

**GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COUNCIL MINUTES
January 29, 2016, 10:00 a.m. -12:00 noon**

A. Behavioral Health Council Member Participants

- In-person
- Telephone

B. Behavioral Health Council Committee Reports

- Advocacy Committee- provides education, information, and support to efforts related to the prevention and treatment of mental health and substance use disorders.
- Block Grant Committee-works closely with the DBH Block Grant staff to develop the biennial plan and annual reports that are submitted to SAMHSA.
- Program, Data and Policy Committee- works with the DBH staff on programmatic and policy issues that affect the mental health and substance use disorder service system.
- Ad Hoc By-Laws Committee - the DBH Behavioral Health Council (BHC) By-Laws are under review, recommended changes will be submitted to the BHC for approval. One issue is whether there should be limits on call-in meeting participation.

C. Technical Assistance Available to the DBH BHC

- The DBH BHC Chair, Senora Simpson, has participated in the technical assistance process.
- The DBH BHC can explore whether a needs assessment is available through the technical assistance and/or other state processes and information related to this activity.

D. DBH BHC Meeting Schedule

- It has been confirmed that the meetings will be held every other month.
- It has also been confirmed that the meetings will be held on Friday from 10:00 am-12:00 noon.
- The DBH BHC needs to confirm whether meetings will be held the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, or 4th Friday.

E. DBH BHC Training on Open Meetings Act

- An upcoming DBH BHC meeting needs to include this District presentation.
- Suggestions for the month for the presentation.

F. Upcoming Mental Health Block Grant Activities

- Notice of Funding Availability and Application for FY 2016-FY 2017 Mental Health Block Grant Funds.
- DBH BHC Committees and/or individual members can submit suggestions for types of projects for funding consideration (not specific organizations but populations, initiatives, Mayoral priorities, etc.).

- DBH BHC Committees and/or individual members can volunteer to review and evaluate funding applications (as long as there is no conflict of interest).

G. Membership Issues

- Misha Kessler- Resigned due to workload.
- Yuliana Del Arroyo- Has requested that another member serve as Chair for the Block Grant Committee. The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is reviewing the composition of the DBH BHC to determine the representative who will attend and participate on the Council. In the meantime, she will continue to attend as a member of the sub-committee and larger committee.
- Michen Tah- No longer with the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), a replacement should be requested.

H. District Council Oversight Hearings

Performance Oversight Hearing: Health and Human Services

Thursday, February 4, 2016, 10:00am. Room 500

Agency Performance Oversight Hearings on Fiscal Year 2015-2016

The Committee of Health and Human Services will hold a Performance Oversight Hearing.

The following agency will testify: Department of Behavioral Health

1. Persons wishing to testify about the performance of any of the foregoing agencies may contact: Malcolm Cameron, mcameron@dccouncil.us or by calling 202-741-0909.
2. You can view the hearings live.