

Multnomah County
Behavioral Health Division
Behavioral Health Advisory Council Meeting
August 6th, 2025 10AM - Noon



Community Lived Experience/Family/ Advocate Representatives	Public Service Representatives	Staff	Guests
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Barb. Rainish <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Courtney Shannon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Bray <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Etta Assuman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Joni Scheib <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> June Howard Johnson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Katrina Malachowski <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kevin Fitts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Bueford <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lisa Yu <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mamie Gathard <input type="checkbox"/> Mary Avalon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Patty Hamit Arvizu <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robert Fentress <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ruthie Benjamin <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ryan Hamit <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CareOregon Cassi Sturtz <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare Dave Kohler <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Central City Concern Juliana Wallace / Albert Parramon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lifeworks NW Mary Fakhoury <input type="checkbox"/> Multnomah County Sheriff's Office Nora Mains (NWIAS) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NAMI Multnomah Kerri Melda <input type="checkbox"/> NARA NW Albie Lemos <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New Narrative Haven Taylor <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quest Center Allison Haws/Victoria Haberkorn <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant <input type="checkbox"/> Vacant	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anthony Jordan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deandre Kenyanjui <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jenny Tsai <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> JJ Jessee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Olivia Kilgore <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roger Garth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adjoa Assuman <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ann Kasper <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heaven Merritt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCHIN: JoAnne Lang <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> El Jardin: Roberto Paredes

Topic	Notes:
Welcome and Introductions Group Agreements Announcements	Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Olivia Kilgore: OCE Program Specialist who will be working with BHAC in the future. Olivia came to OCE as a transfer from Public Health as a result of the FY26 budget cycle. • Zero Suicide Initiative: We have obtained a grant from OHA for suicide prevention work at BHD. There will be a review of policies and procedures of the suicide prevention work occurring in the next couple of months. As part of the public involvement process, we will likely interview a few BHAC members around their thoughts around the topic of suicide prevention.
Recognition Month or Awareness Events (if Applicable)	Recognition Month Events (if Applicable) Recognition Events (if Applicable) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Business Month • Community Health Worker Awareness Month • National Minority Donor Awareness Month • August 3rd-9th: National Health Center Week • August 30th: National Grief Awareness Day • August 31st: International Overdose Awareness Day Board Proclamation Signing Ceremony is today at Noon: Watch Here
Minute Approval	Approved by a majority vote.

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New Member Orientation Presentation Notes	<p>Expand on problem gambling: BHD submitted a problem gambling plan to OHA. Anthony will share this with the group.</p> <p>Budget:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to FY26 Health Dept Budget: https://multco.us/file/health_department-1/download • BHD adopted budget for FY26 for BHD is \$158.4M <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ \$35.9M is General Fund and \$122.5M is Other Funds ◦ Includes 332.42 FTE <p>Bylaws updates: Bylaws used to be updated via a sub-committee. The Steering Committee will discuss this at their next meeting and reach out to interested members: Ryan Hamit and Laura Bueford.</p>
OCE & Director's Office Updates	Updates made during announcements.
Next Meeting	<p>Community Workgroup: August 15th, 2025 from 1PM-3PM</p> <p>General Council: September 3rd, 2025 from 10AM-Noon.</p>

BHAC General Council Meeting

**August 6th, 2025
10:00AM - 12:00PM**



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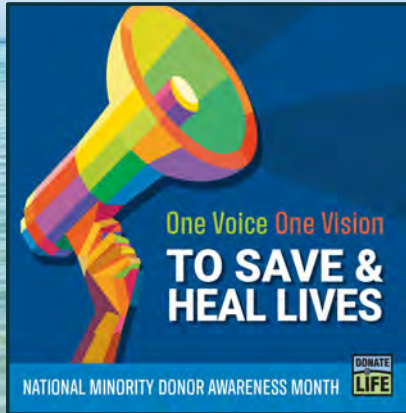
This Meeting Is Recorded

**OCE will review the recording for note taking and
group accountability purposes.**

**BHAC General Council and Community Workgroup meetings
are open to the public.**

August Monthly Awareness and Recognition

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- Community Health Worker Awareness Month
- National Minority Donor Awareness Month
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Announcements & Community Updates



June Meeting Minute Approval



Behavioral Health Division Updates

Director's Office

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Behavioral Health Division Updates

Office of Community Engagement

- Olivia Kilgore moved into OCE from Public Health as a position transfer resulting from the FY26 Budget process.



