on all grants: only one of many state agencies with MH-related grants; can share RFP opportunities to review and sharing grant updates more with group; agency updates: Jan 13th announcement Jodi Harpstead was to leave her Commissioner position; in role since 2019; supported work to divide DHS into 3 new agencies; GO announced Sherene Ghandi (Dep Commissioner) will serve temporarily in role; has overseen budgeting, strategy and effectiveness work; Re: Tamir's presentation on Federal regulations; DHS is watching closely and responding to orders, like the funding freeze; hearing from community providers on impact of loss of funding; DHS working to make these impacts clearly communicated; situation evolving at rapid pace; acknowledges stress and uncertainty; happy to answer any questions

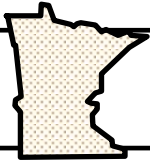


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- Jode: regarding federal grant which serves 3000 interactions per month and which will end July 2025; don't have RFP for this work; any news from DHS?
- Kristine: silence is better than other language but DHS doesn't have any updates
- Bravada: how will federal funding impact diversity and multiculturalism in MN which is a leader in DEI; will other funding be needed for grants supporting these populations?
- Kristine: knows there a focus on DEI activities; unsure how this intertwines with BH and inherent disparities; appreciates angst and will provide updates once DHS has one
- Bravada wonders if a change in language away from DEI to support equity in more subtle ways; hopes Diversity and Outreach workgroup will have some suggestions
- Kristine: MN's strategic plan is in place and hasn't changed as a result of federal funding; may need to couch language to preserve federal funding so DHS is open to this
- MDE – Tom Delaney – MDE hosting MN School Health Conference (1st ever) March 3rd in St. Cloud; for practitioners and broader; school nurses, etc. but not limited to this role/perspective; public health is the wider focus; 3 strands: leadership, legalities and licensure; will put together collaborative working partnerships; [link in chat](#) for info and registration; free webinar series on social, emotional and behavioral interventions being culturally responsive and trauma-informed; next event Feb 12th; planned to April; CECs may also be offered; please share with your network; opportunity for schools to act as demonstration projects for implementation of some topics rather than just being aware; [link in chat](#);
- Jode asks if Tom has seen restrictions at DOE resulting from funding action
- Tom: not yet until decision has been made; actively scanning areas and agencies for word of changes
- MDH – Alyssa Green/Anna Lynn – not present
- DEED – no replacement for Claire yet
- Other agencies: none

X. Updates from Members – Jode Freyholz-London – 12:00 – 12:10 (12:18)

- Bravada: thanks Tom from MDE for addressing disproportionate impact to BIPOC communities to issues being addressed in recommendations
- Regarding recommendations: acknowledgment is good but action is important; didn't see statements in recommendations to include actions beyond awareness and moving into action
- Bravada happy to help identify actions during recommendation process
- Dani: working on Bill jacketed and to be introduced to Senate for private ins health ins coverage for AAC devices (children with autism use) (letterboard, pictureboard, speaking devise); Sr Wicklund helped draft and Sr Abler co-authoring; Gillette also helping and on agenda for Council on Disabilities consideration; encourages members to support these efforts as many children with MH issues use these devices
- Jode: LAC had wonderful participation with many participants; thanks Sierra for leading event; will do this again in another quarter
- Elliot will put [link in chat for comment on proposed legislation from NAMI](#)



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- DOC has rule making process for jails; having public meetings of an advisory group which can be significant and involve MH assessment and medication access; [link to this meeting in chat plus more information](#); will be meetings every 3 weeks

XI. Membership and DHS Updates – Sara Nelson - 12:10 – 12:15 (12:25) tabled

- If anyone is having an issue with uploading W9s and register for SWIFT, let her know and she hopes to have information to help new members
- Workgroup chairs: please type updates into chat to share or send to Sara who will distribute with meeting notes
- Dave Lee: will send email regarding state fair which will need more volunteer support this year

XII. Lisa Hoogheem Introduces Gary Travis (DHS) and Andrea Simonett (DHS) for updates from DHS Homelessness, Housing and Support Services Updates – 12:15 – 12:55 (12:26)

