Multnomah County
Behavioral Health Division
Behavioral Health Advisory Council Meeting
August 5, 2026 10AM - Noon

Community Lived Experience/Family/ Advocate Representatives	Public Service Representatives	Staff	Guests
☑ Barb. Rainish	☐ **CareOregon** Cassi Sturtz	☑ Anthony Jordan	☑ Mira Peraja
☑ Courtney Shannon	☑ **Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare** Dave Kohler	☐ Deandre Kenyanjui	☑ Jodie Traslavina; Oregon State Hospital
☐ Daniella Quebrado	☐ **Central City Concern** Tuesday Hailey	☑ Jay Auslander	☑ Ann Kasper
☑ Etta Assuman	☑ **Lifeworks NW** Mary Fakhoury	☐ Jenny Tsai	☑ Gabe Dominek
☑ Joni Scheib	☐ **Multnomah County Sheriff's Office** Rachelle Ross-Schank	☐ Jessica Jacobsen	☑ Mary Bedford-Carter
☑ June Howard Johnson	☑ **NAMI Multnomah** Kerri Melda	☐ JJ Jessee	
☑ Katrina Malachowski	☐ **NARA NW** (Resigned)	☑ Mario Cardenas	
☑ Kevin Fitts	☑ **New Narrative** Haven Taylor	☑ Olivia Kilgore	
☑ Laura Bueford	☑ **Quest Center** Allison Haws/Victoria Haberkorn		
☐ Lisa Yu	☐ **Street Leaves** JoAnne Lang		
☑ Mamie Gathard	☐ Vacant		
☑ Mary Avalon	☐ Vacant		
☑ Patty Hamit Arvizu			
☑ Robert Fentress			
☑ Ruthie Benjamin			
☑ Ryan Hamit			
☐ Vacant			

Topic	Notes:
Welcome and Introductions Group Agreements	Olivia led everyone through a round of introductions. BHAC Co-facilitator Robert Fentress read through the group agreements.
Office of Consumer Engagement (OCE) Updates	**Office of Consumer Engagement (OCE) Updates** • BHAC meetings are back on schedule!

BHD Director's Office Updates	• Anthony Jordan and Jay Auslander are in attendance to provide some updates today.
	• There is an update about the new crisis and stabilization center (called the Recovery Pathway Center), set to open fall 2027
	  ○ The roof has been removed and there was a wall replaced.
	  ○ Ann Kasper asked what is the budget for this and is operating costs part of what has been approved so far?
	  ■ It originally started with $25 million from the legislature, but there have been some additional costs because they built the temporary site. Anthony can follow up with the final numbers. They are still looking at the operational cost, as numbers they have are for the capital cost.
	  ○ Interviews for the Behavioral Health Director will be starting August 16th.
	• Regional Arts and Culture Council
	  ○ There will be 2 exterior murals at the permanent facility. They are seeking artists with lived experience for this work, deadline is August 16th.

Community Announcements	• On Saturday August 15th, Ann Kasper will be running a community townhall at Open Signal Studios. The studio audience can arrive between 12:30pm-1pm and from 1-2pm there will be a discussion with the candidates for the Multnomah County Chair. • Barb. shared that Laura Rose, who created and visioned Peer Galaxy, passed away middle of last month. On 8/5/26, Mind Freedom International will be honoring Laura Rose during their programming at 3pm.

Topic	Notes:
	○ https://mindfreedom.org/judis-room/news/
Minute Approval	June General Council Minutes approved with minor changes.
BHAC Onboarding	We will be going over New Member Orientation & onboarding for new and returning BHAC members. This is presented by OCE staff and Anthony Jordan (Interim Behavioral Health Division Director) and Jay Auslander (Deputy Director of Operations). Please see the slides below.
Discussion about BHAC, BHD and Multnomah County	Ann Kasper asked about giving lunch hour training to judges, to educate them about mental health. Can BHAC do this? Also can BHAC connect with other advisory councils and youth? ● It is important to think about how advisory boards and councils can coordinate with each other. Ultimately that will be up to BHAC to talk about how they want to do this. ● In terms of training judges, Anthony does remember this and if it's something BHAC wants to do, maybe a proposal can be brought forward to OCE about possibly starting that up. Ultimately that will be up to BHAC to talk about how they want to do this. ● Kerri Melda (NAMI Multnomah) added that BHAC usually deals with adults. There is a Children's System of Care, which is a regional committee with Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas County that has a lot of family representation. Jessica Jacobsen is currently the Chair of this committee. Mary Avalon asked about what aid and assist is, and how people who are experiencing psychosis can get help. ● Aid and assist is if someone is accused of a misdemeanor or felony in Multnomah County, they would be in the court system with an attorney representing them. Typically their attorney or judge can advocate if the individual needs support before their proceedings. They would then put it on pause and the judge decides when,