Behavioral Health Advisory Council (BHAC)

New Member Orientation

August 2025

BHAC Mission & Vision

OUR MISSION

BHAC collaborates with the Behavioral Health Division (BHD) to plan, advise, and improve behavioral health networks for those served.



WE SUPPORT BHD's VISION

BHD envisions a day when all Multnomah County residents are able to access quality behavioral health services that are:

- Timely
- Individualized
- Culturally-specific
- Inclusive
- Trauma-informed, and
- Include peer-delivered services in order for individuals to achieve their maximum potential



BHAC Values

WE VALUE:

- Empowerment of community voices
- Strengthening community voices through a collaborative relationship with government to actualize shared goals
- Advising, informing and guiding a consumer driven Behavioral Health Care Network in both short and long-term planning processes based on lived experience
- Pursuing excellence in the Behavioral Health System, including increasing peer services, access, quality, and service provider accountability
- Acting as agents of change to reduce the challenge of stigma and promote a positive vision of behavioral health wellness and recovery



Multnomah County, Health Department and Behavioral Health Division Overview



County Leadership & Contact Information

Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners = Local Mental Health Authority



Chair Jessica Vega-Pederson
mult.chair@multco.us



District 1, Meghan Moyer
district1@multco.us



District 2, Shannon Singleton
district2@multco.us



District 3, Julia Brim-Edwards
district3@multco.us



District 4, Vince Jones-Dixon
district4@multco.us

Department/Division Leadership & Contact Information

Health Department: hd.directoroffice@multco.us

Rachael Banks, Director

Behavioral Health Division: bhd.directoroffice@multco.us

Anthony Jordan, Interim Director

Dr. Jenny Tsai, Medical Director

Jay Auslander, Interim Deputy Dir. of Operations

Jessica Jacobsen, Interim Deputy Dir. of Clinical Integrity

JJ Jessee, Administrative Analyst (Support to Directors' Office and interim support to OCE and BHAC groups.)

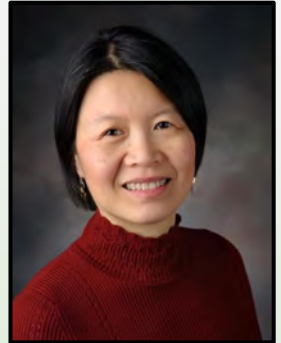
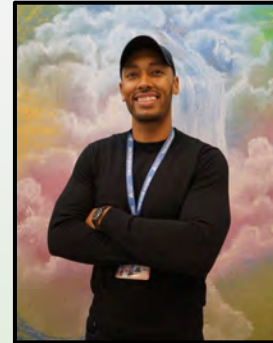
Office of Consumer Engagement:

deandre.kenyanjui@multco.us

Deandre Kenyanjui, Program Supervisor

Mario Cardenas & Roger Garth - Engagement Coordinators

Olivia Kilgore - Program Specialist



Clockwise: Rachael Banks,
Anthony Jordan, Deandre
Kenyanjui and Dr. Jenny Tsai

LMHA: Board of County Commissioners (Chair: Jessica Vega Pederson)
CMHP: Health Department (Health Department Director: Rachael Banks)

