BY-LAWS AMENDMENT:
TERM LENGTHS OF SUBCOMMITTEE CO-CHAIRS
ON THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

BACKGROUND:
The Executive Committee of the BHPC is comprised of three groups of people:
SECTION V. A. (i).
1. The Officers:
   The Chair and Co-Chair of the BHPC.

2. The Representatives:
   Elected representatives of the Council: a Consumer, a Family Member, a Native American, a Provider and an Advocate.

3. The Chairs or Co-chairs of the five Statutory Subcommittees.

SECTION V. A. (i).
TERMS:
The Officers:
The Officers of the Council shall be nominated each Spring either verbally at a regular Council meeting or by electronic mail at the discretion of the Chair. Election of Council officers will occur at every May regular Council Meeting as needed and shall hold office for a term of two (2) years with each term beginning July 1st and shall serve until his or her successor shall have been elected or qualified. No officer may serve more than two consecutive terms. SECTION IV. A.

The Representatives:
Each term shall be two (2) years. No Executive Committee member may serve more than two consecutive terms. SECTION V. A. (ii).

The Subcommittee Chairs:
There are no term limits for the secretary chairs or their designees. SECTION V. B. (iii).

The Subcommittee Co-Chairs:
Each term shall be two (2) years. No Executive Committee member may serve more than two consecutive terms. SECTION V. A. (iii).

AND

Each term of the elected co-chairs shall be for one (1) year. No elected Co-Chair shall serve more than two consecutive terms. SECTION V. B. (iii).

THERE IS A CONFLICT IN THE LANGUAGE REGARDING THE CO-CHAIRS OF THE S-SC’S: ONE PLACE THE BY-LAWS SUGGEST A TWO YEAR TERM WHILE ANOTHER STATES A 1 YEAR TERM.
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PROPOSED AMENDMENT:
Article IV. A. Officers.
The officers of the Council shall be President/chair (“Chair”) and Vice-president/chair (“Vice-chair”). The officers of the Council shall be nominated each Spring either verbally at a regular Council meeting or by electronic mail at the discretion of the Chair. Election of Council officers will occur at every May regular Council Meeting as needed and shall hold office for a term of two (2) years with each term beginning July 1st and shall serve until his or her successor shall have been elected or qualified. No officer may serve more than two consecutive terms.

Article V. A.
(i) Qualifications.
The Executive Committee shall be a committee composed of the following individuals: Chair and Vice-chair of the Council; Chairs or Co-Chairs of all statutory subcommittees of the Council; and the following representatives elected by a majority vote of the Council: a consumer, a family member, an advocate, a provider, and a Native American representative.

(ii) Terms.
The five Representatives elected by a majority vote of the Council shall each serve two (2) year terms. They shall be elected at the May meeting of the Council as needed to fill vacancies. Neither Officers nor Council elected representatives may serve more than two consecutive terms as an Executive Committee member.

Article V. B.
(iii) Terms.
There are no term limits for the Secretary chairs or their designees. Each term of the elected co-chairs shall be for one (1) year. No elected co-chair shall serve more than two consecutive terms.

RATIONALE:
The rationale as to why the Officers and 5 Representatives elected by the Council have 2 year terms and the Subcommittee Co-Chairs have 1 year terms is, as follows:

The Officers and the 5 Representatives elected by the Council have two year terms to ensure / maximize continuity across not only the Council but also, and perhaps more importantly, the Statutory Subcommittees.

The Co-Chairs of the Subcommittees have one year terms to offer a leadership role that more consumers and family members may be able to undertake. It has always been our focus to get more consumers and family members from the Local Collaboratives involved in our leadership roles.

Lastly, the Co-Chairs of the Subcommittees have one year terms to allow members to step forward and commit their time and energy more easily. Please remember that the Subcommittees meet monthly and require a considerable commitment of time and energy. A member may be more hesitant to commit to the longer two year term.