



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

April 12, 2021 3:30PM – 5:00PM

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A G E N D A

Agenda Item		Action Needed	
1.	Welcome, roll call, meeting instructions, review and approval of minutes – Chris Phillips	5 min.	Information/Action
2.	2020 Annual Report & Fund Balance- Anne Deacon	10 min.	Information
3.	One Tenth of 1% New Sales Tax – Affordable Housing & BH Services- Anne Deacon	30 min.	Discussion
4.	BH Crisis Service System Planning- Anne Deacon	20 min.	Discussion
5.	State Legislative Provisos & American Rescue Plan Act 2021- Anne Deacon	5 min.	Discussion
6.	Other/Public Comment- Chris Phillips	5 min.	Information
7.	Next Meeting/Adjournment – Chris Phillips	5 min.	Closing

Next Meeting: 07/12/21

Attachments (to the Agenda)

- 2020 Annual Service Report
- RCW.82.14.530, Ordinance, Code
- BH Crisis Planning Design

Attachments (Not part of the Agenda)

- 2019 Annual Report Final
- GRACE PowerPoint
- BHSA -BH Impact Report



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.