- Gary oversees BH housing programs (see slides)
- 4 programs serving BH needs ppl and ppl with MH and substance use
 - Projs for Assist in transition from Homelessness
 - Bridge regional treatment ctr
 - Housing w Support for adults and serious MI
 - Crisis housing assist program
- PATH and HSASMI and Crisis Housing assistance programs serve ppl with serious MI or co-occurring serious MI and substance use disorder
- “serious mental illness” is defined in MS 245.462
- State PATH program now include ppl with only substance use disorder
- Align with Comprehensive Adult MH Act housing mission statement
- PATH is federal and state program
- Goal is transition ppl out of homelessness into housing and services
- Provides homeless outreach and case management services (clinical asmt, habilitation, SU treatment, etc. – broad interpretation)
- Currently supports 13 projects across the state and projects an additional 4 projects
- New PATH funding MS245.991
- Funding: PATH federal formula grant \$832,870 and historic state match \$618,049
- New state PATH funding adds approximately \$4.79M per year for a total of \$6.14M per year
- Damir: thoughts of fraud and abuse in recent news in MN and displacement of clients who were homeless; fear in providers for clients who may become homeless and continuation of services; has never heard of these grants; how does this interface with provision of services? How can awareness grow and get the word out?
- Gary: biggest factor in lack of information is the small size; prior to 2023 there were only 7 projects supported; outreach service may be integrated by another agency or with another service and may not be branded as “PATH”; Henn Co has it integrated into social services
- Hope to have 17 project in future



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- 13% of funds are federal so cessation of funding would cause severe impacts
- PATH outcomes:
 - 2023 homeless outreach was 2,615
 - Case mgmt. services = 878
 - People able to access MH and SUD treatment: community MH services 49.84%; SUD 6.4%
 - Transition from homeless to housing: 13.8% referred to permanent housing and 10.8% accessed
 - Increases not projected to be high as they fall under co-occurring situations
- Housing Supports for Adults with Serious Mental Illness
 - Goal is to help people who are homeless obtain and retain permanent supportive housing
 - May provide outreach, case mgmt., housing transition, housing sustaining, site-based housing, community support services and direct assistance funding
 - Uses SAMHSA evidence-based practice for permanent supportive housing
 - Currently supports 16 projects across MN
 - In 2023 served 848 people for 25 projects
 - New HSASMI program state MS246.992
 - Funding: HSASMI base \$4.55M total per year
- HSASMI program outcomes
 - Used range of EBPs and promising practices from MN Inventory/Mn Mgmt and Budget
 - Number of individual that were able to transition went from 3-13% of participants
 - 81.37% were able to retain permanent housing
 - satisfaction with housing
 - 21.84% wanting or planning to move (could be for positive or negative reasons)
 - 68.71% not wanting or planning to move
- Crisis Housing Assistance Program is key tool for prevention
 - Goal is to prevent homelessness while receiving inpatient or BH treatment including MH and SU treatment
 - Contracting with ARC MN for online portal of applications (link in PPT)
 - Provides short-term assistance such as rent, mortgage, lot fees and utilities for 90 days for people who are of low to moderate income
 - Funding: \$610,000 annual state funding base
 - Use: 183 applications funded
 - Ave monthly inc = \$1220
 - Ave household size 1.55
 - Ave age 38 (20 – 67)
 - 63% female, 35 male 2% transgender or X
- Bridges and RTC Program
 - Need partnerships to make these work



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- Programs administered by Mn Housing MS462A.2097
- Eligibility: ppl living in an institution, segregated housing or correction supervision and ppl who will be homeless upon program exit
- 18+ and families with children
- 2023 served 568 people
- Funding: Bridges RTC funding \$192,000
- Partnerships are critical for homeless and housing programs
 - Bridges
 - Housing Trust Fund
 - HUD section 811
 - Adult health initiatives: housing support for adults with serious MI, project for transition assistance, client outreach, community support and housing subsidies
- Questions?
 - Claudia asks if Andrea has anything else to present
 - Est of new HHSSA administration
 - Wants members to have PPT to see links contained in presentation
 - Available to talk to anyone interested

XIII. Closing and Adjourn – Claudia Daml - 12:55 - 1:00 (12:27)

- Next month's meeting will be split: Subcommittee 9-11 and Council 11-1
- **Contact Claudia if interested in participating in bylaws workgroup**

Thank You!

