



Clallam County
Behavioral Health Advisory Board
Minutes for November 14, 2025 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Clallam County Courthouse
Board of Commissioners Meeting Room 160
223 E. 4th Street, Port Angeles, WA 98362

Voting Members Present: Abigail Barnett, Kristina Bullington, Bruce Fernie, Anne Grover, Kristine Johnson, and Vanessa Lea

Non-Voting Members Present: Amy Bundy, Jody Jacobsen and Jenny Oppelt

General Attendance: Tyler Gage, Tracy Sheldon, Heather Whitman, Tariana Hyldahl, Kristin Fox, Stephanie Aiken, and Sophie Morton

1. Welcome and Introductions

- The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m.

2. Agenda

- Majority approved the agenda as presented.

3. Minutes for September 9, 2025

- Majority approved the minutes as presented.

4. Public Comment

- None

5. Old Business

- Position Vacancies
 - Tribal Representative
 - Private Mental Health Provider (non-contracted)
 - Services for the Homeless Representative
 - Consumer/Past Consumer of SUD/MH Services
 - Hospital District Representative
 - At-Large Representative
 - Private Provider of Substance Use Disorder Services (non-contracted)

6. New Business

- 2026-2027 Behavioral Health Funding Recommendations – Vote
 - Christine Dunn presented a document outlining the 2026-2027 Behavioral Health funding cycle. Total available Behavioral Health funding for the two-year period is \$1,800,000 (\$900,000 annually). At the September Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting, the Board voted

to reserve an additional \$200,000 to be made available in the first quarter of 2027 to address anticipated funding gaps.

- Health & Human Services received 14 proposals totaling \$3,537,462.75. The RFP Review Committee recommended funding 12 proposals for a total amount of \$1,800,000.
- Majority of the Board approved advancing the 2026–2027 Behavioral Health Funding Recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners for final approval. Anne Grover and Kristina Bullington abstained from the vote due to conflicts of interest.

7. Future Agenda Items

- Jamestown Healing Clinic Inpatient Facility

8. Updates & Announcements

9. Public Comment – *Please limit comments to three minutes*

- None

10. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at 12:43 p.m.

Next Meeting: Friday, January 13, 2026 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Behavioral Health Advisory Board Voting Members: Abigail Barnett, Kristina Bullington, Bruce Fernie, Anne Grover, Kristine Johnson, Vaness Lea, Kelly Newhouse and Wendy Sisk

Behavioral Health Advisory Board Non-Voting Members: Amy Bundy, Jody Jacobsen, Kirsten Poole and Jenny Oppelt

2026-27 Behavioral Health RFP Summaries and Recommendations

Proposals: \$1,800,000 (\$900,000 per year) was available for behavior health (substance use, mental health, and co-occurring disorders) services throughout Clallam County.

The following four funding priorities were set by the Behavioral Health Advisory Board at their annual retreat:

- Behavioral Health Specialized Services
- Behavioral Health Housing & Shelter
- Prevention/Early Intervention for Behavioral Health
- Unfunded/Underfunded Behavioral Health Services and Supports

Clallam County Health and Human Services received 14 proposals.

The total funds requested 2026: \$1,707,098.15

2027: \$1,830,364.60

Total: \$3,537,462.72

At the September Behavioral Health Advisory Board meeting one member volunteered to participate on the proposal review committee. Two additional review committee members were recruited to assist with the process. Each member has no conflicts of interest in any entity eligible to submit a proposal.

RFP Proposal Review Committee Members: Kristine Johnson Amy Miller Laurel Shriner

Facilitators (not scoring proposals): Jenny Oppelt Christine Dunn

Clallam County Health & Human Services created an online folder where all proposals, agency audits or financial records, and scoring forms were uploaded. A copy of the RFP and a link to RCW 82.14.460 were also provided. The process followed was similar to previously used proposal selection processes. On November 5th and 6th, 2025, the review committee assembled virtually via Zoom where all 14 bidders provided a short presentation of their proposal and answered questions posed by the review committee members. The information provided helped clarify elements of the proposals which ultimately helped in the final rating (i.e., recommended for funding/not recommended for funding/funded at a different rate than proposed) of the proposal.

The Review Committee discussed scores and information provided by agencies at intervals throughout the two days and again in more detail at the end of the last day.

Proposals and recommendations:

	Agency	Title of Proposal	Description	Funds Request	Funds Recommended	Details
1.	The Boys and Girls Club of the Olympic Peninsula	Behavioral Health Initiative	The Comprehensive Behavioral Health and Wellness Plan aims to proactively address behavioral and mental health issues among young people, reducing the risk of substance abuse and mitigating mental health challenges.	2026 \$35,000 2027 \$35,000 Total: \$70,000	2026 \$16,260.90 2027 \$9,185.40 Total: \$	<i>Existing Program</i> Engages with vulnerable youth, building relationships. Upstream investment.
2.	First Step Family Support Center	Parents as Teachers: Behavioral Health & Early Intervention Program	The Parents as Teachers program is an evidence-based early prevention and intervention home visiting program designed for families experiencing multiple risk factors in their lives while raising their children age 0-5.	2024 \$100,000.00 2025 \$100,00.00 Total: \$200,000.00	2024 \$100,000.00 2025 \$100,000.00 Total: \$200,000.00	<i>Existing Program</i> Fully fund. Clear need and evidence of success demonstrated in data. Home visiting program is unique in the community. Clear link to BH program.

