

### **The Council shall:**

Advocate for adults, children and adolescents with serious mental illness and/or severe emotional, neurobiological and behavioral disorders including substance abuse and co-occurring disorders.

The New Mexico Behavioral Health Planning Council was statutorily established and is comprised of a minimum 51% consumer and family representation. Establishment of the Council is a requirement of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), which funds the substance abuse and mental health block grants in New Mexico.

The BHPC's role is to advise the New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative on policies, programs, and funding; and to provide input on an ongoing basis in all Collaborative involved and related initiatives. The Council has played key advisory roles on many initiatives in our state, both federally and locally funded, to help ensure consumer voice and choice and meaningfully involved and a central role in decision making. They are focused on and will continue to be a potent voice for children, adults and families, and providers that serve New Mexico's consumer-centered, recovery and resiliency-focused coordinated quality behavioral health care system.

The Council consists of the following members, all of who are appointed by the Governor:

- Adults with serious mental illness
- Family members of adults with serious mental illness and of children with severe emotional, neurobiological, and behavioral disorders
- Persons with co-occurring disorders
- Native American representatives from a pueblo, an Apache tribe, the Navajo Nation and an urban Native American population
- Behavioral Health Providers
- State agency representatives responsible for:
  - Adult mental health and substance use
  - Children's mental health and substance use education
  - Vocational rehabilitation
  - Criminal justice
  - Juvenile justice
  - Housing
  - Medicaid and social services
  - Health policy planning
  - Developmental disabilities planning
  - Disabilities issues and advocacy
  - Advocates

***Providers and state agency representatives together may not constitute more than Forty nine percent ( 49%) of the Council members.***

### **Behavioral Health Planning Council**

9:00 am — 12:00 pm

#### **STATUTORY SUBCOMMITTEES**

#### **Adult Substance Abuse Medicaid (ASAM)**

Chaired by the Human Services Department or Designee 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

#### **NATIVE AMERICAN SUB-COMMITTEE(NASC)**

Chaired by the Secretary of Department of Indian Affairs or Designee  
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

#### **CHILDREN'S & ADOLESCENTS(CASC)**

Chaired by the Secretary of Children, Youth and Families Department or Designee  
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm

*See BHPC meeting schedule for specific dates.*

*All meetings are held virtually via zoom until further notice.  
If you would like to be included in any or the meetings listed above, please contact Natalie Rivera – nataliea@state.nm.us*

