



## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

April 27, 2020 3:30PM - 4:30PM

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## AGENDA

Agenda Item		Action Needed	
1.	Welcome and roll call of members– Jackie Mitchell	5 min.	
2.	Brief instructions for virtual meeting– Jackie Mitchell	5 min.	Information
3.	2019 Review of Revenue and Expenditures of the Behavioral Health Program Fund– Anne Deacon	10 min.	Information/Discussion
4.	2020 revenue projections/decrease due to COVID-19 pandemic– Anne Deacon	15 min.	Information/Discussion
5.	Discussion to devise strategy for how we approach possible program reductions– Anne Deacon	20 min.	Discussion/Decision
Other/Public Comment			
5 min			
Adjourn			

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**Whatcom County**  
**Behavioral Health Advisory Committee**  
**CHARTER**

Primary Objective

To provide advice to the Whatcom County Executive via the Health Department's Human Services Division for the development and implementation of behavioral health programs and services.

Intent of the Local Behavioral Health Funds

To fund a county wide infrastructure for behavioral health programs and services, emphasizing a continuum of care that will benefit residents who are impacted by mental illness and/or substance use disorder. The goal is to promote resilience and recovery, and to reduce costly and less effective interventions of emergency services and the criminal justice system.

Advisory Committee Responsibilities:

1. Review information provided by the Whatcom County Health Department's Human Services Division and advise in the following areas
  - a. Community Needs Assessments
  - b. Comprehensive Behavioral Health Plans
  - c. Strategies for programs and services that promote
    1. innovative approaches
    2. blended/multiple funding sources
  - d. Budgets relative to planning strategies, including tax revenues collected
  - e. Program evaluations and outcomes
2. Provide advice regarding the infrastructure of administration required in the Human Services Division to support planning, implementation and oversight of programs and services funded by local revenue sources.
3. Request additional information when necessary to aid understanding of issues, plans and budgets to include expert consultants.
4. Assist with evaluation of overarching strategies and plans pursuant to
  - a. merits
  - b. priority status
  - c. response to stated needs
  - d. reasonableness of budget
  - e. contribution to community's infrastructure
  - f. outcome and performance measures
  - g. adherence to intent of pertinent County Codes and State Statutes
5. Ensure program evaluation components are integrated into planning, contracting, and MOUs.
6. Ensure that one annual summary is submitted to the County Council by the County Executive via the Health Department's Human Services Division.
7. Provide advice regarding a minimum reserve fund level for unexpected needs, start-up initiatives, or intended capital projects.

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