3.	Lutheran Community Services NW	Clallam County Resource Center	The LCSNW Clallam Community Resource Center provides responsive prevention services to support health and wellbeing among families and individuals experiencing financial hardship.	2024 \$212,272.00 2025 \$223,846.00 Total: \$436,118.00	2024 \$0 2025 \$0 Total: \$0	<i>New Program</i> Difficult to predict success in proposed model. Addition of mental health services requires hiring for BH position. Due to the nature of the proposal, it was difficult to piece apart for a portion to be funded. Concern regarding duplication of available services.
4.	Olympic Peninsula Community Clinic (OPCC)	REdisCOVERY Unfunded/Underfunded	OPCC will provide proactive, reactive and co-response outreach to identify underserved community members with behavioral health needs in the West End. Provide bridge care for residents awaiting intake and service from traditional office-based services providers. Provide person-centered, holistic, time-unlimited case management to successfully engage participants with behavioral health and other necessary services.	2024 \$277,200.00 2025 \$296,780.00 Total: \$573,980.00	2024 \$100,000.00 2025 \$120,000.00 Total: \$220,000.00	<i>Existing Program</i> Decrease in funding due to available funds, concern about capacity to provide an increase in services. Proposed increase of services on the west end. Though the proposal lacked the demonstration of coordination with existing services/agencies on the west end.

5.	Olympic Personal Growth	Filling the Gap	The Filling the Gap program is an avenue of direct services funding for youth and adults in need of behavioral health treatment and assessment including substance use disorder treatment and mental health treatment. Participants would be screened into the program based on financial eligibility and a lack of other resources available to fund their treatment.	2024 \$39,240.00 2025 \$39,240.00 Total: \$78,480.00	2024 \$29,430.00 2025 \$29,430.00 Total: \$58,860.00	<i>Existing Program</i> Decrease in funding due to available funds and proposed reimbursement rate increase. Demonstrated clear need and impact to adolescent population.
6.	Peninsula Behavioral Health (PBH)	Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)	PATH is a federal grant program that provides outreach services through a case manager to individuals who are experiencing serious mental illness and homelessness or risk of homelessness.	2024 \$23,301.00 2025 \$24,470.00 Total: \$47,771.00	2024 \$19,764.84 2025 \$19,764.85 Total: \$39,529.69	<i>Existing Program</i> Decrease in funding due to available funding and proposed additional services. Community match required to receive other funding. Demonstrated clear need and positive impacts.
7.	PBH	Mental Health First Aid	Mental Health First Aid is an 8-hour training certification course that teaches community members to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illness. It also includes a 5-step action plan to assess a	2022 \$12,000.00 2023 \$12,000.00 Total: \$24,000.00	2022 \$12,000.00 2023 \$12,000.00 Total: \$24,000.00	<i>Existing Program</i> Fully fund. Clear data provided regarding need and positive impacts.

			situation, select and implement intervention, provide referrals and secure appropriate care for an individual.			
8.	PBH	Access to Behavioral Health Services for Low Income Individuals	Funds of last resort to support Under or Uninsured Clients (including many Medicare clients). Services include residential services, primary care, and support for under or uninsured clients including Medicare clients.	2024 \$111,000.00 2025 \$111,000.00 Total: \$222,000.00	2024 \$83,250.00 2025 \$83,250.00 Total: \$166,500.00	<i>Existing Program</i> Funding reduced due to available funding. Data shows need for support which has recently been exacerbated by Medicaid disenrollment.
9.	Port Angeles Fire Department	Community Paramedicine Program	The Community Paramedicine Program offers equitable services to community members living with MH and SUD. Paramedics perform comprehensive assessments to identify medical, emotional, physical and BH needs and promptly connects patients to vital resources and services.	2024 \$206,259.33 2025 \$145,611.91 Total: \$351,871.24	2024 \$206,259.33 2025 \$145,611.91 Total: \$351,871.24	<i>Existing Program</i> Fully fund. Valuable program with demonstrated clear need and positive impacts in the community. Overdose connection and BH medications utilized in the field. Sustainability plan in place to be fully funded by the City of PA in 2026.
10.	Prevention Works! Of Clallam County	Prevention and Early Intervention Education and Awareness Campaign	Prevention Works will host a series of community education opportunities focusing on current	2024 \$12,595.00 2025	2024 \$0.00 2025	<i>New Program</i> No formal connection to BH programs.

