

Block Grant Committee Meeting Minutes

June 16, 2021

11:30 am

Members present on the call: Nathanael Rudney, Hilary Piland, Patrice Beard, Bruce Crusier, Nick Pappas

- The committee scheduled the July meeting to be July 20th at 2 pm.
- The block grant committee talked about whether having people register for meetings ahead of time would be helpful because Practice, as the president, would be able to see who plans to attend and will be able to plan for the time needed for public comment. This would allow her to recognize the name or email of all the people who registered, so she can know to let each registrant into the meeting. This could be helpful if it is feasible with zoom.
- Nathanael shared that at the July 20th Block Grant Committee meeting he will have an update on where DBHDS is with the Block Grant application.

The plan for the Block Grant application was discussed during the full BHAC, prior to this this Block Grant committee meeting. That conversation is here:

- Nathanael shared that the Block Grant committee met in May to talk about the block grant submission that is due to SAMHSA Sept. 1st.
- The draft of the block grant application must be completed by August 1st because there needs to be 30 days for public comment.
- Nathanael is working on getting the application completed. He will send the whole application to the council members and highlight certain sections that are most pertinent to the committees.
- The block grant committee needs to have the council provide input on the block grant application in the form of a letter that will be included with the Block Grant application. The letter does not need to have specifics that speak to what is in the actual block grant application. The letter should have suggestions to DBHDS in terms of the use of block grant funds for MH services and the letter would be the place to call out any gaps or disparities in services.
- The committees should discuss the block grant during their July committee meetings and come to the August council meeting with areas in mind to be listed in the letter.