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North Sound Behavioral Health Organization

Section 4500 – Advisory Board: Advisory Board Representation

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Cancels:

See Also:

Responsible Staff: Administrative Manager
Advisory Board Coordinator

Approved by: Executive Director

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POLICY #4515.00

SUBJECT: ADVISORY BOARD REPRESENTATION

PURPOSE

The North Sound Behavioral Health Organization (North Sound BHO) Advisory Board will be representative of the demographic character of the service area.

POLICY

The below verbiage is referenced from the new WAC 388-865-0252.

1. The BHO must appoint advisory board members and maintain an advisory board in order to:
 - a. Promote active engagement with individuals with behavioral health disorders, their families and behavioral health agencies; and
 - b. Solicit and use the advisory board members input to improve service delivery and outcome.

2. The BHO must appoint advisory board members and maintain an advisory board that:
 - a. Broadly represents the demographic character of the service area;
 - b. Is composed of at least 51% representation of 1 or more of the following:
 - i. Persons with lived experience;
 - ii. Parents or legal guardians of persons with lived experience; or
 - iii. Self-identified as persons in recovery from a behavioral health disorder.
 - c. Includes law enforcement representation; and
 - d. Includes tribal representation, upon request of a tribe.

3. When the BHO is not a function of county government, the advisory board must include no more than four (4) county elected officials.

4. The advisory board:

- a. May have members who are employees of subcontracted agencies, as long as, there are written rules that address potential conflicts of interest;
- b. Has the discretion to set rules in order to meet the requirements of this section; and
- c. Membership is limited to three (3) years per term for time served, per each advisory board member. Multiple terms may be served by a member if the advisory board rules allow it.

PROCEDURE

The North Sound BHO in accordance with the Counties Interlocal Agreement and with Advisory Board By-Laws, will ensure at least 51% of the Advisory Board individuals with current or past behavioral health disorders/family members or caregivers of individuals with current or past behavioral health disorders. Each member of the Advisory Board shall be recruited by each county's usual and customary method of appointment.

ATTACHMENTS

None