

## CYBHWG Workforce and Rates subgroup

February 1, 2023

Leads: Representative Mari Leavitt, Hugh Ewart, Laurie Lippold

### Update on Workforce priorities

- CYBHWG Co-chair is putting together a package of recommendations from the full work group pertaining to workforce.
- There were provisos noted in relation to conditional grants, teaching enhancement rate, and educational debt burden, with one specifically for community behavioral health agencies.

### Legislative Bills discussed

- [HB 1069](#) – The Compact allows a licensed professional counselor residing in the counselor's home state to practice professional counseling in a remote state.
- [HB 1515](#) – Focuses on establishing new standards defining the levels of Medicaid funded behavioral health service capacity and resources that are adequate to meet the treatment needs of enrollees, to advance payments structures and provider network delivery models that improve equitable access, promote integration of care, and deliver on outcomes, with language specifically around administrative burdens and the number of Managed Care Organization's (MCO's).
- [HB 1021](#) –Change the supervisory hours required for Advanced Social Workers and Licensed Clinical Social Workers.
- [SB 5555](#) - Beginning July 1, 2024, certified peer specialists and certified peer specialist trainees are established as new health professions that may engage in the practice of peer support services.
- [HB 1547](#) – Authorizes an out-of-state health care provider to practice in Washington upon submission of certain information by a health care entity to the Department of Health (DOH).
- [HB 1580](#) – The bill reads the Governor must maintain a Children and Youth Multisystem Care Coordinator to serve as a state lead on addressing complex cases of children in crisis.
- [HB 1348](#) / [SB 5189](#) – Establishes a “Behavior health specialist” - Bachelor’s level to deliver brief, evidence-based interventions under the supervision of a state credentialed provider who can assess, diagnose, and treat mental and behavioral health conditions within their scope of practice.
- [HB 1242](#) – DOH is required to convene a work group to study the root causes of rising behavioral health issues in Washington.
- [SB 5585](#) – Allow licensed and certified behavioral health agencies to designate certain individuals as mental health professionals.

### Next steps

- 2023 Washington State legislative deadlines: Policy - February 17<sup>th</sup> and Fiscal - February 24<sup>th</sup>.
- Continue to support workforce priorities during the legislative session.
- Next meeting will be on February 22<sup>nd</sup> from 10-11 a.m.
- Starting in May re-occurring meetings will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month. Meeting invites will be sent to the subgroup.
- First CYBHWG meeting is May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1 to 4 pm.

Chat:

[Washington’s Mental Health Referral Service for Children and Teens](#) (Semi-annual report by Seattle Children’s, 2022)

## Attendees

Randy Ashford, Department of Children Youth and Families (DCYF)

Donna Christensen

Thalia Cronin, Community Health Network of Washington (CHNW)

Paul Davis, Health Care Authority (HCA)

Kiki Fabian, HCA

Scarlett Gentry, Community Youth Services

Megan Gillis, Molina Healthcare

Bob Hilt, Seattle Children’s Hospital

Kristin Houser, Parent

Marissa Ingalls, Coordinated Care

Avreayl Jacobson, King County Behavioral Health and Recovery

Joe LeRoy, HopeSparks

Terry Lee, Community Health Plan of Washington (CHPW)

Melody McKee, University of Washington (UW)

Julia O’Connor, The Washington Council for Behavioral Health

Steve Perry, HCA

Kari Samuel, HCA

Sheryl Schwartz, UW

Daniel Smith, CHPW

Sara Stewart, Washington Mental Health Counselor Association

Mary Stone-Smith, Catholic Community Services

Suzanne Swadener, HCA

Cindi Wiek, HCA

Michele Wilsie, HCA