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Behavioral Health Points of Contact
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Division of Behavioral Health Services, Division Chief, Brenna Koedam
Oversees the Division of Behavioral Health and the Human Services Center to provide a wide range of mental health and substance use disorder treatment and prevention.
Contact: Brenna Koedam: 605.367.5236

Human Services Center, Administrator, Jeremy Johnson
Provides individuals with a mental health or substance use disorder or both with effective, individualized professional treatment enabling them to achieve their highest level of personal independence in the most therapeutic environment.
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Division of Behavioral Health, Division Director, Melanie Boetel
Ensures individuals with mental health disorders, substance use disorders, prevention and crisis needs have the opportunity to choose and receive effective services to promote resilience and recovery.
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Additional Division of Behavioral Health Point of Contacts

All can be reached at 605.367.5236, via the email hyperlinked to each staff name, or dssbh@state.sd.us

Strategic Initiatives

- Molly Brown, Program Specialist overseeing grant writing and special projects.

Workforce Development and Promotional Awareness

- Bev Mentzer, Program Manager overseeing training, workforce development and promotional awareness.
  - Lily Rowe, Program Specialist supporting training, workforce development and promotional awareness.

Office of Treatment and Support Services

- Michelle Worden, Assistant Director

- Gretchen Stai, Program Manager overseeing substance use services.
    - Tonya Honomichl, Program Specialist supporting substance use services.

- Andrea Heronimus, Program Manager overseeing mental health treatment services including JJRI and SOC.
    - Lori Williamson, Program Specialist supporting mental health services and the Means Testing/Hardship Consideration process.

- Dez Kincaid, Program Manager overseeing support services including PATH.
    - Jordan Juhnke, Program Specialist supporting peer support services, intensive case management, and supported housing for SUD.
    - Leslie Bartscher, Program Specialist supporting peer support services, intensive case management, and supported housing for SUD.

- Kassy Dunn, Program Manager overseeing juvenile services.
    - Tessa Scherf, Program Specialist supporting juvenile services and State Review Team Facilitator.

Office of Performance Management, Fiscal, and Outcomes

- Andrew Ausborn, Assistant Director

    - Stacy Trove, Program Manager overseeing performance management.
        - Jennifer Bodoh, Program Specialist supporting performance management.

    - Brittney Lengkeek, Program Manager overseeing data and outcomes, and assists with STARS password requests.
        - Carmen Kasin, Program Specialist supporting data and outcomes.
        - Brandi Hansman, Program Specialist supporting data and outcomes.
        - Paige Willett, Program Specialist supporting data and outcomes.

    - Janell Gowin, Program Manager overseeing contracts and fiscal management.
        - Michelle Rose, Program Specialist supporting prevention fiscal/contracts.
        - MacKenzie Victor, Program Specialist supporting treatment fiscal/contracts.

Office of Prevention and Crisis Services

- Vanessa Barnes, Assistant Director

    - Shaina Smykle, Prevention Program Manager overseeing substance use prevention services
        - Audrey Simmons, Program Specialist supporting substance use prevention services.

    - Jordan Mounga, Program Manager overseeing suicide prevention and crisis services, including the implementation of 988.
        - Tracy Naughton, Program Specialist supporting suicide prevention and crisis services.
        - Heavyn Brandt, Program Specialist supporting suicide prevention and crisis services.

- Colleen Hannum, Epidemiologist overseeing behavioral health prevalence rates in the state.

Additional Points of Contact

Office of Licensure and Accreditation

- Muriel Nelson, Program Manager Accreditation/Licensure- Overseeing licensing and accreditation for behavioral health and youth care providers of group, residential and foster care programs.
  - Chris Kenyon, Program Specialist
  - Kevin Kanta, Program Specialist

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