The next State Advisory Council on Mental Health and Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health meeting will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2024 and **will be a split meeting with the Children's Subcommittee meeting from 9-11 and the Council meeting from 11-1.**

February meeting minutes and resources from guest speakers will be emailed to members.

Chat record:

You 2/6/2025 10:04 AM • <https://padlet.com/sarafrnelson/state-advisory-council-on-mental-health-and-subcommittee-on--94worbfp0q422rvx>

You 2/6/2025 10:06 AM • Please take a moment to sign into the Padlet. Please include your name, pronouns, whether you are a member of the Council, Subcommittee or guest. Also include what work groups you participate in. Thank you!

Eren Sutherland (they/them) 2/6/2025 10:10 AM • I can see the presentation!



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It is the main PPT screen and I can see just the index on the left.

Jen Springer 2/6/2025 10:14 AM • Are you advancing the slides? We are still seeing slide #1.

Danny Porter (he/him/his) 2/6/2025 10:14 AM • I am only seeing the first slide

Alison Wolbeck 2/6/2025 10:19 AM • Can these slides be sent out to the group?

Eren Sutherland (they/them) 2/6/2025 10:34 AM • This has been very helpful, and would definitely second having Tamir back again.

Claudia Daml 2/6/2025 10:35 AM • Tamir if you can put your contact info in the chat for everyone that would be great!

Patrick Rhone 2/6/2025 10:35 AM • I had raised my hand to ask a question but I guess it was too late.

Claudia Daml 2/6/2025 10:36 AM •

Oh no Patrick sorry about that- I am not sure why your hand wasn't visible on this end! Could you reach out to him. He is sharing his info with us.

Tamir 2/6/2025 10:37 AM • Tamir Elnabarawy, Director of Federal Relations,
Tamir.A.Elnabarawy@state.mn.us

Kristine Preston, DHS 2/6/2025 10:37 AM • If you're willing to share your question, I will reach out to Tamir and see if he can provide a written response that I can share in the chat

Eren Sutherland (they/them) 2/6/2025 10:43 AM • Gena - can you also share your slides with us?

Dani Indovino Cawley (she/her) 2/6/2025 10:48 AM • Yes please!

Claudia Daml 2/6/2025 10:49 AM • great

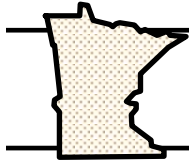
Elliot Butay (they/them) 2/6/2025 10:49 AM • I'd like to see any draft language thank you!

Katie Brennan 2/6/2025 10:49 AM • I would also like to see the draft language.

You 2/6/2025 10:53 AM • Can you please provide your email address and I will include you when I send out documents?

Katie Brennan 2/6/2025 10:54 AM • tkbren@uslink.net

Katie Brennan 2/6/2025 10:54 AM • Thank you!



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Katie Brennan 2/6/2025 10:53 AM • Can you send a link to the website with the recommendations?

Eren Sutherland (they/them) 2/6/2025 10:54 AM • I also can't see the recommendations on the website - a link would be appreciated!

Katie Brennan 2/6/2025 10:56 AM • Sarah, can you please email me the document, too?
tkbren@uslink.net

Katie Brennan 2/6/2025 10:59 AM • How do we get our legislators to respond to use when we ask for meetings? I have tried repeatedly to schedule, but they are too busy.

Dani Indovino Cawley(she/her) 2/6/2025 11:01 AM • Look up their Legislative Assistant and email them directly.

Donna Lekander 2/6/2025 11:01 AM • will there be any online options for any parts of it?

Elliot Butay (they/them) 2/6/2025 11:09 AM • No, there are not any online elements

Elliot Butay (they/them) 2/6/2025 11:01 AM • ebutay@namimn.org

Dani Indovino Cawley(she/her) 2/6/2025 11:05 AM • I do a lot of legislative work and have a couple of bills myself out there. If anyone needs or wants help with this part. Dani.indovino@gmail.com

mfizz5084@gmail.com 2/6/2025 11:06 AM • we have had a summary of the recommendations put together in previous years to use for discussions. Are we going to have that? If so will it be ready by the 20th?

