

Behavioral Health Advisory Council
Meeting Minutes
January 7, 2015

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Present:	Annabelle Payne, Armando Herrera, Becky Bates, Beth Dannhardt, Carolyn Cox, Eleanor Owen, Heather Maxwell, Jeff Aldrich, Jo Ellen Woodrow, Kimberly Miller, Kristina Sawyckyj-Moreland, Linda Kehoe, Moira O’Crotty, Myra Paull, Norrie Gregoire, Phillip Gonzales, Shelly Young, Dan Halpin, Pamala Sacks-Lawler, Tory Henderson New Members:
Members Excused:	Mary O’Brian, Sandra Koloske, Susan Kydd, Vanessa Lewis, Mark Freedman,
Not Present:	
DBHR Staff:	Chris Imhoff, Sandra Mena-Tyree, Haley Lowe, Michael Langer, Ruth Leonard, Michelle Bauchman
Minutes taken by:	Ken Rosario
Welcome, Review of agenda and previous meeting minutes:	Meeting began at 9:15 am,
Director’s Update	Began discussion regarding legislation session, describing what will be expected of DBHR, explained the difficulty with the Governor’s budget both in budget books 1 and 2. Explained to the committee the Governor’s Budget through a summary sheet that was handed out. The sheet was based on book 2 budget information. Explained for approximately 10 minutes on each. Tory asked if there was anything in the works for Mental Health Courts, Chris gave a brief explanation to everyone but gave no confirmation on the state of Mental Health courts. Chris talked about PALS explaining what was going on and what she would like to see happen. Becky Bates asked if there are peer support groups written into the contracts with the State Hospitals. Chris stated no and explained the reasoning, but also stated it would be a good idea to have peer support groups within the State Hospitals. Michael Langer gave a quick over of HB 6312 concerning alcohol and substance abuse, then spent 10 minutes answering questions from council members. Chris spent the remainder of her time doing a quick overview and answering questions on HB 1016, 1020, 1025 and SB 5001 and 5003.
Council Business	Group discussion on council membership and executive leader changes Becky move up into co-chair position until November, motion was second. Becky vice chair position will not be filled until the November elections. Committee read and discussed the minutes from the last Minutes, motion was second and approved. A new membership council list requested be sent out to all members. Discussion began on Self-Assessment tool/document needed from committee members. Susan through Jo-Ellen would like the council to develop a strategic plan through the use of the self-assessment tool/document
BHO Transition Focus Group	Kara Panek and Rhoda Dunkin conducted a presentation on BHO Transition Focus Group and answered questions from the members throughout and after the presentation. The Council would like more information on the BHO Transition, a suggestion was made to have Melena Thompson attend the next BHAC meeting and answer questions. Kara and Rhoda asked the committee to come up with

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	questions that can be used in a FAQ document to be put on the webpage
Block Grant	<p>Timelines – Sandra Mena-Tyree shared the timeline that reflects when BHAC can expect to review the peer reviews for both chemical dependency and mental health. The timeline also reflects application and reporting due dates for FFY2016/2017.</p> <p>Peer Review – BHAC recommendations were approved by council and will now move forward to DBHR Director, Chris Imhoff.</p>
Action Items	Not covered
Recommendations	Committee also wanted to see if Candace Goehring can answer questions on the Prevention Framework.
Adjourned	Meeting adjourned at 3:25 pm

Approved 3/4/2015