

Summary of 5.14.2024 Strategic Planning Activity

What is something you would like to see or included in BHAC strategic planning?

- Would like to see less government employees on the BHAC and have more members from the community. Have more members from the community and have a more even representation of youth and age serving populations
- Include local colleges and community colleges in our list serve so when there are opportunities to attend meeting and participate. Look into ways to increase outreach of BHAC to communities.
- Incorporate problem gambling more into the council recommendations.
- Increase diversity of membership
- Create plans for continuity when members and staff transition out of roles
- Forming Subcommittees
- Adding a Youth seat on the executive committee

What are things BHAC can add to increase its advocacy/ advisory capacity?

- More Marketing/Outreach needs to be done to connect BHAC to smaller communities and nonprofits. Many people have never heard of BHAC so more work needs to be done about its outreach.
- Very important to have less state and provider voices and to include community voices so that they are not coming second hand.
- Suggested hosting 2 meetings in Eastern WA, 2 meetings in Central WA, and 2 meetings in Western WA, to increase equality of opportunity for BHAC members and community members.
- Create more resource guides and accessibility to them.
- Create some kind of centrally located source of information by region or county, promoting grant and funding opportunities to rural and underserved communities to hopefully increase access to services.
- More to determine the needs and priorities of the state and help inform council members
- Are there more ways to bring awareness to DEI and the needs of underserved communities.

What are questions you would like to have on an annual BHAC member survey?

- Do you feel a sense of belonging/inclusion in BHAC?
- Do you feel community voice is well represented in BHAC from each region?
- What are some challenges and barriers you experience in BHAC?
- How can we improve communication/relationships between communities and systems?
- What are we missing?