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## Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention (BBHWP)

### Behavioral Health Planning and Advisory Council (BHPAC) Legislative Subcommittee

#### Meeting Minutes

January 21, 2025  
10:00 a.m. PST

This meeting was held using remote technology in compliance with Nevada Revised Statute 241.023.

#### 1. Welcome/Roll Call

Attendees:	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anna Binder (Chair)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ABSENT: Dr. Pearl Kim (Vice Chair)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ariana Saunders	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lori Kearse	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Misty Shore	<input type="checkbox"/>

#### 2. Call to order - Anna Bider, Legislative Subcommittee Chair

Ms. Binder stated mandatory housekeeping items for members and guests: Please note this is a public meeting that is subject to Open Meeting Law and is being recorded. The meeting agenda, and any supporting materials, have or will be posted on the Councils website, as well as Nevada Public Notices website. When speaking, please remember to identify yourself and the organization you represent, if any, so that your comments can be accurately captured in meeting minutes. If you are not speaking, please remember to mute your microphones. If you are calling in on the telephone you may mute and unmute yourself by pressing \*6 and raise your hand by pressing \*5. Council Members, please make sure to keep your cameras on for the duration of the meeting to ensure we do not lose quorum. If a Council Member is not able to stay for the duration of the meeting, please let us know, so we can ensure we maintain quorum. Lastly, please only use the Teams chat feature to identify yourself and the facility you represent. Comments related to any of the agenda items are not permitted in the Teams chat. As a friendly reminder, only Council Members can comment on agenda items. All other comments must be made during public comments under agenda items 2 and 7.

#### 3. Public Comments - Anna Binder, Legislative Subcommittee Chair

Ms. Binder stated action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for a later meeting. Is there anyone who dialed in who wishes to make a public comment? If so, please press \*5 to raise your hand, and our meeting facilitator will call you in order.

Ms. Binder asked, if there was anyone on TEAMS wished to make a public comment?

No public comment was made.

4. For possible Action- Approval of July 30, 2024, Legislative Subcommittee Meeting Minutes  
Anna Binder, Legislative Subcommittee Chair

Ms. Binder stated the draft minutes are available on the 2024 BHPAC meeting webpage. Ms Binder asked for a motion to approve the July 30, 2024, meeting minutes. Lori motioned to approve, and Arianna seconded. Motion was passed unanimously.

5. For Possible Action- Initial subcommittee review and draft policy priorities letter and possible vote to revise and/or adopt and proceed full council consideration - Anna Binder, Legislative Subcommittee Chair

Ms. Binder stated a vote may be taken on this agenda item.

No motion needed, move to next meeting.

6. For Possible Action- Review and possible approval of letter regarding Assembly Bill (AB) 31 which provides for certain Medicaid reimbursement of providers and nonemergency secure behavioral health transport services - Anna Binder, Legislative Subcommittee Chair

Ms. Binder stated that a vote had already taken place and was approved. Jennifer Simeo will schedule our next meeting requested in three (3) weeks versus four (4) weeks.

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No public comment was made.

8. Adjournment- Anna Binder, Legislative Subcommittee Chair

Ms. Binder stated, please note the time of our adjournment at 10:29 a.m. PST