Anthony Jordan
Interim BHD/CMHP Director

Jenny Tsai, MD
BHD Medical Director

Office of Consumer Engagement
Deandre Kenjanujui

Behavioral Health Advisory Council

Troy Hollis
Business Systems Manager

Jessica Jacobsen
Interim Deputy Director of Clinical Integrity

Strategic Operations
Kelley Duron
Director's Office

Jay Auslander
Interim Deputy Director of Operations

Yolanda Gonzalez
Direct Clinical Services
Senior Manager

Barbara Snow
Safety Net Services
Senior Manager

Jessica Jacobsen
Care Coordination
Senior Manager

Anthony Jordan
Addictions & Prevention
Senior Manager

Jay Auslander
Commitment & Diversion Services
Senior Manager

Carmelle Cooper,
WOC Quality Manager & Chief Compliance Officer

School Based MH

CMHP Contracts and Budget

Wraparound
Jenn Evans, Mgr

Addictions Contracts

Amy Solt
Alex Kuzmich
Commitment and Diversion Managers

Compliance

EASA

Crisis Call Center/
Disaster Behavioral Health

Youth ICC

Coordinated Care Pathways Center (Deflection)

Quality Improvement

Early Childhood

Behavioral Health Resource Center

Adult ICC

Promoting Access to Hope (PATH)

Evolv Support

Preschool for All

Residential Svcs

Multnomah Intensive Treatment Team

Addictions Prevention

Reporting

Gun Violence BHRT

Adult Protective Svcs

Choice

ASAM Team

Suicide Prevention/
Postvention

Medical Records

CARES

Older Adult BH

Jail Care Coordination

Post Commitment

Aid & Assist

Mental Health Court

Bridge Treatment

Billing

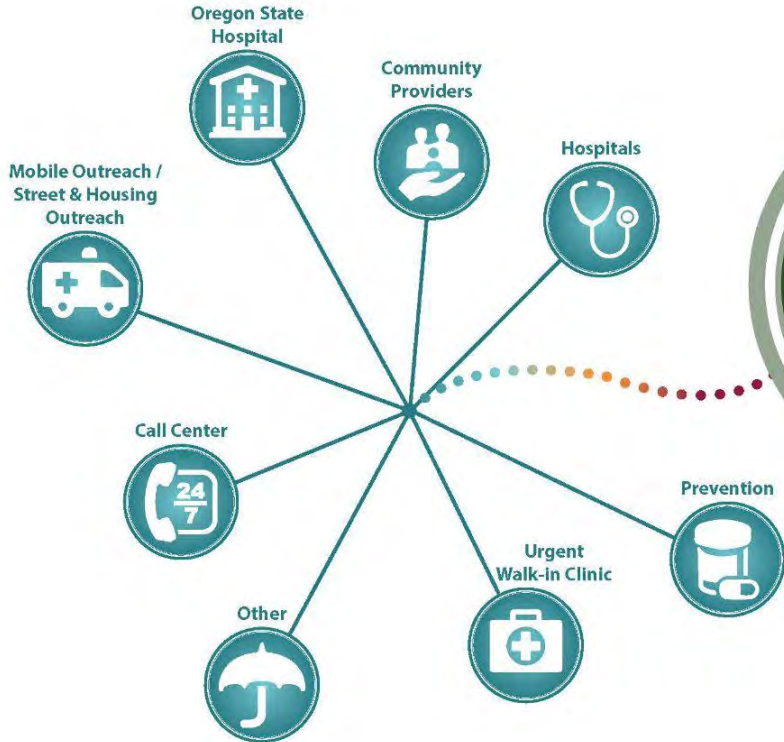
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Behavioral Health Division Revenue & Expenditures

