West Virginia Behavioral Health Planning Council

The West Virginia Behavioral Health Planning Council (WVBHPC) is a unified voice promoting wellness, recovery, and resiliency for all West Virginians.

# Council Composition

Federal law specifies the composition of the West Virginia Behavioral Health Planning Council, which includes the following:

* Representatives of certain State agencies: Mental Health, Education, Vocational Rehabilitation, Criminal Justice, Housing, Social Services, and Medicaid;
* Public and private entities concerned with the need, planning, operation, funding, and use of mental health services and related support services;
* Adults with serious mental illness who are receiving – or have received – mental health services; and
* Families of such adults and families of children with serious emotional disturbance.

All council meetings are open to the public.

Visit our website at <www.WVBHPC.org> for more information.

# What the Law Requires of the Council

* Review [Behavioral Health Block Grant] plans provided to the Council by the State and submit to the State any recommendations of the Council for modifications to the plans.
* Serve as an advocate for adults with a serious mental illness, children with a severe emotional disturbance, and other individuals with mental illnesses or emotional problems.
* Monitor, review, and evaluate, not less than once each year, the allocation and adequacy of mental health services within the State.

“I became a member to be able to ensure that there would be a voice for people receiving services about needed changes and improved services”

- Council Member

# Council Activities

* The West Virginia Behavioral Health Planning Council meets at least quarterly in different areas of the State.
* The Council committees develop strategies to accomplish Council goals pursuant to the federal mandate.
* Council members actively participate in a wide range of state and local initiatives that impact behavioral health, homelessness, and community services.
* The Council partners with the WVDHHR Bureau for Behavioral Health and Health Facilities to assure the availability of person-centered, high quality behavioral health services throughout the State and conducts independent assessments of need which are reported to the Bureau.

“I joined to help make a difference and meet new people as well as learn things”

- New Council Member

# Membership

Persons interested in joining the West Virginia Behavioral Health Planning Council may log on to www.WVBHPC.org to download and complete an interest indicator.

Meetings are open to the public. Check our website for dates, places, and times.

For more information about the West Virginia Behavioral Health Planning Council, contact:

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