



RULES WORKSHOP

Behavioral Health Support Specialist

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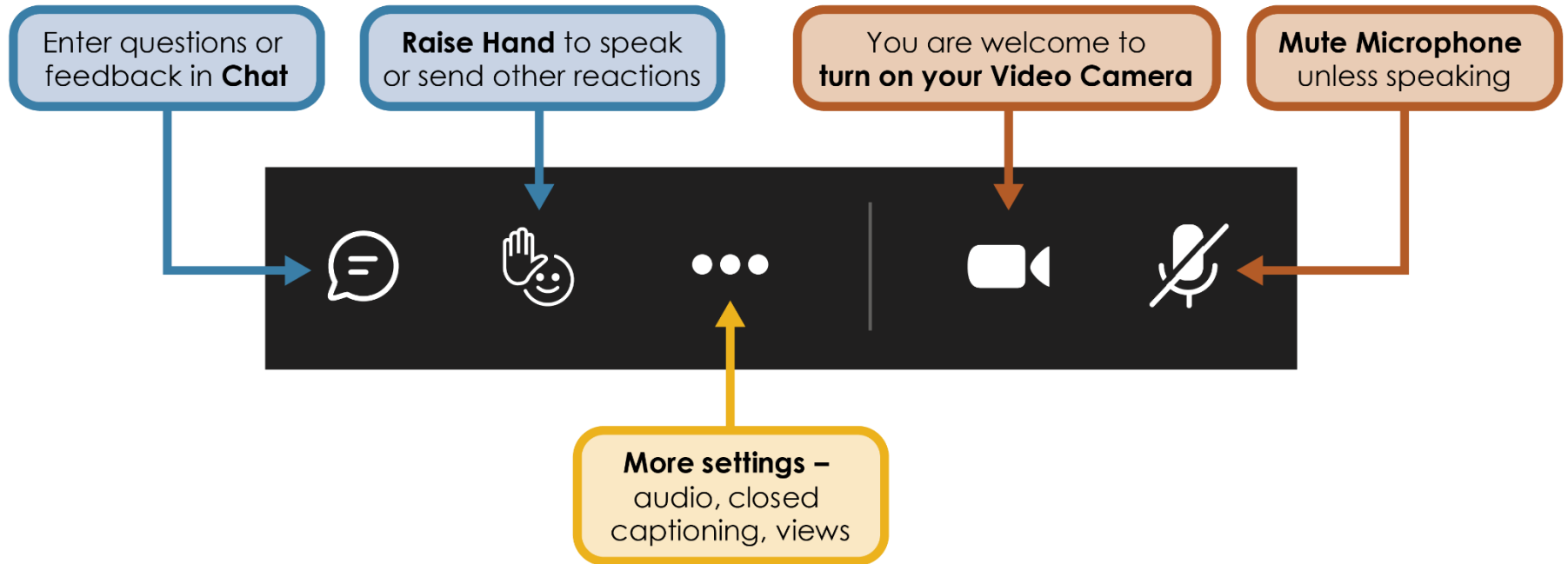
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MEETING GUIDELINES

MS Teams Features We Will Use Today



Tips

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



WORKSHOP OVERVIEW

Agenda

1. Overview of Bill and Rulemaking Process
2. Future Workshops
3. Supervisor Requirements Draft Language

Bill Overview

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

- Per the bill a BHSS is “a person certified to deliver brief, evidence-based interventions with a scope of practice that includes behavioral health under the supervision of a Washington state credentialed provider who has the ability to assess, diagnose, and treat identifiable mental and behavioral health conditions as part of their scope. A behavioral health support specialist does not have within their scope of practice the ability to make diagnoses but does track and monitor treatment response and outcomes using measurement-based care.”

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- 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
- Professional Standards
- Continuing Education
- Fees
- Practicum

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	Tentative
Mar 6	5:00 pm	Tentative
Mar 7	11:30 am	Tentative



SUPERVISOR REQUIREMENTS

Questions?

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