



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

July 11, 2022, 3:30PM – 5:00PM

Hybrid Meeting (In person 800 E. Chestnut St, Suite 1B, 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– Chris Phillips	5 min.	Information/Action
2.	PHAB Expansion- Steve Bennett, Leah Wainman (Chair & Vice Chair, respectively)	30 min.	Discussion/Action
3.	Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Gap Analysis -Perry Mowery	35 min.	Presentation/Feedback
4.	Summary & Highlights of Youth Cannabis and Commercial Tobacco Prevention Funds- Alyssa Pavitt	15 min.	Information/Feedback
6.	Public Comment	5 min.	Discussion
	Next Meeting/Adjournment– Chris Phillips		Close Meeting

Next Meeting: 10/10/22

Attachments for the Meeting:

- BHAC Minutes from 04.11.22
- Sequential Intercept Gap Analysis Presentation
- Prevention Materials.

Non- Meeting Attachments:

- None



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.



**Whatcom County Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (BHAC)
Meeting Minutes**

Meeting Date/Time/Location: April 18, 2021 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Virtual Zoom Webinar

Members Present: Chris Phillips, Dave Reynolds, Nick Evans, Susan Wood, Wendy Jones, Perry Mowery

Members Absent: Bill Elfo, Dac Jamison, Michael Massanari, Mullane Harrington, Todd Donovan

Health Depart Staff/Guests: Jackie Mitchell, Ann Beck, Malora Christensen, Joe Fuller, Dean Wight, Robin Willins, Amy Harley / Chris Furman

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Who
1. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements	The meeting was called to order. A quorum was present.	Chris
2. Approve Minutes of January 2022	Dave moved to approve the January 2022 minutes as presented. Wendy seconded the motion. The committee voted and the motion passed.	Vote to approve minutes: Ayes 6, Nays 0,
3. Health Department Staffing Update	Malora introduced herself as the manager of the Response Systems Division. GRACE and LEAD are operating under the Health Department with all of the same staff, and LEAD will be expanding by three new positions through funds from the Healthcare Authority. Perry, Jackie, and Mental Health Court staff will also be moving over to the Response System Division because of all of the overlap with the legal system, and Prevention will stay under Human Services. There will likely be more restructuring between the two divisions over time. There will be additional programs funded by state, BH-ASO, and local dollars that will also be coming in under the Response Systems Division.	Malora



4. County Boards and Committees	<p>Malora acknowledged that concerns about the role of the committee advising on Behavioral Health Funds have been heard, and that there will be more clear direction for boards and committees as we start to revisit the strategic plan. Perry added that he took the minutes and survey results from the previous meeting and discussed with Erika. Susan asked about a timeline, and Perry said he will take responsibility to find out more information and relay that to committee members. Ann and Malora answered clarifying questions about Health Department structure.</p>	<p>Malora, Perry, Ann</p>
5. Sequential Intercept Gaps Analysis	<p>A Behavioral Health Gap Analysis Group was formed as a component of the larger community Justice Project that originated in 2019. The project was recently reestablished, and the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) developed in 2020 is under review. The SIM is a uniform way to show the different points that people who have behavioral or mental disorders come in contact with the criminal justice system. The task of the Analysis Group was to update 2020 SIM by identifying 1) current programs, 2) existing programs that are needing resources, 3) programs that are not in existence but needed in the community, and 4) associated costs. Committee members were encouraged to email to Jackie with suggestions for the SIM and she will share with the Analysis Group at their weekly meeting. Nick provided feedback about the need for a single access point to behavioral health services and Malora responded with detail on some efforts, including products created for law enforcement, discussions with community organizations, alternative response teams, and 9-8-8. Chris asked a question about Intercept 4, Wendy and Jackie clarified. This new version of the SIM will be finalized in June.</p>	<p>Perry</p>
6. Healthy Youth Survey Results	<p>Joe shared results from the Whatcom County Healthy Youth Survey. In the past, the survey has been administered every other year on even years to grades 6, 8, 10, and 12. Due to COVID, the survey was not administered in 2020, and there is a new cohort of youth who participated in 2021. 5,581 Whatcom County youth in all seven school districts participated in the survey and answered questions relating to tobacco, alcohol, and marijuana use, mental health status, bullying, and adverse childhood experiences. Joe reviewed several charts displaying the data and answered questions from the committee.</p>	<p>Joe</p>
7. Public Comment	<p>There was no public comment.</p>	<p>Chris</p>
Next Meeting:	<p>July 11, 2022 3:30-5:00 Virtual</p>	