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	based on getting certified assessments, when and if they are competent to participate in and aid and assist in their case. ○ Jay offered to come back to talk more about aid and assist. ● For psychosis, EASA program is one program model that is fidelity based. ○ https://multco.us/services/early-psychosis-services-youth-easa ○ Cascadia and lifeworks have a range of services for someone that may be experiencing psychosis. Joni Scheib asked about the funding shortfalls and budget cuts, is there any investigations into potential fraud? It seems like the funding issues happened really quickly, especially for the Preschool for all program ● The preschool for all funding changes weren't due to fraud, but there was a mismatch on the service delivery and the direction preschool for all is hoping to go. ● The way the county is funded is based on revenue coming in for specific things. If revenue is less than the expenditures, there has to be some reductions. In addition, the forecast for the next few years as far as revenue and cuts in Medicaid does not look good for increasing revenue for the state or the County. Barb Rainish asked about funding cuts coming from the federal government, is the County losing money that would normally be coming from the feds, because of the county's political stance and convictions? ● Yes, there is some funding that has been lost but the County has also been able to change some language to meet new guidelines and requirements for funding. A lot of the cuts from the federal administration has impacted public health. Barb asked what is Big Village (listed on slide 15)? ● Big Village is a coalition of community members in the county that does primary prevention. They are funded through a federal grant. ● https://bigvillagepdx.org/

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	Barb asked why there has been an interim Behavioral Health Director for so long? Why do they not move into these positions permanently? • Anthony said the recruitments at the County sometimes move very slow. The exact reasons would need to come from Rachael Banks. Laura Bueford asked about what percentage of the budget is for housing vouchers (not section 8). Is the County getting feedback about the impact housing vouchers are having on 50 and 60% tax credit units, and how housing vouchers are impacting and disincentivizing property managers? • Jessica Jacobsen is the one that really works with the housing vouchers, so they will need to circle back about this. The Homeless Services Department mainly deals with the vouchers and who is funding/managing them, BHD just gets people on them. Ryan Hamit would like to see a link to the group agreements on the Multnomah County BHAC web page.
Next Meeting	September 2nd, 2026 from 10am-Noon

August BHAC General Council Meeting Slides:

BHAC General Council Meeting
8/5/2026

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

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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



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August Awareness Events

Black Business Month
National Wellness Month
National Dog Month
International Peace Month
August 9th: International Day of World's Indigenous Peoples
August 19th: World Humanitarian Day
August 21st: Senior Citizens Day
August 26th: Women's Equality Day

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August Proclamation Signing Ceremony

- August 2nd-8th: National Health Center Week
- August 20th-26th: Hip-hop Week
- August 26th: Women's Equality Day
- Black August and Black Business Month
- Film Appreciation Month

August 19th, 2026

Join the Board of County Commissioners at Noon for the Multnomah County Proclamation Ceremony.
Watch Live at: www.youtube.com/@MultCoBoard

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OCE Updates



- BHAC meetings are back on schedule!
- Other announcements from OCE staff?

Director's Office Updates

- Anthony Jordan and Jay Auslander with us to provide updates today
- Update about the new sobering & crisis stabilization center (next 2 slides)

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Demolition





The roof has been removed.





Wall removal for shear wall replacement.

Sobering and Crisis Stabilization Center Project

Regional Arts and Culture Council

- There will be 2 exterior murals at the Permanent Facility. 1 on Grand Avenue and 1 at the front entry to the building.
- RACC has started the process of seeking artists with lived experience for this work in mid July and closes August 16.

