



SALISH BHO

INTRODUCTION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY

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PURPOSE

It is the policy of the Salish Behavioral Health Organization (SBHO) to ensure services are responsive in an age and culturally appropriate manner to the behavioral health needs of its community, within available resources.

PROCEDURE

The SBHO will:

1. Establish a governance structure through Inter-Local Agreement consistent with chapter 71.24 RCW, herein identified as the Salish Behavioral Health Organization (SBHO) Executive Board. The board will consist of at the least three members of each County Board of Commissioners and one Tribal representative for the counties and tribes comprising the SBHO. The board will meet as is necessary for the conduct of business in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement establishing the SBHO.
2. Appoint a seventeen-member SBHO Advisory Board which will:
 - a. Broadly represent the demographic character of the region and the people served by the SBHO:
 - Appointment of five persons per county to serve on the Board and two tribal representatives.

- Members will be recruited through local newspaper ads, notification to local advocacy groups, and notification to local minority groups including sovereign Tribes. Members shall be appointed by the SBHO Executive Board. Applications will be reviewed at the SBHO level and all applications submitted to the Executive Board with staff recommendation for appointment.
 - Appointment of persons to the advisory board so that no less than 51% of the board at any time will be either consumers or past consumers of public behavioral health services; or family or foster family members of consumers, including parents of emotionally disturbed children.
- b. Be recruited at the discretion of the County requiring representation and in accordance with and supportive of the goals and requirements of the Advisory Board and SBHO.
- c. Review and comment on plans, budgets, and policies developed by the SBHO to implement the requirements of chapter 71.24 RCW and WAC 388-865. The SBHO Advisory Board shall forward its comments to the SBHO Executive Board and other applicable entities responsible for public behavioral health.
3. Appoint a five to ten-member SBHO Quality Review Team (QRT), which will:
- a. Be appointed by the SBHO Advisory Board for two-year terms.
 - Members may be members of the Advisory Board or other interested community members.
 - The QRT shall select a chair to manage committee meetings.
 - SBHO shall provide staffing to the QRT.
 - b. Report on-site and activity findings to the SBHO Advisory Board.
 - QRT on-site final reports shall be presented to the Advisory Board prior to publishing/distributing.
 - Members of the QRT may be appointed to the Quality Improvement Committee.