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MEMORANDUM

Date: March 2, 2026
To: Larimer County Board of County Commissioners
From: Mayor Emily Francis 
Subject: Larimer County Behavioral Health Policy Council

As you may know, City Council held its biennial retreat on January 31st. Part of this retreat was selecting Councilmembers as liaisons to various boards and commissions, committees and other entities to include the Behavioral Health Policy Council (BHPC). It is our understanding that the 2026 schedule for these meetings has been set and cannot be moved. Although there is a strong interest for a Councilmember to serve on the BHPC, unfortunately our availability does not allow for that.

Per the by-laws, we understand that our representative must be an elected official. Our request is that the by-laws be changed, or an exception be granted, to also allow for a City of Fort Collins staff member to serve on the BHPC. This would ensure that Fort Collins is represented in 2026.

As we do have at least one Councilmember interested in serving on the BHPC, we would revisit appointing an elected official in 2027, dependent on considerations to scheduling.

I understand that the next BHPC meeting is scheduled for April 13 so we would like to make an appointment during our April 7 Council meeting. Please reach out to Assistant City Manager Rupa Venkatesh at rvenkatesh@fortcollins.gov or 561-289-6176 should you have any questions and let her know the decision so we can proceed accordingly.

Thank you for your consideration.

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cc: Kelly DiMartino, City Manager