



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

January 9, 2023, 3:00PM - 4:30PM

**Hybrid Meeting (In person 509 Girard St, Creekside Conference Room,
Remote via Zoom)**

When you join the meeting, please mute your microphone to avoid feedback and interference. The meeting organizer will do a roll call for board members. Speakers will present their topics and then stop for discussion and questions. When you are called on to speak, please identify yourself. Further instructions will be provided at the start of the meeting.

A G E N D A

Agenda Item		Action Required	
1.	Welcome, roll call, meeting instructions, review and approval of minutes – Dac Jamison	5 min.	Action
2.	The role of the BHAC Committee – Malora Christensen	10 min.	Discussion/Action
3.	Whatcom County Justice Project – Barry Buchanan & Perry Mowery	20 min.	Information/Feedback
4.	BH Fund and Housing Supports – Ann Beck	15 min.	Information/Feedback
5.	Elections for New Chair	10 min.	Action
6.	Public Comment	5 min.	
	Next Meeting/Adjournment		Close Meeting

Next Meeting: April 10, 2023

Attachments for the Meeting:

- BHAC Minutes from 10.10.22

Prior to the Meeting:

Needs Assessment & Proposed Revision to Needs Recs - Justice Project



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.