Dr. Damir S. Utrzan 2/6/2025 11:19 AM • This also speaks to "scope of authority."

Dr. Damir S. Utrzan 2/6/2025 11:23 AM • In terms of grants, we should offer expertise in terms of review and application process. I recently reviewed housing grants for DHS and noticed that the process doesn't account for psychometric validity, allowing applicants to effectively "game" the process if they know what to write.

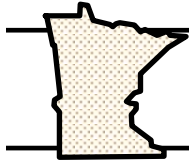
Kristine Preston, DHS 2/6/2025 11:24 AM • The Behavioral Health Administration is currently managing approximately 1000 grants

mfizz5084@gmail.com 2/6/2025 11:37 AM • sorry I have another meeting so am signing off early

Dave Lee 2/6/2025 11:43 AM • Thank you Claudia for all of the effort it took to get to these revisions!

Wayne R Garrett RN 2/6/2025 11:44 AM • Thank you Claudia for all your work on BiLaws!

Patrick Rhone 2/6/2025 11:45 AM • Just a note that I'll have to leave early for a 12:30p appointment.



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Triasia Yun-Robinson 2/6/2025 12:00 PM • I have to go into office so I will be leaving out

Claudia Daml 2/6/2025 12:06 PM • Thank you!

MDE Tom Delaney 2/6/2025 12:19 PM •

Info on the Minnesota School Health Services Conference on March 3: Minnesota School Health Services Spring Conference 2025

Claudia Daml 2/6/2025 12:22 PM • Can you give the number when you are able? Thanks!

Dani Indovino Cawley(she/her) 2/6/2025 12:22 PM • Soon as I have it!!

Claudia Daml 2/6/2025 12:23 PM • Thanks Sierra and the LAC workgroup who put that together! Wonderful

MDE Tom Delaney 2/6/2025 12:24 PM •

Info on the free virtual professional development series on culturally responsive and trauma-informed social emotional behavioral interventions for students:
https://www.canva.com/design/DAGWZ28XBpM/gjodJd6p3YynVklRkyeBPw/view?utm_content=DAGWZ28XBpM&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=uniquelinks&utlId=h04ce9e70db ... sorry, I know that is a really long link address to write down! There is a note that you can also email Megan Lagasse, MDE Student Support Personnel Specialist at megan.lagasse@state.mn.us.

Claudia Daml 2/6/2025 12:25 PM • Yes, please put both of those in the chat thx!

amy jones 2/6/2025 12:26 PM • I have a meeting from 1230-1 so I won't be on to do the mental health in schools workgroup update. Thanks.

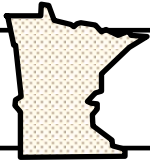
Kristine Preston, DHS 2/6/2025 12:27 PM • I apologize that I have to leave early for another meeting.

Claudia Daml 2/6/2025 12:27 PM • Thanks for being here Kristine

Elliot Butay (they/them) 2/6/2025 12:27 PM • Cannabis Rules Comments:
<https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions/40360-minnesota-office-of-cannabis-management-notice-of-intent-to-adopt-expedited-rules-without-a-hearing/topics/submit-a-comment-329>

Elliot Butay (they/them) 2/6/2025 12:28 PM • 2911 Jail rules meeting, Feb 11, 1:00pm-2:30pm;
<https://mn.gov/doc/about/rulemaking/meetings.jsp>

Dr. Damir S. Utrzan 2/6/2025 12:35 PM • Thank you. This is helpful.



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Wayne R Garrett RN 2/6/2025 12:39 PM • Can we get the contact information for how clients in acute mental health can apply? MH Pt's being discharged homeless from acute units is very common sadly. Rural MN has even fewer options sadly.

Dr. Damir S. Utrzan 2/6/2025 12:41 PM • Yes, this would be helpful.

Jen Springer 2/6/2025 12:43 PM • I have to hop off a few minutes early to drive to my 1pm. Have a good rest of the day, everyone!

Dave Lee 2/6/2025 12:56 PM • Will we have time for the workgroup updates in the future?