

**SALISH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION
ADVISORY BOARD**

BYLAWS

1. NAME

Salish Behavioral Health Organization (SBHO) Advisory Board (hereinafter Advisory Board).

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Salish Behavioral Health Organization Advisory Board is to advise the Salish Behavioral Health Organization Executive Board on the planning and delivery of behavioral health services in Clallam, Jefferson and Kitsap Counties by the authority granted to BHOs in RCW 71.24 and under the terms of the Salish BHO Interlocal Agreement.

The purpose of the Advisory Board is to:

- * a. Review and make recommendations to the Executive Board regarding the Behavioral Health Plans developed by Salish Behavioral Health Organization Administrative Entity.
- b. Review and make recommendations to the Executive Board regarding contracts and subcontracts that implement the services under Salish Behavioral Health Organization plans.
- c. Participate in the Request for Proposal (RFP) processes that implement services within the Salish Behavioral Health Organization.
- d. Review programs through monitoring reports, audit reports, and on-site visits as appropriate.

* Required role by RCW

3. MEMBERSHIP

a. Appointment

- (1) The Advisory Board shall be comprised of seventeen members, appointed by the Salish BHO Executive Board and who serve at the pleasure of the Executive Board.
- (2) To ensure continuity, the initial Advisory Board will be made up of five members appointed for one-year terms; six members will serve two-year terms and six members will serve three-year terms. Individuals appointed to fill vacancies shall serve the remainder of the term.

b. Representation

The Advisory Board shall be comprised of a maximum of seventeen members, with five individuals representing each participating county, and two at-large Tribal representatives. At least 51% of the membership will be made up of consumers or parents or legal guardians of individuals with lived experience with a behavioral health disorder.

4. TERMINATION

c. Resignation

Any Advisory Board member may resign by submitting written notice to the Salish Behavioral Health Organization Administrator.

d. Removal

Appointments to the Board may be terminated at any time by action of the Executive Board.

The Advisory Board can remove a member by majority vote of the total membership, provided that fifteen days notice of the pending action has been provided to the Advisory Board.

A member may be removed from the Advisory Board if absent from three consecutively scheduled meetings without good cause. Good cause shall be determined by the chairperson

5. ATTENDANCE

All members are expected to attend regularly scheduled meetings. More than three unexcused absences by any member during any twelve month period may result in removal of the member by the SBHO Executive Board. A member's absence is unexcused if the member fails to notify the BHO administrator or administrative assistant in advance of a regular meeting that the member will not attend.

6. MEETINGS

a. Public Meetings Law

All meetings will be open to the public and all persons will be permitted to attend meetings of the Advisory Board. Open public meetings and open public attendance is not required at meetings when less than a quorum is present.

b. Regular Meetings

The Advisory Board shall meet at intervals established by the SBHO administrator or their designee. Administrative support including crafting agendas, preparing materials, arranging speakers and presentations, and forwarding recommendations will be provided by the SBHO staff. Regular

meetings may be canceled or changed to another specific place, date and time provided that notice of the change is delivered by mail, fax, or electronic mail and posted on the Salish BHO Website.

c. Notice

The Kitsap County Human Services Department will provide notice of regular meetings to Advisory Board members, interested persons, news media that have requested notice, and the general public. Notice shall include the time and place for holding regular meetings. The notice will also include a list of the primary subjects anticipated to be considered at the meeting. Distribution of meeting notices will be in a manner which maximizes the potential of the public to be aware of the proceedings and to participate.

d. Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the Chair with notice to all members and the general public not less than 24 hours prior to the time of the special meeting. A special meeting should be called only if necessary to conduct business that cannot wait until the next regularly scheduled meeting. The notice will be provided as soon as possible to encourage public participation.

e. Meeting Location

Advisory Board meetings are generally held at the same location and time unless otherwise notified.

f. Quorum

A quorum shall consist of a total of not less than 50% of the membership, provided there is representation from each county.

g. Voting

Voting shall be restricted to Advisory Board members only, and each Board member shall have one vote. The chair shall vote when a tie results. Except, the chair may vote in elections. All decisions of the Advisory Board shall be made by no less than a majority vote of a quorum at a meeting where a quorum is present.

