Washington State Behavioral Health

Joint Legislative and Executive Committee

May 28, 2024, 1:30 – 4:30 pm

Meeting Zoom link HERE

TVW Streaming link HERE

Read ahead materials:

Lost Patients podcast

Budget proviso

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions

2. Discuss purpose of this Behavioral Health JLEC

- Purpose of the committee: Develop a 5-year plan that identifies key strategic actions to improve access to behavioral health services.

3. Review Behavioral Health JLEC budget proviso

- Assess projected needs for BH services based on trends and population
- Identify service capacity and gaps/need for additional support
- Identify inventory of future services needed
 - Specific emphasis on prevention, early intervention, and home or community-based capacity designed to reduce reliance on emergency, criminal legal, crisis, and involuntary services
- Develop a plan and strategies to substantially improve access to BH services

4. Summary of existing initiatives already underway by WA State

- Discussion of how this BH JLEC might coordinate, build on these efforts, fill gaps, etc.

5. Recommended scope, purpose and boundaries of project

- Topic areas: What's in scope, what's not.
 - o Age groups
 - Continuum of services, with emphasis on prevention
 - $\circ \quad \text{Improved access to services}$
 - Integration/coordination between agencies (decreased duplication)
- 6. Meeting schedule May 2024 through June 2025

- Meet during Interim: May-Dec 2024; Apr-June 2025
 In-person meeting Sept. 2024
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