Regional Arts & Culture Council

Website: racc.org



Stephen Street Rendering

Sobering and Crisis Stabilization Center Project

Community Updates

Minutes Review and Approval

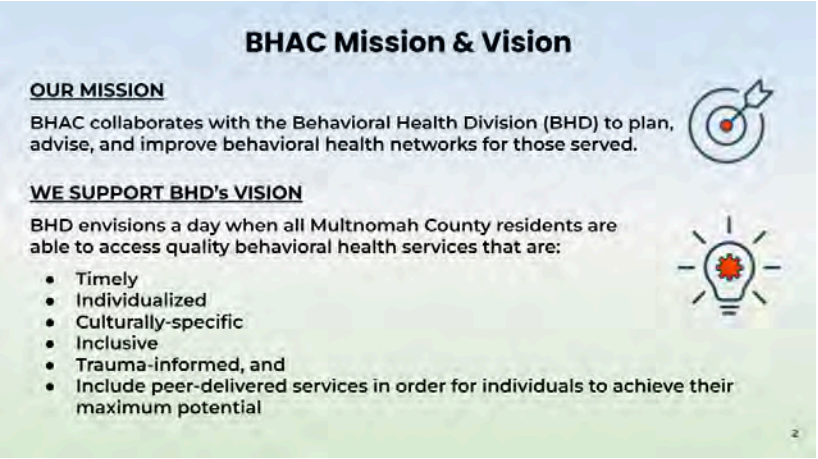
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Close Slides for Presentation/Discussion

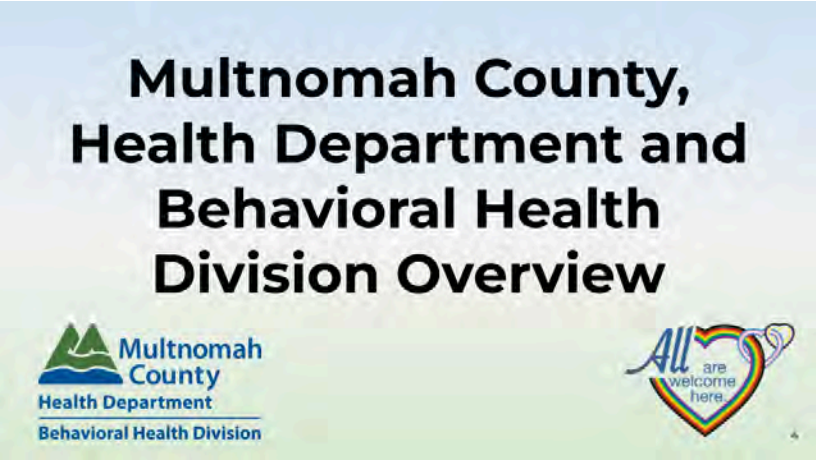
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BHAC New Member Orientation Slides:









County Leadership & Contact Information

Multnomah County Board of County Commissioners = Local Mental Health Authority



Chair Jessica Vega-Pederson
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District 1, Meghan Moyer
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District 2, Shannon Singleton
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District 3, Julia Brim-Edwards
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District 4, Vince Jones-Dixon
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Department/Division Leadership & Contact Information

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Rachael Banks, Director

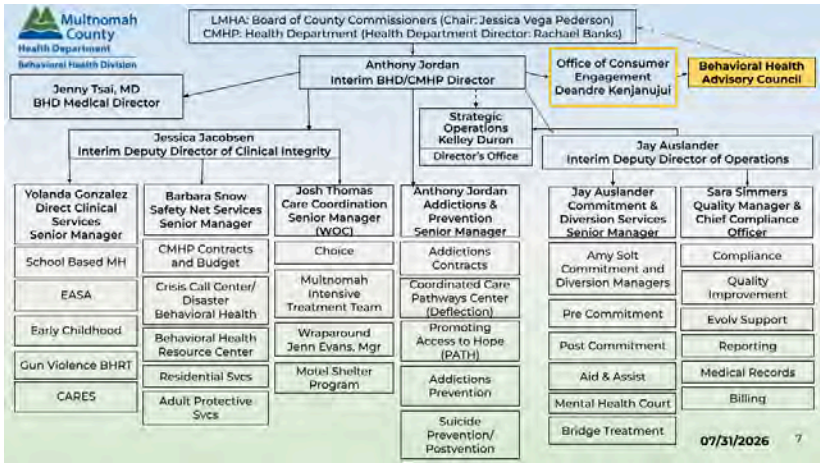
Behavioral Health Division: bhd.directorsoffice@multco.us
Anthony Jordan, Interim Director
Dr. Jenny Tsai, Medical Director
Jay Auslander, Interim Deputy Dir. of Operations
Jessica Jacobsen, Interim Deputy Dir. of Clinical Integrity
JJ Jessee, Administrative Analyst (Support to Directors' Office and backup support to OCE and BHAC groups.)

