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Task Force on Mental Illness – Ad Hoc

Purpose:

The City of Brookings, Brookings County, and the Brookings School District have a long history of collaboration and cooperation, and are committed to a high quality of life for all. The purpose of the Task Force on Mental Illness is to complete a comprehensive needs assessment, create a roadmap of services currently available to the mentally ill, and to propose improvements to the current services available to people with mental health issues in our community.

Objectives:

- Determine the prevalence of mental illness in the County;
- Identify and investigate what resources are available to someone struggling with mental health issues;
- Explore what needs currently exist;
- Provide a venue for collaboration and communication;

Membership

The Task Force will consist of nine members total:

- One member of City Council (appointed by the Mayor with Council consent)
- One member of County Commission (appointed by the County Commission)
- One member of the Brookings School Board or Designee (appointed by the School Board)
- Six at-large positions would then be selected by the City Council, County Commission, and School Board members appointed to the Task Force. The at-large appointments should be citizens at-large, preferably those with a background in mental illness. The task force should include at least one representative who has a family member with mental health issues.

Expectations of members:

*Appoint a chair (or co-chairs) to conduct meetings.

*Adhere to code of ethics and city open meeting policies.

*Work to achieve community wide solutions and not represent an individual member's goals or platform.