

Environmental Factors and Plan

State Behavioral Health Planning/Advisory Council and Input on the Mental Health/Substance Abuse Block Grant Application - MHBG

1. How was the Council actively involved in the state plan? Attach supporting documentation (e.g., meeting minutes, letters of support, etc.).

- a. What mechanism does the state use to plan and implement substance use prevention, SUD treatment and recovery services?

The Behavioral Health Advisory Council (BHAC) meets at least four times per year to review, monitor and evaluate the implementation of the behavioral health services plan and service system while providing suggested methods to evaluate the quality of that service network.

- b. Has the Council successfully integrated substance use prevention and treatment or co-occurring disorder issues, concerns, and activities into its work? Yes No

2. Is the membership representative of the service area population (e.g., ethnic, cultural, linguistic, rural, suburban, urban, older adults, families of young children)?

Yes No

BHAC members are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. No less than 50 percent of the membership consists of individuals who are non-state employees or providers of mental health services. A total of 27 members include; 14 consumer/family representatives/advocacy and 13 provider/state.

The BHAC incorporates diversity in representation and strives for equal membership of substance use and mental health consumer/family membership, service providers and state employees.

To view a current list of BHAC members and Bylaws:
<http://dss.sd.gov/behavioralhealth/services/>.

3. Please describe the duties and responsibilities of the Council, including how it gathers meaningful input from people in recovery, families, and other important stakeholders, and how it has advocated for individuals with SMI or SED.

The BHAC performs the following functions:

- Development and modification of state or federal mental health plans;

- Promoting greater coordination of planning and service delivery efforts among federal, state, local, or private agencies involved in the mental health service delivery network;
- Advising on and addressing policy issues related to the allocation of federal and state funds to the mental health centers in the state and the South Dakota Human Services Center (single state psychiatric inpatient facility);
- Providing input on matters concerning regulation, staff requirements, administration, audit and record keeping, and services to be provided by mental health centers and the South Dakota Human Services Center;
- Identification of needed program and service expansion and achievement of the highest possible quality service
- Provide input regarding statewide needs in substance abuse prevention and treatment
- Promote coordination and planning activities between state and local government agencies and private providers
- Review and provide input on the studies for prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation of drug and alcohol abuse
- Advise on all functions delegated to the state office

The BHAC supports the Division of Behavioral Health (DBH) with the planning, coordination and development of the state comprehensive behavioral health services plan. The BHAC advocates on behalf of persons served to ensure their highest attainable degree of independence in the least restrictive environment, productivity, community integration and quality of services.

The BHAC also advises DBH on statewide treatment, prevention, and rehabilitation needs within the current behavioral health system. The BHAC's duties of planning for behavioral health service delivery include informing and reviewing the Combined Behavioral Health Assessment and Plan. The BHAC is responsible for reviewing the State Plan before it is submitted and are sent a copy for their review, to make comments and to share with their constituents. A BHAC meeting is then held to discuss the plan.

Please complete the BH Advisory Council Members and BH Advisory Council Composition by Member Type forms.