

North Carolina Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council (NCMHAPAC)

April 4, 2025, 10 am – 3 pm

In Person: Ashby Building Conference Room 115

Online: NAMI Zoom Link: [MHBG Council Meeting Link](#)

Present: Peg Morrison, Jeff Mcloud, Stacey Harward, Maryann Dantone, Tracy Boggiano , Susan Hertz, Stacy Morgan, Nina Leger, Diane Krisanda, Thea Craft, Trinitee Smith, Virginia Knowlton-Marcus, Kent Earnhardt, Pachovia Lovett

DMHDDSUS Staff: Jennifer Meade, Stacey Harward

<p><i>Mission and make recommendations on the State Behavioral Health Plan(s) for services and programs for children and adults with serious mental health needs and their families.</i></p> <p><i>Vision: A mental health system that works for everyone</i></p>			
	Agenda Item/Presenter Discussion	MHBG Plan Relevance Resources/Data Sources/Indicators	Action
1.	Welcome, Approval of Agenda and Minutes Peg Morrison – Chair	Approval of Agenda and Minutes	Approved Minutes to be placed on the MHBG web page once updated Link to the Recording
2.	DMH/DD/SUS Update Renee Rader MA Deputy Director & Chief Operating Officer	DMH/DD/SUS update provided by Deputy Director Renee Rader: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on sustaining grants over the next six months and Plans for alternative funding post 2025 • Highlights on comprehensive behavioral health services, crisis intervention programs, early intervention for Children, and food /nutrition supports • Introduction of a new dashboard, crisis communications toolkit, and Key partnerships such as Hazel Health and Hope for NC. • Reviewed the 7 strategic priorities of the State's Strategic Plan 	To hear the complete recording of the meeting, it will be posted on the MHBG web page PowerPoint for the update will be posted on the MHBG web page. 988 Performance Dashboard Peer Warmline Performance Dashboard Hope of NC Help line 1-855-587-3463 Crisis Communication Toolkit Future meeting have someone come and speak on the measures that are related to the MHBG
3.	Public Comment	Alexandra Morris – UNC School of Social Work Behavioral Health Spring board: She has been looking at the MHBG funds and how they are being used- does not see any that are designated for Birth to Five- some funds support 0-18	

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		<p>which does cover 0-5 - Alexandra has been looking at other states and how they are supporting the younger populations and she is seeing that there are direct streams funding the Birth to 5 and would like to see NC become one of the States who invest in the younger youth.</p> <p>Stacy Morgan made a statement concerning membership and that the council needs those who work with youth and or young adults to join the council. Those who work with youth. The Council also needs to have additional members from the west and the east.</p> <p>John Turner – comment concerning that, as more people come to the state, the need for services will increase, but at this time, we just do not have enough providers. How do we get more providers in the state?</p>	
4.	<p>Nominating Committee Virginia Knowlton Marcus</p>	<p>Re-nominated Mary Ann as vice chair, she accepted the nomination, Jeff Mcloud made the motion for Mary Ann to be VC, and Trinity 2nd motion. A motion was voted on and passed. Mary Ann will be the vice chair</p>	
<p>LUNCH BREAK 11:45 am – 12:30 pm</p>			
5.	<p>Brian Deese Stacie Forest</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reviewed the creation of the DCFW- this division is fairly new (about 3 years) • Review of the Org Chart • Overall vision for families is that Children are healthy and thriving, safe, stable, and nurturing families, schools, and communities • These programs came about after the pandemic and the need to come out stronger and focus on the whole child and the whole family, and encourage comprehensive investments in children and families 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working to make it easier for children and families to access the health care programs and supports they need to thrive. • Charged with building a data and analysis infrastructure and increasing access to children’s mental health services. • Bringing programs that serve Children and Families under one roof. • Showed a short video 	
6.	Committee work Peg Morrison	<p>The committee discussed presentations and then provided written feedback for both presenters, which will be sent to each presenter with concerns and recommendations.</p> <p>Discussed the desire to have more targeted presentations that focus on data and MHBG programs.</p> <p>The committee will come up with questions to assist presenters with what information they want to receive.</p>	
8.	The next meeting to be held at the Ashby Building		

2025-2026 Meeting Dates: First Friday of Even Months

June 6, 2025, August 1, 2025 October 3, 2025
December 5, 2025 February 6, 2026
April 3, 2026 June 5, 2026 August 7, 2026
October 2, 2026, December 4, 2026