



**Whatcom County Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (BHAC)  
Meeting Minutes**

**Meeting Date/Time/Location:** July 11, 2022 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. 800 E. Chestnut Street, Suite 1B - In-person Location/Virtual Zoom Webinar

**Members Present:** Chris Phillips, Dave Reynolds, Nick Evans, Susan Wood, Wendy Jones, Perry Mowery, Michael Massanari, Barry Buchanan

**Members Absent:** Bill Elfo, Dac Jamison, Mullane Harrington, Todd Donovan, Erika Lautenbach

**Health Depart Staff/Guests:** Jackie Mitchell, Joe Fuller, Robin Willins, Amy Harley, Chris Furman, Leah Wainman, Alyssa Pavitt

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action/Who
<b>1. Welcome, Introductions and Announcements</b>	The meeting was called to order. A quorum was present.	Chris
<b>2. Approve Minutes of January 2022</b>	Dave moved to approve the April 2022 minutes as presented. Wendy seconded the motion. The committee voted and the motion passed.	Vote to approve minutes: Ayes 8, Nays 0,
<b>3. PHAB Expansion</b>	Leah introduced herself and gave an overview of the Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB). PHAB is proposing expansion of their board. Leah provided background to the legislation (HB 1152) requiring the expansion of PHAB. PHAB needs the board to go from minimum of 5 members to 9-12 members. First, they wanted to extend an invitation to current members from other boards within the Health Department. Chris asked for examples of what PHAB topics covered recently to familiarize everyone with PHAB's role. One example Leah provided was creating the Child and Family Well-Being Task Force. Chris proposed a few ways to provide representation by taking nominations, self-nominating or discussing offline. Jackie suggests asking for volunteers first. Susan stated she would not like to sit on PHAB until they get more definitive answers as to BHAC's role. Michael expressed interest and agreed to attend a meeting to see if	Leah Wainman, PHAB Vice-Chair



	he would be a good contributor.	
<b>4. Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) Gap Analysis</b>	Perry provided an update on the Behavioral Health Gap Analysis Team (BHGAT) and a general overview of BHGAT and the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM). There are 5 intercepts and 3 tiers. BHGAT is prioritizing services in Tier B and Tier C. Updated the SIM with high priority items. Primary target population youth and adults with mental and substance use disorders who are at risk of or already involved with the criminal justice system. BHGAT sent out a survey to receive input from 17 community entities in the community and received 21 responses. BHGAT presented to the Stakeholder Advisory Committee (SAC) that included the updated SIM along with prioritized rating. Perry outlined the needs and gaps related to Community Facilities and Services, as referenced in the agenda packet: 1) Community Behavioral Health Services, 2) Housing Services, 3) Jail Behavioral Health Services, and 4) Reentry Services – Transition from Jail to Community. BHGAT will be presenting this chart to the Stakeholder Advisory Committee on Thursday, July 14, for review and discussion as a recommendation from BHGAT. Chris suggested for the next presentation to simplify the document in the agenda packet depending on the audience.	Perry
<b>5. Summary &amp; Highlights of Youth Cannabis and Commercial Tobacco Prevention Funds</b>	Alyssa introduced herself as a Program Specialist in the newly formed Community Services Division, formerly Human Services. Alyssa shared an overview of the Youth Cannabis Tobacco Prevention. Alyssa stated the State Department of Health recently combined cannabis and tobacco prevention funding at the state level which will allow them to include tobacco prevention and address it with cannabis work in the region. She provided background on the name change for adding tobacco into their work as well as moving from marijuana to cannabis. In the last legislative session, there was a \$5 million allotment for tobacco prevention. She stated the program budget will increase in the next fiscal year from around \$400,000 to around \$700,000. Alyssa discussed their strategies, and the difference between this funding and substance use prevention funding from the Health Department. The team will gather input from the region as they start to expand their program.  No questions or comments.	Alyssa
<b>6. Public Comment</b>	There was no public comment.	Chris
<b>Next Meeting:</b>	<b>October 10, 2022 3:30-5:00 Hybrid – in person location TBD</b>	