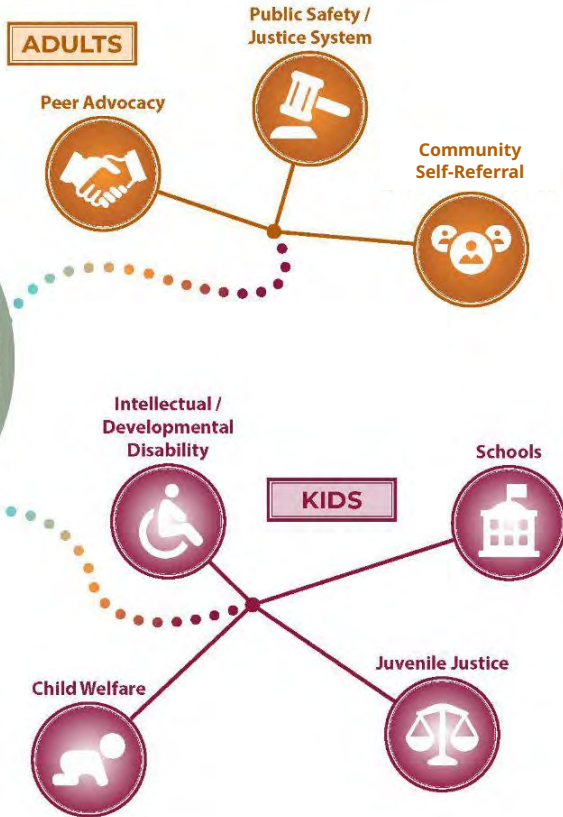


Behavioral Health Division: Consumer Access Points to Services

KIDS & ADULTS



ADULTS

