

Agenda Items	Summary Meeting Notes
<p>Discussion: Prioritizing our priorities and support items</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rate increases are foundational for everything else – access, workforce stability, addressing gaps. Persistence is really important.</li> <li>• Also, Referral Assist – community demand has continued to rise, actively addressing gaps, and challenges. Recently getting 30 requests a day.</li> <li>• Concerns – MCOs – contracts – will not raise rates above Medicaid – had higher rates from some specialized children’s services.</li> <li>• Teaching clinic – likely a low cost item.</li> <li>• Student loan repayment – No significant WAC changes necessary, and changes will occur at the WSAC. The primary impact of this is going to be the amount of funds to the student loan repayment program, and reducing the amount of money going to the individual to impact a broader population. Estimated cost = \$1 million. There is merit in prioritizing diverse applicants.</li> <li>• Health equity continued education - WSMA is working on legislation w/ Sen. Randall will require all health professional under Title 18 to complete a mandatory health equity training.</li> <li>• Apprenticeships – gathering SME BH tech, peer support, and SUDP pathways. Currently, looking into existing BH apprenticeships in other states, and developing competencies and supplemental instructions. Estimated cost = \$1.6 million. Potential asks to the legislature may examine requirements and rules for certification and education. Hours vs. competency based alignment.</li> <li>• Affordable child-care – Childcare – support Rep. Senn’s bill; making the connection with the BH workforce. Women leaving the workforce at 8x the rate of men – back to 1988 in terms of women’s participation in the workforce. Fewer women are filing UE claims. Childcare - \$1,200/mo/child. Lack of school and childcare – impacts on parents – can’t get MH care for themselves.</li> </ul>
<p>Update: Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 19 proposal and 21 policy actions. Not prioritizing everything, instead offering legislators as many options as possible. Some have funding asks, some do not.</li> <li>• Asking for to adjust eligibility and funding increases for loan repayment programs.</li> <li>• Report will be release in a few weeks, delivered to Governor 11/13.</li> <li>• There are four recommendations regarding background checks, we have received feedback from folks at DSHS re assessing the disqualifying list and the value of lived experience.</li> <li>• Expanding the professionalization of peers is an on-going conversation w/ Rep. Davis.</li> <li>• Developing a pilot program to help increase community awareness in the Certification Restoration of Opportunity (CROP) profess with Rep. Simmons to support the transition of those with lived experience.</li> </ul>
<p>Other updates</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Behavioral Health Institute hosting a 6 module telework training series.</li> <li>• Balmer Foundation is engaged and trying to identify the space they might take in the behavioral health realm.</li> <li>• Telehealth –use of phone, privacy, appropriateness, and reimbursement levels need to be established.</li> <li>• If you are interested in the network adequacy group, please send e-mail to <a href="mailto:cybhwg@hca.wa.gov">cybhwg@hca.wa.gov</a>.</li> </ul>