Office of Consumer Engagement:
deandre.kenyanjui@multco.us
Deandre Kenyanjui, Program Supervisor
Mario Cardenas - Engagement Coordinator
Olivia Kilgore - Engagement Coordinator

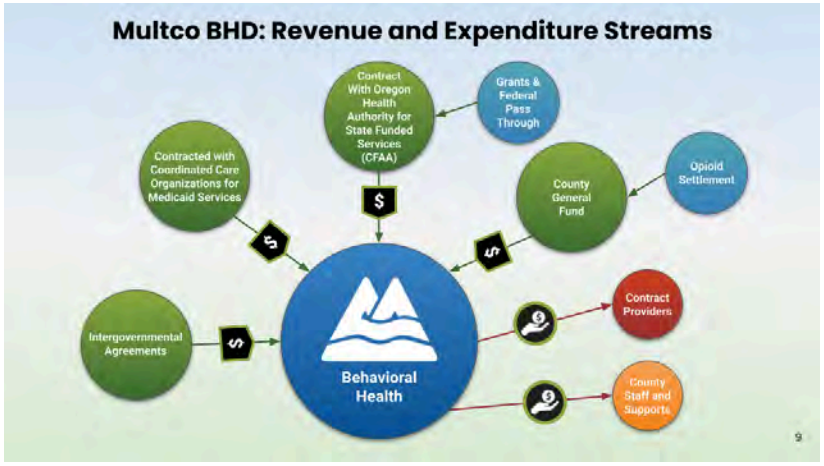


Clockwise: Rachael Banks, Anthony Jordan, Deandre Kenyanjui and Dr. Jenny Tsai

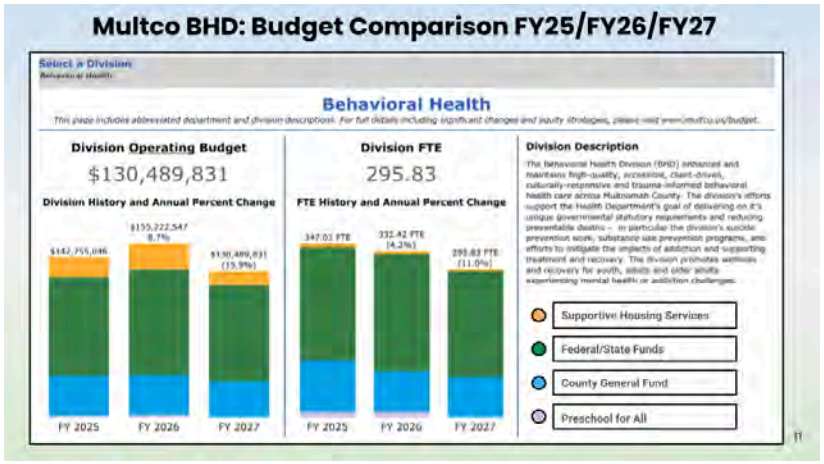
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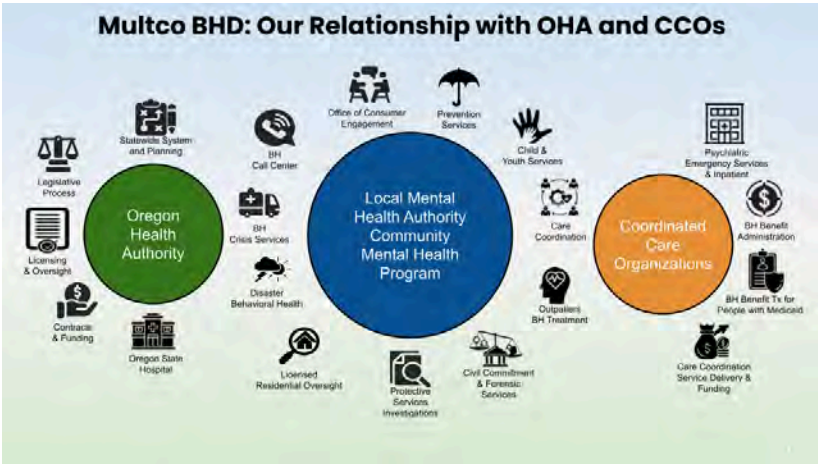





