



STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH
and Subcommittee on Children's Mental Health

Council & Subcommittee Workgroups

7 Workgroups of the Council & Subcommittee

- Outreach to Cultural Diversity
- Integrated Care & Access
- Local Advisory Council
- Mental Health & Juvenile Justice
- Mental Health & Schools
- Recovery Supports
- Family Systems, Prevention & Intervention
- Other ad hoc workgroups as needed

Workgroup Expectations

- Each member of the Council and Subcommittee will participate in at least one workgroup
- Members self-select workgroup(s) of choice
- Identify a chair for each workgroup
- Meet monthly or more often if needed
- Submit notes from each meeting for inclusion in Council/Subcommittee meeting minutes (form will be provided)
- All workgroups will consider current cultural, social, whole family, and person-centered needs in all aspects of their work efforts
- All workgroups will gather input from the community

Outreach to Cultural Diversity

- Review the evidence of mental health disparities in health care
- Recommend ways to eliminate those disparities to improve access to quality care
- Increase the proportion of racial minority providers in the Mental Health Workforce to better reflect the diversity in the general population of the State of Minnesota

Integrated Care & Access

- Review relevant state and federal care/coverage policies and proposals
- Provide recommendations for the purpose of supporting those policies/proposals that improve overall health, resilience, and recovery for individuals experiencing mental health issues
- Promote evidence-based best practices to help MN measurably improve access/outcomes of mental health and substance use disorder care

Local Advisory Council

- Assist Local Advisory Councils in providing education and support for building strong communities that serve individuals with mental illness while promoting self-advocacy at the local and state level
- Provide support to counties to develop and refine the efficacy of their mental health advisory councils

Mental Health & Juvenile Justice

- Raise awareness of and advocate for needed improvements in Minnesota's Mental Health system pertaining to children and youth involved in or at risk of involvement in the juvenile justice system

Mental Health & Schools

- Focus on access and improvement of mental health services in school settings for children and adolescents living with mental health concerns and emotional and behavioral disorders

Recovery Supports

- Review policy, advocate for evidence-based programs and endorse the effective/efficient use of state funding in critical recovery areas such as housing, employment and community support programs
- Advocate for an increase in available, affordable and supportive housing
- Sustain and expand Individual Placement & Support (IPS) supported employment program throughout the state
- Expand the use of Peer Specialists throughout the state
- Explore ways to promote community support and social relationships for people of all ages with mental illness

Note: *This workgroup currently has one Council member (state employee) and two state employee guest members*

Family Systems Prevention, Intervention, & Supports

- Support safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments for families and children in order to promote positive outcomes and community resilience

Note: *This workgroup has not had members in recent past*

Proposed Schedule of Workgroup Meetings

- Outreach to Cultural Diversity: *3rd Wednesday, 2-3pm*
- Integrated Care & Access: *3rd Tuesday, 9-10am*
- Local Advisory Council: *Wednesday before Council/Subcommittee 3:30-4:30pm*
- Mental Health & Juvenile Justice: *3rd Wednesday, 10-11am*
- Mental Health & Schools: *3rd Tuesday, 3:30-4:30pm*
- Recovery Supports: *3rd Monday, 10-11am*
- Family Systems, Prevention & Intervention: *3rd Friday, 9-10am*

November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Local Advisory Council Workgroup 3:30-4pm	5 State Advisory Council / Subcommittee Meeting 10am-1pm	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Recovery Supports 10-11am	17 Integrated Care & Access 9-10am Mental Health & Schools 3:30-4:30	18 Mental Health & Juvenile Justice 10-11am Outreach to Cultural Diversity 2-3pm	19 Chairs planning meeting 10-11am	20 Family Systems 9-10am	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	1	2 Local Advisory Council Workgroup 3:30-4pm	3 State Advisory Council / Subcommittee Meeting 10am-1pm	4	5

Proposed schedule of meetings – calendar view

Next Steps

- Create recurring schedule of workgroup meetings
 - Workgroup meetings will not be scheduled to run simultaneously to allow members to participate in more than one workgroup if they choose
- Members self-identify workgroup(s) of choice
- Abbie will schedule WebEx Meetings and send to full membership – accept only the meetings you plan to attend
 - If additional meetings throughout the month are needed, notify mhadvisory.council.dhs@state.mn.us and Abbie will schedule

Thoughts, Comments, Questions?

mhadvisory.council.dhs@state.mn.us