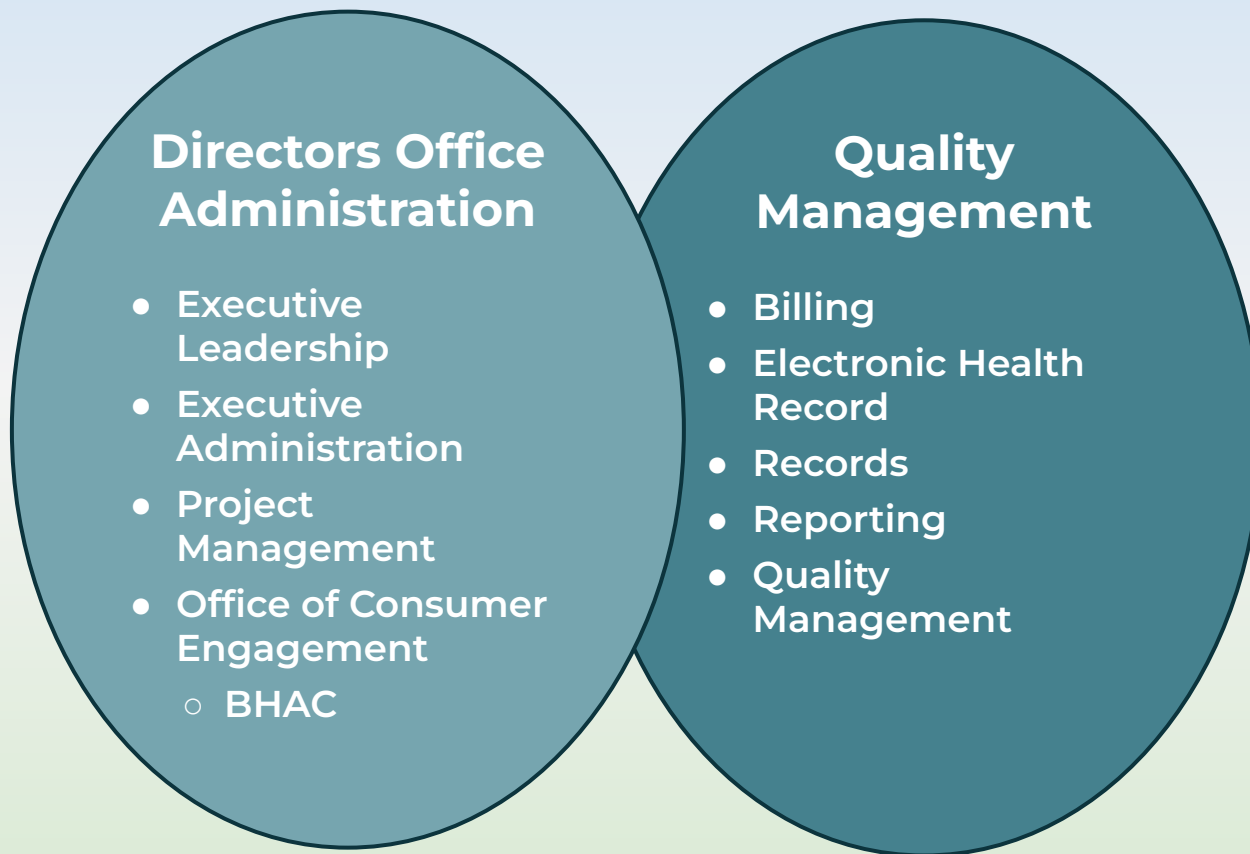


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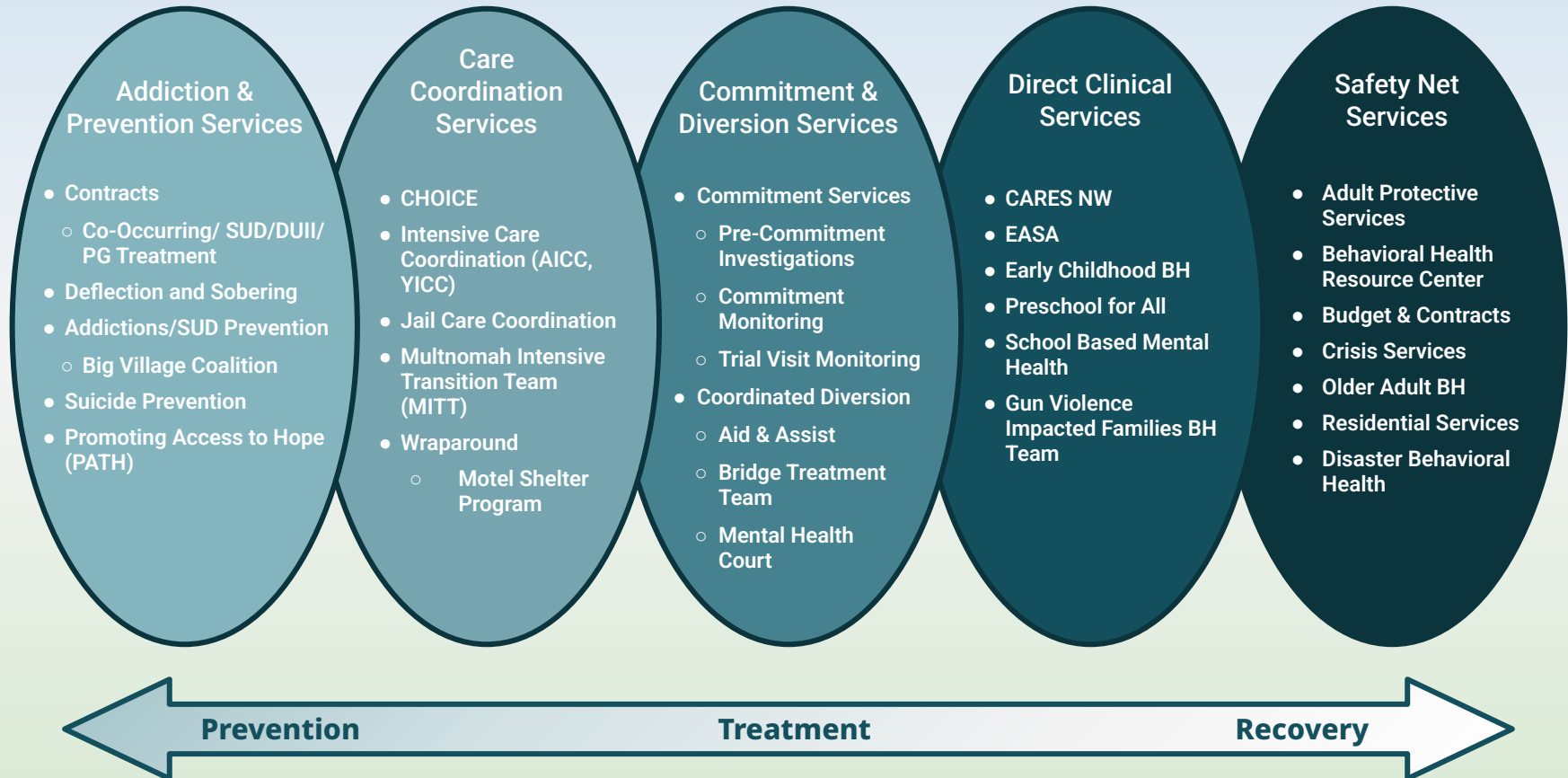
What We Do



