

February 2, 2022 | 10:00-11:00am

Agenda

- 10:00-10:05 Welcome & Introductions**
- Please update your Zoom name to include your organization. Thank you!
 - Celebration of 2021 successes
- 10:05-10:15 Reimaging the BH Forum**
- Moving from an advisory group to self-governing collaborative
 - 2022-23 allocation by the BHT Board
- 10:15-10:40 Discussion – Governance & Guiding Principles**
- Roles
 - Decision-making
 - Membership
- 10:40-10:50 What's in the wind?**
- What is coming up that we should be aware of? Opportunities for alignment? Policy opportunities?
- 10:50-10:55 DBHR services/closures survey**
- See information on next page
- 10:55-11:00 Next forum**
- Fiscal guiding principles
 - Buckets of work

Notes

Discussion – Governance & Guiding Principles

Roles

- See talking points in [slides](#)
- How would this change how the group currently operates? This group has had autonomy with what/how we fund to date
 - Decision making power has been with BHT, the forum hasn't been a voting body, BHT has given specific buckets to spend down with project guidelines
- Kristi – suggests BHT does any review with criteria that the forum decides on together, prefers non-compete funding

- Who will monitor the parameters/rules/barriers of the funding? – Answer: BHT will. We have a fair amount of flexibility with these funds.
- Are there parameters to make sure competitive funding is fair? –
 - This month and next we will discuss funding parameters and guiding principles to make sure we're all in agreement before we release an RFP
- Louise Chadez: Cooperative and collaborative is always better than competition. Especially if the governing body is made up of organizations in competition for funds. This seems incredibly complicated. Seems that we should determine agencies, set parameters for funding, and then give those funds to all agencies involved
- Georgia – funding for peers? Peers do so much unpaid work. The last funding this group had available was for licensed clinicians only.
- Will people on the governing body also have the ability to apply for funds?

Defining Membership

- Ron SFCC – have discussed workforce in this forum plenty, would hope we don't reduce voting members to direct service providers only
- Hallie – the more inclusive we are in voting, the more well-rounded our work will be
- Christi – concerned about giving MCOs voting power, recommend advisory position for MCOs, Kim agrees with Christi, Kim says DOH would recuse themselves
- Hallie - I want to thank Christi Lyson for bringing up the power differential regarding MCO's and agencies.
- KayDee – To be clear, we're not excluding folks from the meeting, just defining voting members?
- Christi - Who is the current membership? HCA, DOH, MCOs, BH and peer orgs, some PC with integrated service, some social service as well, and workforce
- Christi - HCA direction of funding? Support BH in our region in some way – very broad. This group has leaned into workforce development

Motion: Voting membership is open to organizations doing work with clients or on workforce around Behavioral Health in the BHT region. Others organizations and individuals are welcome to be non-voting members, including as part of discussions & sharing expertise.

Vote in chat:

AGREE - Ray White, Kimberly Kreber, Tatiana Popov, Hallie Burchinal, Dan Sigler, Christi Lyson, Kalen Via, Julia Sheafor, Jamie Valdez, Becky Hammill, Pam Brown, Kel, KayDee Steele-SFCC, Kalen Roy, Lenaya Hogan, Georgia Butler, Louise Chadez

DISAGREE – none

Action item for BHT: will also send for feedback from those not able to attend today.

Decision-making

- See talking points in [slides](#)
- Discussion and making sure perspectives represented are heard

- Process – up/down vs. fist-to-five ([description here](#))
 - Kelli Miller - Fist to Five is more effective in understanding support and opposition over a yay/nay
 - + Hallie Burchinal, Kimberly Kreber, Christi Lyson, Dan Sigler all in favor of fist-to-five
- Christi – concerned about only holding votes in the meeting.
 - Kim Kreber - Other collaboratives have raised the issue of outside voting. Those voting may not have the context or discussion around the issue during the meeting. That is what others have brought up.
 - Louise Chadez - Allow voting members 48 hrs to review info and then provide their vote. If no consensus, carry over info

Action item for BHT: explore / bring ideas to next meeting on how to do outside voting

What's in the wind?

What is coming up that we should be aware of? Opportunities for alignment? Policy opportunities?

- Lenaya Hogan, SFCC – will launch program Fall of 2023 will have graduates two years from then
- Kimberly Kreber, DOH - There are a lot of HB & SB bills that deal with BH/workforce, etc. There is also an effort around BA degree. I can send those to Sarah.
- Hallie Burchinal, CAT - SURSAC is working on building a plan for service improvements, SURSAC is related to State v. Blake
- Ron Tussey, SFCC – Senate and House bills before DOH [link to document](#)
- Kim Kreber, DOH – additional bills of interest
 - HB 1860 - 2021-22 Preventing homelessness among persons discharging from inpatient behavioral health settings. Washington State Legislature
 - SB 5875 - 2021-22 Adding employees employed by the department of licensing who are assigned to review, process, approve, and issue driver licenses to the definition of frontline employees under the health emergency labor standards act.

DBHR services/closures survey

- See information on next page

Next forum

- BHT will put together a charter/agreement document based on today's discussion
- Fiscal guiding principles
- Buckets of work

DBHR - Behavioral health facility closures

HCA's Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) would like to know what behavioral health agencies are limiting services due to the continuing pandemic and/or workforce challenges.

Our agency would like to fully understand capacity issues for referrals, providers, and staff. By providing the information below, our agency will be able to provide up to date facility capacity on our website.

Thank you for enduring the work necessary to continue to offer uninterrupted SUD and Mental Health services by our BHA partners.

What would HCA like to know?

If your agency has closed due to pandemic or staffing issues, please email hcaadultsuddbhr@hca.wa.gov and provide:

- The primary reason for closure and estimated duration?
- If you closed due to Covid
- Workforce shortages, beyond Covid
- Planned closure from _____ to _____

Thank you for your efforts in this matter and continuing to provide service during these difficult times! Please, do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, concerns or comments.