

**WAC 182-538C-252 Behavioral health administrative services organizations—Advisory board membership.** (1) A behavioral health administrative services organization (BH-ASO) must appoint advisory board members and maintain an advisory board in order to:

(a) Promote active engagement with people with behavioral health disorders, their families, and behavioral health agencies; and

(b) Solicit and use the advisory board members input to improve service delivery and outcome.

(2) The BH-ASO must appoint advisory board members and maintain an advisory board that:

(a) Broadly represents the demographic character of the service area;

(b) Is composed of at least fifty-one percent representation of one or more of the following:

(i) People with lived experience;

(ii) Parents or legal guardians of people with lived experience;

or  
(iii) Self-identified as people in recovery from a behavioral health disorder.

(c) Includes law enforcement representation; and

(d) Includes tribal representation, upon request of a tribe.

(3) When the BH-ASO is not a function of county government, the advisory board must include no more than four county elected officials.

(4) The advisory board:

(a) May have members who are employees of subcontracted agencies, as long as there are written rules that address potential conflicts of interest.

(b) Has the discretion to set rules in order to meet the requirements of this section.

(c) Membership is limited to three years per term for time served, per each advisory board member. Multiple terms may be served by a member if the advisory board rules allow it.

(5) The advisory board independently reviews and provides comments to the BH-ASO, on plans, budgets, and policies developed by the BH-ASO to implement the requirements of this section, chapters 71.05, 71.24, 71.34 RCW, and applicable federal laws.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160, 2019 c 325, 2014 c 225, and 2018 c 201. WSR 19-24-063, § 182-538C-252, filed 11/27/19, effective 1/1/20.]