Behavioral Health Division: What We Do - Administration



Behavioral Health Division: What We Do - Services



Behavioral Health Division: What We Do - Addiction and Prevention Services

Addiction & Prevention Services:

- Contracts
 - Co-Occurring/SUD/DUII/
- PG Treatment
- Deflection and Sobering
- Addictions/SUD Prevention
 - Big Village Coalition
- Suicide Prevention
- Promoting Access to Hope (PATH)



Behavioral Health Division: What We Do - Care Coordination Services

Care Coordination Services:

- CHOICE Model
- Intensive Care Coordination (AICC, YICC)
- Jail Care Coordination
- Multnomah Intensive Transition Team (MITT)
- Wraparound
- Motel Shelter Program



Housing Specialist speaks with resident at Bridging Connections.



Apartment interior at Cultivating Community.

Behavioral Health Division: What We Do - Commitment and Diversion Services

Commitment and Diversion Services:

- Commitment Services
 - Pre-Commitment Investigations
 - Commitment Monitoring
 - Trial Visit Monitoring
- Coordinated Diversion
 - Aid & Assist
 - Bridge Treatment Team
 - Mental Health Court



Oregon State Hospital.



Multnomah County Courthouse

Behavioral Health Division: What We Do - Direct Clinical Services

Direct Clinical Services:

- CARES NW
- EASA
- Early Childhood BH
- Preschool for All
- School Based Mental Health
- Gun Violence Impacted Families BH Team



Student Counseling Session Example

Behavioral Health Division: What We Do - Safety Net Services

Safety Net Services:

- Adult Protective Services
- Behavioral Health Resource Center
- Budget & Contracts
- Crisis Services
- Older Adult BH
- Residential Services
- Disaster Behavioral Health



OABHI Tabling at an event hosted by Community for Positive Aging, Summer 2025

Behavioral Health Advisory Council Overview

Congratulations!

**You have been elected to Multnomah County's
Behavioral Health Advisory Council (BHAC).**

**You are one of 29 voting members: 17 lived-experience/family/advocates
12 provider representatives**

We acknowledge many of our members hold intersectional identities (e.g. provider, and individual with lived experience, and peer advocate, etc.)

We Welcome New Voices!

New members are elected in *May and November*.



BHAC Steering Committee Members

Steering Committee Members:



Etta Assuman

Ruthie Benjamin

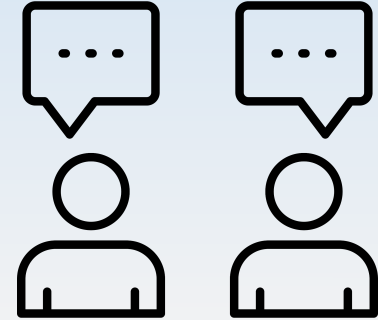
Robert Fentress*

June Howard Johnson

Katrina Malachowski*

Barb. Rainish

Haven Taylor



(*) Denotes
member is a
co-facilitator

Contact the BHAC Steering Committee:

bhac-sc@multco.us

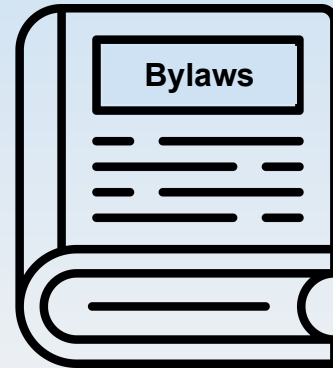
BHAC Foundation Documents

Bylaws

(January 2023 version currently being updated)

