



Agenda

Mental Health Advisory Council

Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 2:30 – 4:30 pm, GC 1105

Attendees:

Members:

☐ Angela Lamarche*
☐ Breanna Heintzelman*
☐ Brienne Elstad*
☐ Carl Harju*
☐ Cathy Elfstrand*
☐ Commissioner Kirby Moynagh*

☐ Elizabeth Handt*
☐ Jacquelyn Bergo*
☐ Kelli Douglas*
☐ Kirk Wulf*
☐ Mikki Northuis*
☐ Natalie McClory*
☐ Sandra Greninger*

☐ Shirwa Adan*
☐ Tammi Dahlman*
☐ Whitney McElhone*
(E)=Excused
(U)=Unexcused
(R)=Attended Remotely
*=MHAC Member (16 Members)
(Need minimum of 9 for quorum)

HHS Staff Attendees:

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of the Agenda (any additions)
3. Approval of MHAC Minutes from 05.13.2025
4. Sub-committee reports
 - a. Youth Subcommittee – Committee Representative
5. Unmet Needs and Possible Solutions Discussion
6. Action Items
7. Information Sharing
 - a. Diane Erkens or Gretchen Backer
 - i. Meetings will be moving to a Teams format; Wright County will no longer be using Zoom.
 - b. Diane Erkens:
 - i. Starting August 1st, there is to be NO billing to clients to get crisis services. The provider can still bill their insurance company, but if they don't cover the full cost or if there is a co-pay, they can't bill the client. This does not apply to residential per info shared in the meeting.

Updates to Statute 245.469: Emergency Services

- [Chapter 38, Article 4, Section 8](#): Effective August 1, 2025

Subdivision 1. **Availability of emergency services.**

(a) County boards must provide or contract for enough emergency services within the county to meet the needs of adults, children, and families in the county who are experiencing an emotional crisis or mental illness. Clients must not be charged for services provided. Emergency service providers must ~~not delay the timely provision of emergency services to a client because of the unwillingness or inability of the client to pay for services~~ meet the qualifications under section 256B.0624, subdivision 4. Emergency services must include assessment, crisis intervention, and appropriate case disposition. Emergency services must:

- (1) promote the safety and emotional stability of each client;
- (2) minimize further deterioration of each client;
- (3) help each client to obtain ongoing care and treatment;
- (4) prevent placement in settings that are more intensive, costly, or restrictive than necessary and appropriate to meet client needs; and
- (5) provide support, psychoeducation, and referrals to each client's family members, service providers, and other third parties on behalf of the client in need of emergency services.

(b) If a county provides engagement services under section [253B.041](#), the county's emergency service providers must refer clients to engagement services when the client meets the criteria for engagement services.

8. Next MHAC meeting will be **November 18, 2025**. *Take note this is the 3rd Tuesday of the month to accommodate the holiday the week prior.*