h. Minutes

The minutes of all regular and special meetings shall be recorded by administrative staff. Minutes will include time and date, meeting length, members present, motions and motion makers, recommendations and due date, if applicable. Draft minutes will be distributed to the membership not less than five days prior to the next regular monthly meeting for comment and correction, and will be formally approved at the next regular monthly meeting and submitted for posting on the Kitsap County website.

i. Agendas

Items may be placed on a meeting agenda by any member or by BHO staff. The Chair and staff will coordinate preparation of the meeting agendas. The agenda will be distributed to members at least five days prior to a regular meeting.

j. Parliamentary Procedures

When not consistent with the provisions in these bylaws, Roberts Rules of Order will govern parliamentary procedure at regular and special meetings.

k. Decorum and Control

In the event any meeting is interrupted by an individual or individuals so as to render the orderly conduct of the meeting unfeasible and order cannot be restored by the removal of the person or persons who are interrupting the meeting, the Chair may order the meeting room cleared and continue in session or may adjourn the meeting and reconvene at another location selected by the majority vote of the members. In such a session, final disposition may only be taken on matters appearing on the agenda. The Chair may readmit an individual or individuals not responsible for disturbing the orderly conduct of the meeting.

7. OFFICERS

a. Chair and Vice Chair

The chairperson and vice chairperson shall be elected by a majority vote for a one year term, beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31 of the calendar year following election.

b. Process

The Chair shall appoint a three-member Nominating Committee. Elections shall be held at the first regular meeting of the fourth calendar quarter from a slate presented by the Nominating Committee and nominations from the floor. Nominees must be active members who have consented to serve. All elections shall be by secret ballot unless dispensed with by a majority vote of the members present.

c. Chair Responsibilities

The Chair will lead and guide the conduct of public meetings. The Chair is the official representative of the Advisory Board and shall follow the Public Communications Guidelines established in the Kitsap County Advisory Group Handbook when acting as the official spokesperson to the media. The Chair will be the main contact between the Advisory Board and Salish BHO staff.

d. Vice Chair

The Vice Chair shall assume the responsibility and authority of the chairperson in his/her absence.

e. Chair Pro Tempore

In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, a Chair pro tempore shall be elected by a majority of the members present to preside for that meeting only.

f. Vacancies or Removal of Officers

The Salish BHO Executive Board may remove an officer when it determines that it is in the interest of the Advisory Board or the Salish BHO. If the Chair position is vacated, the Vice Chair will assume the Chair's position. If the Vice Chair is vacated, members will elect a replacement.

8. SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Such committees shall be established by the Advisory Board as are necessary to effectively conduct business. The Chair of the Board shall appoint members to and designate the chair of the standing and temporary committees.

9. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

a. Declaration

Members are expected to declare a conflict of interest prior to consideration of any matter causing a potential or actual conflict.

b. Conflict of Interest

No Advisory Board member shall engage in any activity, including participation in the selection, award, or administration of a sub-grant or contract supported by the Salish BHO revenue contracts if a conflict of interest, real or apparent, exists.

c. If a board member (or the board member's partner, or any member to the board member's family) has, or acquires, employment, or a financial interest in, an organization with an SBHO grant or subcontract, the board member is disqualified, and must resign from the board.

10. REPRESENTATION

A member may speak for the board only when he/she represents positions officially adopted by the body.

11. COMPENSATION

Members of the Board shall serve without compensation. Reimbursement for expenses incurred while conducting official Advisory Board business may be provided for with the approval of the Director of the Kitsap County Human Services Department.

12. STAFFING

The Kitsap County Human Services Department shall have the responsibility to provide professional, technical and clerical staff as necessary, to support the activities of the Board.

13. AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at any regular or special meeting insofar as such amendments do not conflict with pertinent laws, regulations, ordinances, or resolutions of the Salish Behavioral Health Organization, state or federal governments. Proposed amendments to be in the hands of members at least ten days prior to the meeting at which the amendment is to be voted on. Any recommendations agreed upon by vote shall be forwarded to the Salish BHO Executive Board for its approval.

14. ADOPTION

These bylaws and any amendments hereto, shall become effective only upon approval of the Salish Behavioral Health Organization Executive Board.