

Behavioral Health Oversight Committee Charter

Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board

Mission:

This committee focuses on all substance use disorder and mental health services, programs and policies of the CSB. The committee works closely with CSB leadership and staff to ensure that individuals in these communities are empowered to lead meaningful, self-directed lives with the supports and services they need. The Committee assists the CSB board in meeting its responsibilities as outlined in the Code of Virginia.

Committee Composition:

The Behavioral Health Oversight Committee is a standing committee of the CSB. It is comprised of a chair, board members appointed by the CSB Chair, and associate members including representatives of populations served and organizations whose work and knowledge are important to the work of the Committee. Associate members are nominated by the Behavioral Health Oversight Committee and confirmed by the full CSB Board. The chair of the Behavioral Health Oversight Committee will serve on the CSB Executive Committee.

Responsibilities and Duties:

- **Advocacy:** Advocate for substance use disorders (SUDs) and mental health (MH) services which promote prevention, treatment, recovery and self-determination.
 - Focus on attaining adequate and sustainable resources for a continuum of services that will meet the needs of a diverse population.
- **Outreach:** Increase awareness and understanding of SUDs and MH issues in the community.
 - Sustain and promote expansion of community network and provide a public forum for discussion of SUD and MH issues.
- **Oversight:** Provide oversight of CSB SUDs and MH services.
 - Provide policy guidance to the CSB Board to include reviewing relevant draft policies and procedures and providing input to the CSB Board.
 - Review and make recommendations to the full Board regarding policies, plans, service delivery proposals, budgets, grants, and such other matters.

Outcomes:

- The CSB Board is informed of pertinent issues related to the SUD and MH services and program areas.
- Board level decisions and governance regarding programs, policies, services, and funding are enhanced.