



Commission meeting



June 3, 2025

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New input opportunities for individuals with lived experience of mental health and substance use disorders and their families

- “**Connect**” tab added to BHC website
 - _ Submit written comments for distribution to BHC members
 - _ Sign up as subject matter expert to assist staff with research
- Previous opportunities for input remain available
 - _ Public comments period at each Commission meeting
 - _ Periodic surveys to provide input on future work and direction
 - _ Presentations from groups representing various perspectives
 - _ Interviews to provide information about research topics and feedback on policy options

Connect with BHC staff and members through our website



Connect



Comment

Submit a comment related to the Commission's current work.

Submit



Sign Up

Sign up as a potential resource to BHC staff.

Register

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Impact of BHC legislative actions (2023-2025)

59%

recommendations
implemented
via legislative action

18

bills enacted
to improve the
behavioral health system

\$65M

additional funding
to support behavioral
health services & staff

Nearly 60% of BHC-sponsored recommendations have been implemented since 2023

BHC recommendations implemented	2023	2024	2025	Cumulative
Recommendations adopted by BHC	12	43	11	66
Recommendations implemented through BHC action	10	25	4	39
% of BHC recommendations implemented	83%	58%	36%	59%

Recommendations implemented through BHC legislation	2023	2024	2025	Cumulative
# Introduced through legislation	11	9	3	23
# Implemented through legislation	9	7	2	18
% of legislative recommendations implemented	82%	78%	67%	78%

Implemented through BHC budget amendments				
# Introduced through budget	1	34	8	43
# Implemented through budget	1	18	2	21
% of budget recommendations implemented	100%	53%	25%	49%

Impact of recommendations implemented through BHC actions in 2025

Purpose

Bill/Budget

BHC patron

Strategies to minimize avoidable arrests of people in crisis and assaults on law enforcement

Expand availability of co-response teams (law enforcement officers and clinicians) in the state to allow for clinician involvement during responses to behavioral health calls

\$4.8M/yr

Sen. Perry
Del. Obenshain

Provide additional training for law-enforcement agencies and officers on the discretion that can be exercised when arresting individuals, and on the impact of arrests and jail on individuals experiencing a mental health crisis

SB 1194
HB 1712

Sen. Deeds
Del. Watts

Office of the State Inspector General (OSIG)

Keep the BHC informed about issues identified by the Office of the State Inspector General (OSIG) relating to state facilities & other providers of behavioral health services

SB 885
HB 1578

Sen. Perry
Del. Campbell

Alternative placements of individuals with neurocognitive disorders or neurodevelopmental disabilities

Continue work needed to identify alternative placements for individuals with neurodevelopmental disabilities

Letter to Autism
Council

Full Commission



Next meeting
July 8, 2025

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