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LEVERAGE TELEHEALTH AND TELEMEDICINE
LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE TO MEET

PIERRE – Senate Concurrent Resolution 2, passed during the 2019 Legislation Session, included a task force to leverage telehealth and telemedicine to the full appropriate extent, with focus on the areas of acute assessment and crisis supports, along with mental health assessments and counseling. This task force will hold its fourth meeting on Wednesday, October 23, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. (CT) in Room 362 of the State Capitol in Pierre, South Dakota.

The members will continue to discuss and refine their recommendations which will include a framework for virtual access, the statutory changes that are needed to facilitate the provision of mental health services via telehealth, and any funding considerations that need to be addressed.

The Task Force members are Senator Deb Soholt (R-Sioux Falls), Chair; Representative Herman Otten (R-Lennox), Vice Chair; Senator Jim Stalzer (R-Sioux Falls); Representatives Linda Duba (D-Sioux Falls) and Tamara St. John (R-Sisseton); and public members Mr. Brian Erickson (Sioux Falls), Ms. Amy Hartman (Sioux Falls), Ms. Rebecca Kiesow-Knudsen (Sioux Falls), Ms. Susan Kornder (Aberdeen), Dr. Melita Rank (Fort Thompson), Mr. Kelly Serr (Bison), and Ms. Tiffany Wolfgang (Sioux Falls).

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