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Chicago, Illinois 60607

**Public Meeting Notice & Agenda**

**Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention Program  
Advisory Council Meeting**

**Friday, February 28, 2025, | 1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

**This meeting will be held in-person.**

<b>Meeting Locations (Members Are Required to Attend in Person)</b>	
<b>Chicago</b>	<b>Springfield</b>
<p><b>HFS</b>  <b>401 S. Clinton</b>  <b>7<sup>th</sup> floor</b>  <b>Chicago, IL 60607</b></p>	<p><b>HFS. Bloom. 3-22. Video</b>  <b>201 S. Grand Ave East</b>  <b>3<sup>rd</sup> Floor</b>  <b>Springfield, IL 62704</b></p>

- **Please Note: Advisory Council Members are required to attend in-person.**
- **For members of the public that would like to attend this meeting virtually, please register to attend this meeting in-person or virtually at the following link:**  
<https://illinois.webex.com/weblink/register/rbb6cb92546cb6d97b819d1994e34aebc>
  - During this brief registration your name and email will be required.
  - Once registered, WebEx will provide you access to the meeting link.
- **If attending virtually, please join the WebEx Meeting a few minutes before the meeting**
  - **To join by phone:** +1-312-535-8110 (Chicago) Toll, +1-415-655-0002 US Toll
  - **Meeting Number & Access Code:** 2865 691 0520 **Password:** BTV22825

## Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Welcome By HFS Staff
- III. Roll Call of Advisory Council Members
- IV. Introduction of HFS Staff
- V. Introductions of Advisory Council Members
- VI. Review the Purpose of the Council
- VII. Review Status of Breakthrough Therapy Access
- VIII. Review and Approval of Bylaws
- IX. Nomination of Chair
- X. Review of Meeting Dates
- XI. Discussion
  - a. Discuss What Future Points, Oversight Areas, and Data Should be Explored to Advance the Goals of the Advisory Council
- XII. Public Comments
- XIII. Additional Business
  - a. Items For Future Discussion
  - b. Announcements
- XIV. Adjournment

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- HFS is committed to ensuring that this Advisory Council meets the disability access needs of all participants. Please contact [flor.lopez@illinois.gov](mailto:flor.lopez@illinois.gov) and [Melishia.Bansa@illinois.gov](mailto:Melishia.Bansa@illinois.gov) with any disability access requests as early as possible. Please use the following subject line in your email: **Request for Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention Program Advisory Council Meeting Meeting: Friday, February 28, 2025.**

### WebEx Tips

- Closed Captioning will be available during the meeting.

- We strongly suggest using the WebEx link to attend the meeting so that you will have full functionality and capabilities during the meeting.
- You may use your computer's audio or the phone option for sound; in our experience the "Call me" option has the best sound quality.
- If you are calling-in and not using the WebEx link, and need assistance, please email [flor.lopez@illinois.gov](mailto:flor.lopez@illinois.gov) and [Melishia.Bansa@illinois.gov](mailto:Melishia.Bansa@illinois.gov) **before 7:00 a.m. on Friday, February 28, 2025.** Please use the following subject line in your email: **Request for Attendee Support for Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention Program Advisory Council Meeting: Friday, February 28, 2025.** You will then receive any last-minute meeting materials if applicable.
- Individuals participating through WebEx may use the "chat" function to communicate with the meeting host and/or co-host.

**To Provide Public Comments, You Must Register in Advance as Follows:**

- To speak during the meeting, interested parties must email [flor.lopez@illinois.gov](mailto:flor.lopez@illinois.gov) and [Melishia.Bansa@illinois.gov](mailto:Melishia.Bansa@illinois.gov) and register **by no later than 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 28, 2025.**
- Please title your email correspondence with the following statement in the subject line: **Request to Provide Public Comment during Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention Program Advisory Council Meeting: Friday, February 28, 2025.**
- All public speakers must provide their name, title, organization name, email address and contact number when signing up to speak.
- **Speaker Requirements During the Meeting:** The Department will try to accommodate as many requests as possible, however there is limited availability for public comments.
- Comments must be short in length. At the Department's discretion and based upon the public comment time allotted, each speaker will be given less than 3 minutes to provide comments during the meeting.
- Speakers on the same subject are encouraged to collaborate and have a single spokesperson, if possible.
- Once your request has been reviewed, you will receive a confirmation email from Flor Lopez or Melishia Bansa.
- Registrants will be provided with details of how to join the meeting to provide comments by no later than 12:00 p.m. on Friday, February 28, 2025.

### **Regarding the Submission of Written Comments:**

- Additionally, interested parties may also provide written comments to the Department in lieu of speaking during the meeting.
- Comments will be read into the record by the meeting chair or HFS administrative personnel.
- **Comment Requirements:** Comments must be short in length and **must not** exceed 3 minutes when read during the meeting.
- Please email request to provide written comments to [flor.lopez@illinois.gov](mailto:flor.lopez@illinois.gov) and [Melishia.Bansa@illinois.gov](mailto:Melishia.Bansa@illinois.gov) **by no later than 10:00 a.m. on Friday, February 28, 2025.**
- Please title your email correspondence with the following statement in the subject line: **Request to Provide Breakthrough Therapies for Veteran Suicide Prevention Program Advisory Council Written Comment on Friday, February 28, 2025.**

### **Postponing the WebEx Meeting:**

- If in the event of any technical errors with the Virtual WebEx platform that could impede upon the virtual operations of the meeting experience, the meeting will be postponed until further notice.
- Registered Attendees will receive an email notification informing them the meeting has been postponed until further notice.
- Registered Attendees will receive an email notification regarding the new date of the rescheduled meeting.

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