



RULES WORKSHOP

Behavioral Health Support Specialist

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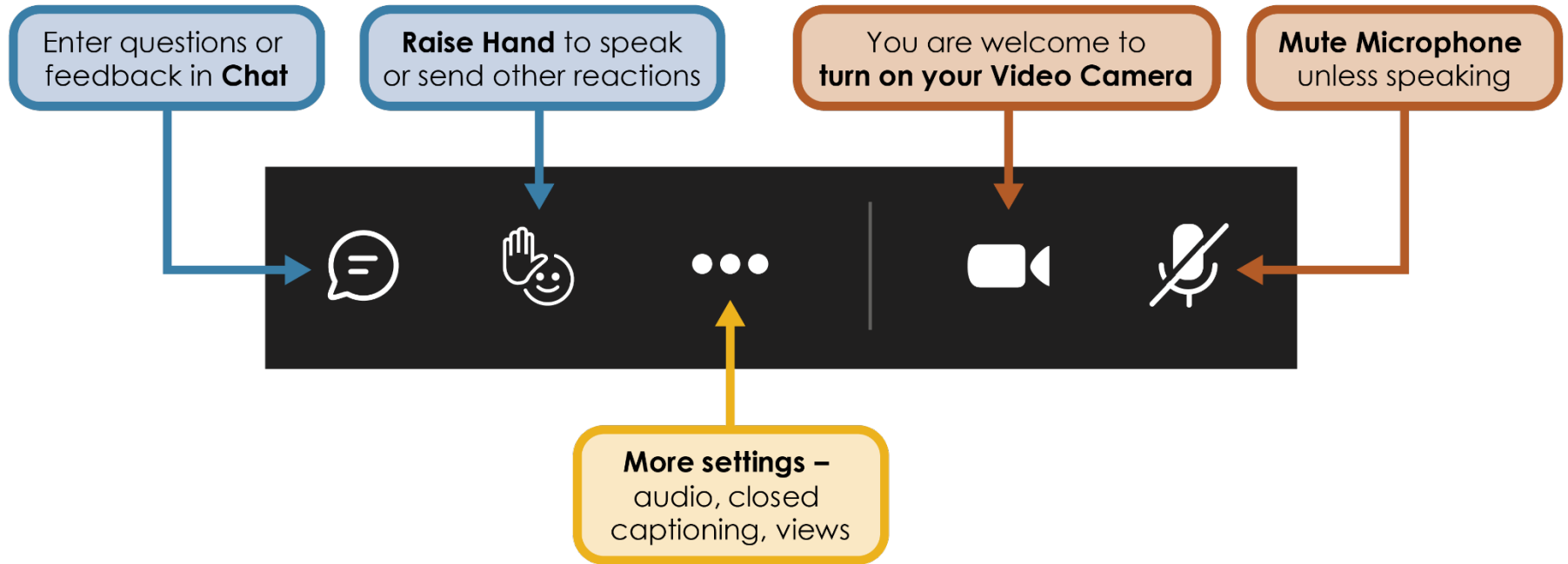
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MEETING GUIDELINES

MS Teams Features We Will Use Today



Tips

- Try to be present
- State your name before speaking
- Speak clearly



WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

Agenda

1. Overview
2. Future Workshops
3. Fees and Continuing Education Recap
4. Practicum Draft Language

Bill Overview

Substitute Senate Bill 5189 (2023) established a new profession: Behavioral Health Support Specialist (BHSS)

- Must be implemented by January 1, 2025
- Establishing a profession requires:
 - Communication avenues (email, website, etc)
 - Rulemaking
 - Setting fees
 - Creating credentialing process and application packet
 - FAQs

Approximate Timeline

File a new CR101 – completed July 2023

Rules workshops – Fall 2023 and Spring 2024

File CR102 – Summer 2024

Public Hearing – Fall 2024

File CR103 – November 2024

New BHSS credentials available – January 1, 2025



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Topics of Discussion

- Supervisor requirements (new draft language)
- Professional Standards (completed)
- Continuing Education (completed)
- Fees (completed)
- Practicum
- Education and other

Dates and Topics

Date	Time	Topic
Feb 13	11:30 am	Overview/Supervisor Requirements
Feb 14	5:00 pm	Supervisor Requirements
Feb 15	11:30 am	Supervisor Requirements
Feb 20	11:30 am	Professional Standards
Feb 21	5:00 pm	Professional Standards
Feb 22	11:30 am	Fees/Continuing Education
Feb 27	11:30 am	Fees/Continuing Education Recap and Practicum
Feb 28	5:00 pm	Practicum
Feb 29	11:30 am	Practicum
Mar 5	11:30 am	Education and Other
Mar 6	5:00 pm	Supervisor Requirements, Professional Standards (new draft language)
Mar 7	11:30 am	Tentative



FEES AND CONTINUING EDUCATION RECAP



Assumptions

The department assumes that the implementation of SSB 5189 and the establishment of the profession will cost

- \$125,000 in FY 2024
- \$134,000 in FY 2025
- \$95,000+ in subsequent years



Current assumptions are based on an effective date of January 1, 2025.

All projections are approximate and subject to change.

Funding the Profession

[RCW 43.70.250](#) requires that the cost of each profession, occupation, or business be borne by the members of that profession, occupation, or business through fees.

Fees charged at initial application and annual renewal generate revenue for this profession. To set fees appropriately, the department considers the financial forecast of the profession and sets a fee amount designed to align revenue with the cost of licensing and regulating the profession.

License	2024	2025	2026+
Rulemaking	\$53,000	\$29,000	\$0
Technology	\$0	\$30,000	\$3,000
Program Administration	\$70,000	\$41,000	\$41,000
Licensing	\$2,000	\$11,000	\$18,000
Discipline	\$0	\$23,000	\$33,000
Total	\$125,000	\$134,000	\$95,000

Fee Proposal

Based on the aforementioned assumptions, the department has determined that a fee of \$285 is what is necessary to cover the anticipated costs of regulating the behavioral health support specialist program.

License	Proposed Fee
Behavioral Health Support Specialist	App: \$285 Ren: \$285

In addition to these fees, the department will set auxiliary fees in line with current policy. These include fees for late renewals, expired license reissuances, duplicate licenses, and license certifications.

The department will continue to monitor the financial health of the program and propose fee adjustments as needed to comply with statutory requirements.



PRACTICUM

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