Multco BHD: Revenue and Expenditure Streams
Contract With Oregon Health Authority for State Funded Services (CFAA)
Grants & Federal Pass Through
Contracted with Coordinated Care Organizations for Medicaid Services
County General Fund
Opioid Settlement
Intergovernmental Agreements
Behavioral Health
Contract Providers
County Staff and Supports
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Multco BHD: FY 2027 Operating Budget and FTE
FY27 Division Operating Budget: $130,489,831 | 295.83 FTE
Supportive Housing Services
$12,719,960
General Fund
$32,040,406
$85,683,826
Federal/State Funds
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Multco BHD: Budget Comparison FY25/FY26/FY27
Select a Division
Behavioral Health
Division Operating Budget
$130,489,831
Division History and Annual Percent Change
$142,755,086
$155,222,547
8.7%
$130,489,831
(15.9%)
FY 2025
FY 2026
FY 2027
Division FTE
295.83
FTE History and Annual Percent Change
347.03 FTE
332.42 FTE
(4.2%)
295.83 FTE
(11.0%)
FY 2025
FY 2026
FY 2027
Division Description
Supportive Housing Services
Federal/State Funds
County General Fund
Preschool for All
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Multco BHD: Our Relationship with OHA and CCOs
Oregon Health Authority
Local Mental Health Authority Community Mental Health Program
Coordinated Care Organizations
Statewide System and Planning
Office of Consumer Engagement
Prevention Services
Child & Youth Services
Psychiatric Emergency Services & Inpatient
Legislative Process
BH Call Center
Care Coordination
BH Benefit Administration
Licensing & Oversight
BH Crisis Services
Disaster Behavioral Health
Outpatient BH Treatment
BH Benefit Tx for People with Medicaid
Contracts & Funding
Oregon State Hospital
Licensed Residential Oversight
Protective Services Investigations
Civil Commitment & Forensic Services
Care Coordination Service Delivery & Funding

Behavioral Health: What We Do

We carry out our work across many programs, both direct service and partner provided.

Addictions and Prevention Services

Care Coordination Services

Coordinated Diversion and Commitment Services

Direct Clinical Services

Safety Net Services

Office of Consumer Engagement

Operations

Quality Management

Executive and Strategic Leadership

Our partner and direct service work is supported by cross-divisional infrastructure.

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Behavioral Health: What We Do – Programs

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)

Care Coordination Services
- CHOICE
- Multnomah Intensive Transition Team (MITT)
- Wraparound
  - Motel Shelter Program

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

Direct Clinical Services
- CARES NW
- EASA
- Early Childhood BH
- School Based Mental Health
- Gun Violence Behavioral Health Response Team

Safety Net Services
- Adult Protective Services
- Behavioral Health Resource Center
- Budget & Contracts
- Crisis Services
- Residential Services
- Disaster Behavioral Health

Prevention — Treatment — Recovery

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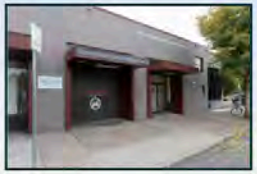
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Coordinated Care Pathway Center

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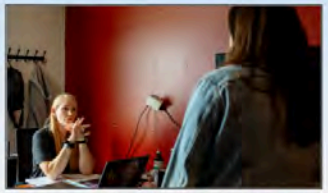
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CHOICE Model

Multnomah Intensive Transition Team (MITT)

Wraparound

Motel Shelter Program



Housing Specialist speaks with resident at Bridging Connections.



Apartment interior at Cultivating Community.

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Behavioral Health Division: What We Do Coordinated Diversion & Commitment Services

Coordinated Diversion
Aid & Assist
Mental Health Court

Commitment Services
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Trial Visit Monitoring



Oregon State Hospital



Multnomah County Courthouse

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Behavioral Health Division: What We Do Direct Clinical Services

CARES NW

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Student Counseling Session Example

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Behavioral Health Division: What We Do Safety Net Services

Adult Protective Services

Behavioral Health Resource Center

Budget & Contracts

Crisis Services

Residential Services

Disaster Behavioral Health



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Behavioral Health Advisory Council Overview

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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.***



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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.

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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.

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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.

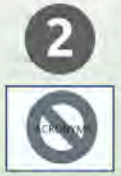
****General council members can request to attend the Steering Committee meetings with advance notice.***

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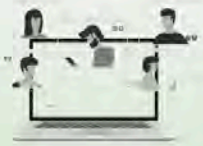
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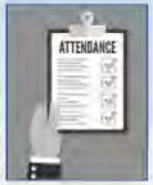
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Attendance Requirements



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.

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Questions



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