

Washington State Joint Legislative and Executive Committee on Behavioral Health

July 30, 2024, 9 a.m. – noon

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Committee meeting pre-work: Please come prepared to discuss the following questions:

Thinking about the following areas of the behavioral health system: Promotion, Prevention, and Early Intervention; Outpatient and Integrated Care:

- A. What are the **top priority unmet needs** you see in these areas?
- B. What **underlying barriers** or **challenges** exist to meeting these needs?

AGENDA

1. Welcome and new committee member introductions.
 - Warm-up question: *What have you enjoyed so far or are you looking forward to this summer?*
2. Today's meeting goals
3. Review and finalize: **Committee Charter**
4. Discussion: **Behavioral Health [Continuum of Care](#)**

Committee Focus:

- ✓ Strengthening behavioral health **prevention and early intervention** services.
- ✓ **Reducing reliance on deep-end crisis services** and state care.
- ✓ Strengthening the availability of and **access to all levels of care at the community level.**
- ✓ **All ages** (pre-natal through adult).

Overarching issues identified by Committee members

- ✓ Equity and disproportionate impacts
- ✓ Workforce development and education
- ✓ Developmental disabilities
- ✓ Insurance and Medicaid coverage
- ✓ Trauma-informed and culturally responsive care
- ✓ Supportive housing
- ✓ Transitions between services

Committee Discussion:

- A. Does this Continuum of Care reflect a useful organizing framework for the Committee's strategic planning work?
 - A. Are any changes needed?
 - B. Is anything missing?
5. **Committee Discussion:** Focusing on the two left "bubbles" on the Continuum: 1) Promotion, Prevention, Early Intervention and 2) Outpatient and Integrated Care)
 - A. What are the priority unmet needs you see in these areas?
 - B. What underlying factors, barriers, challenges exist to meet these needs? For example:
 - Inadequate capacity
 - Limited/lack of availability
 - Workforce limitations
 - Others?
6. **Information and Engagement Needs:** What can we learn from recent/current behavioral health work?
 - A. Based on today's discussion, what additional information and engagement is desired to support the committee's understanding of system-wide behavioral health needs and begin identifying goals and strategies?
 - Information and data on behavioral health issues and unmet needs along the Continuum of Care?
 - What stakeholder engagement is desired?
 - Which voices and perspectives do we need to hear to better understand statewide behavioral health issues/needs/barriers and develop strategies to strengthen the system?
 - Interviews or group engagement of key stakeholders?
7. Discussion: **Possible formation of subcommittees.**
 - What organization makes sense given the top priorities identified today?
8. Comments from the public (30 min)
9. Adjourn

The next meeting (in person) will be on September 23, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., at the UW Seattle Behavioral Health Teaching Facility—details to follow.