

 <p>SPOKANE COUNTY Regional Support Network Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan</p>	Policy Title: Mental Health Advisory Board		Policy # AD-13
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Applies to: Internal External

References

[WAC 388-865-0222](#)

Scope

SCRSN/PIHP

Policy

The Mental Health Advisory Board (MHAB) members are appointed by the Spokane Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) based upon criteria established to assure a cross section of demographic character of the community as well as the ethnicity and broader cultural aspects of the consumers served. Membership must be comprised of 51% current or past consumers of public mental health services including those who are youths, older adults, disability, family, foster family members or caregivers of consumers including parents of emotionally disturbed children.

Procedures/Mechanisms

To ensure decisions are made in the best interest of our community and its citizens, the BOCC relies on the advisory board to:

1. Facilitate a process for integrating community input and other expertise with the perspectives of the advisory board members as a basis for recommendations to the BOCC.
2. Review and recommend long range program plans, annual program priorities and budgets and offer recommendations.
3. Maintain formal periodic communication with the BOCC through formal work session presentations with SCRSN staff.
4. Communicate and/or collaborate with the other individuals and groups who have complementary interests or expertise.
5. Maintain public awareness of program policies, priorities and direction and advocate for consumer constituencies within Spokane County.
6. Maintain the advisory board as a dynamic, diverse and responsive entity with membership composition and rotation designed to sustain active participation and preserve continuity.

7. Participate on working committees to assist the SCRSN staff on particular issues and/or identified problem areas. Such committees, after adequate study and deliberation shall make recommendation to the full MHAB for any recommended actions.
8. Recommendations from the MHAB shall be presented to the BOCC for final approval. Upon action of the BOCC, SCRSN shall support the implementation of the recommendations.
9. The Chairman of MHAB shall ensure that the membership roster composition of the board shall meet or exceed WAC requirements of 51% of current or past consumers of public mental health services, including those who are youth, older adults or who have a disability, family/foster family members, or caregivers of consumers, including parents of emotionally disturbed children. The Chairperson of MHAB will certify the roster as complying with the WAC requirement.

Recruitment

10. The SCRSN staff shall work with the BOCC and MHAB in the recruitment and appointment of new advisory board members and the reappointment of current advisory board members, consistent with the bylaws of the SCRSN Mental Health Advisory Board and referenced WACs. Recruitment efforts shall be targeted to fill position vacancies as they occur. Special efforts shall be made to recruit consumers, family members, and representatives from underserved populations.

Attachment:

Attachment 1: MHAB By Laws