Policies and Procedures

(further explains key elements of the Bylaws)



Behavioral Health Advisory Council Landing Page

<https://sites.google.com/multco.us/bhac-landing-page/home>

The landing page is a resource where BHAC members and regular community workgroup participants can find meeting documentation, onboarding documents, historical reports and more.

Behavioral Health Advisory Council Purposes

- 1. Review and advise Multnomah County Behavioral Health Division on issues that affect the behavioral health system.**
- 2. Advise the Health Department and the Board of County Commissioners on behavioral health concerns.**
- 3. Provide a forum for mutual information sharing on relevant behavioral health issues.**
- 4. Improve understanding of behavioral health issues and community resources through frequent presentations from local behavioral health and substance use disorder providers and BHD programs.**
- 5. Act as a liaison with other community advisory groups to promote behavioral health care, and obtain feedback from community members.**

Meeting Schedule



Behavioral Health Advisory Council (BHAC)

1st Wednesday of the month from 10 a.m. - noon

Official business meeting of the council that is open to the public. This is the meeting where the council makes official recommendations and holds any votes.

BHAC Steering Committee (Closed session*)

2nd Thursday of the month from 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Establishes agenda, solicits new members, makes recommendations to the Council, and provides leadership for other BHAC business or activities.

BHAC Community Workgroup

3rd Friday of the month from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Informal, consumer-driven, open meeting that provides support and education for its participants, and offers input on Council goals.

**General council members can request to attend the Steering Committee meetings with advance notice.*

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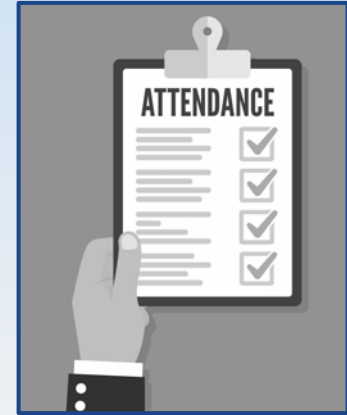
Attendance Requirements

Your participation is important to us. If possible, please email bhd.directorsoffice@multco.us **24 hours in advance** if you cannot attend.

Community service providers are encouraged to identify an alternate representative if they are unable to attend.

If a member misses three (3) General Council meetings in a row, or four (4) meetings in a year, OCE and the steering committee will work with the member to see if there are any barriers to participation that can be addressed. If not, the member may lose their seat and must wait one (1) year until they can re-apply for membership.

When necessary, a member may request a leave of absence for up to 120 days.

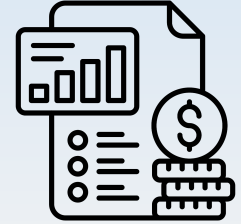


Stipends

A \$50 stipend is available for meeting attendance.

Who is eligible?

- **For General Council and Steering Committee:** *Elected* consumer, family, or advocate members who are not compensated for attendance through their employment.
- **For Community Workgroup and other ad-hoc groups:** Multnomah County residents who are consumers or family members/advocates of resident consumers and who are not being compensated through their employment.



Otherwise, members shall receive no compensation for serving on the Council.

Individuals must attend 75% of the meeting to be eligible for the stipend. Please check with your case manager or tax advisor to assure that the stipend will not negatively impact your benefits or taxes.

In order to receive your stipend, you must fill out a federal form W-9 to be established as a county vendor/volunteer employee and provide a valid phone number and email address.

Questions