			substance use/misuse disorder and mental health supports for youth and families.	\$12,650.00 Total: \$25,245.00	\$0.00 Total: \$0.00	Encourage proposer to seek other fund sources available.
11.	Reflections Counseling Services Group	Crisis Intervention	This program aims to stabilize crisis situations, educate families, engage clients in treatment, provided referrals, remove barriers to services and offer recovery supports during transitions in care.	2024 \$189,800.00 2025 \$189,800.00 Total: \$379,600.00	2024 \$142,350.00 2025 \$142,350.00 Total: \$284,700.00	<i>Existing Program</i> Partially fund due to funding availability. Demonstrated clear need and positive impact. Clear connection and collaboration with agencies in proposed service area.
12.	Reflections Counseling Services Group	Underinsured and Noninsured	Provides a full scope of treatment to underinsured and noninsured participants to include assessment, group and individual counseling, urinalysis, outreach, transportation, and other case management services.	2024 \$137,000.00 2025 \$137,000.00 Total: \$274,000.00	2024 \$102,750.00 2025 \$102,750.00 Total: \$205,500.00	<i>Existing Program</i> Decreased funding due to funding availability. Detailed information provided regarding need, impact, and intended number of clients to receive services.
13.	Sequim High School	Mental Health and Wellness	Schools provide ready access to teaching broad segments of society about awareness of our mental health status, early education, and intervention in these critical health issues. Sequim High School proposes to continue	2024 \$191,800.00 2025 \$212,250.00 Total: \$404,050.00	2024 \$147,000.00 2025 \$159,450.00 Total: \$306,450.00	<i>Existing program</i> Combine High and Middle school programs. 1 FTE program manager link to providing direct service via counselors.

			with this effort, using evidence-based approaches and qualified staff. This program will continue ongoing training concerning mental health functioning for relevant staff members and all students at the high school level. Program staff will also assist in counseling families and students, and in securing additional resources through community linkages and supports.			Not billing insurance, in theory to reduce barriers. Decreased funding to include the program manager and counselors (\$63,000 for counselors year 1 and \$71,250 year 2) No support staff funded. Encourage accessing other available counseling services (use of commercial/state insurance at other agencies). Prioritize students with increased barriers to access.
14.	Sequim Middle School	Mental Health and Wellness	SMS proposes implementing an early intervention program to all students, using evidence-based approaches and qualified staff. This program will help to establish awareness of mental health, teach staff and students strategies to maintain mental wellness, assist in counseling families and students, and facilitate connections to community resources and supports.	2024 \$168,200.00 2025 \$187,400.00 Total: \$355,600.00	2024 \$0.00 2025 \$0.00 Total: \$0.00 *funding for this program combined with SHS.	<i>Newly funded – existing program</i> .5 FTE program manager (reported that 1 FTE able to do both High and Middle schools). No support staff.

15.	Transformations By Olympic Angels	Love Box and Dare to Dream Case Management	The Dare to Dream and Love Box programs provide nourished and stabilized homes, children have access to normal childhood experiences and are connected to deep, affirming relationships. These programs reduce the negative effects of foster care including mental health issues, substance use and homelessness.	2024 \$31,468.00 2025 \$47,482.00 Total: \$78,950.00	2024 \$15,933.77 2025 \$23,741.00 Total: \$39,674.77	<i>Existing Program</i> Partially fund based on Jefferson County services highlighted rather than Clallam. Evidence of connection to healthy stable adult for vulnerable youth/child increases successful life trajectory.
16.	Nature's Academy dba Unbounded Horizons	Trauma-Informed Support Groups	Unbounded Horizons will provide a new support group program for trauma survivors in Clallam County. These support groups will provide therapy for approximately 100 underfunded adult participants and 50 children.	2024 \$25,310.00 2025 \$45,475.00 Total: \$70,785.00	2024 \$0.00 2025 \$0.00 Total: \$0.00	<i>New Program</i> Less closely aligned with RCW. The program by nature excludes people whose BH needs are higher. Support groups unable to bill insurance. Review committee prioritized services directed to more vulnerable community members.
17.	West End Outreach	West End Behavioral Health Services	West End Outreach Services will provide intake-assessment, individual and group counseling, case management, peer support	2024 \$51,645.00 2025 \$51,645.00	2024 \$38,734.00 2025 \$38,734.00	<i>Existing Program</i> Decreased funding due to projected number serving 100

			services, psychiatric evaluation, medication management and adult day support services.	Total: \$103,290.00	Total: \$77,468.00	individuals vs previous year's number served (15 in 2023 and 18 in 2022) difficult to reconcile. Underutilized allocated funding in 2022/23. Spanish speaking group available.
TOTAL				\$3,659,668.64	\$2,000,000.00	

Acronyms used: **SUD:** substance use disorder, **BH:** behavioral health, **FTE:** Full time equivalent, **MH:** mental health

The total amount of all proposals recommended for funding is **\$2,000,000.00**.

This report was submitted to the full BH Advisory Board on November 14, 2023. The BH Advisory Board and RFP Review Committee discussed the recommendations. The full BH Advisory Board voted to move this report and these recommendations to the BOCC for their approval.

If these recommendations are approved by the BOCC, Clallam County HHS will develop statements of work and contracts for final BOCC approval.