



Commission meeting



June 3, 2025

Briefing

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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

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Comment

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

Submit



Sign Up

Sign up as a potential resource to BHC staff.

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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 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 | Cumulative |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| # 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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