



Steering Committee Charter

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Mission & Purpose

Goal: Between now and December 2023, the Steering Committee will provide structure and support for regional workgroups to arrive at actionable recommendations to inform a larger statewide behavioral health roadmap for children, youth, and families.

Mission: The Steering Committee, comprised of key stakeholders and leaders, will help define the goals, outputs, timeline, and resources necessary for regional workgroups to make informed recommendations for prioritization of policy, funding structure, and resource allocation that will support a comprehensive system of care for children, youth, and families.

Structure & Scope: The Steering Committee will provide guidance and act in an advisory capacity through the end of December 2023. During this phase, state project staff will organize and present items to the Steering Committee for decision-making. The Committee will discuss, decide, and vote on those items necessary to support the regional workgroups and plans, stakeholder and public feedback, and finalize the information to be shared in December. The Committee is not empowered to act or initiate work beyond the structure and scope of this Charter.

Members

Roles & Responsibilities: It is expected that all members will attend the June, July, and October meetings, fully prepare in advance, and engage with any follow-up materials and tasks. Meetings are meant to be participatory, which means it is a forum to co-create content and make advisory decisions. Materials sent in advance of meetings shall be reviewed prior to the meeting date. By not using the shared time to present and review materials, the Committee will experience more effective collaboration, participation, and shared understanding.

Each member of the Steering Committee, listed below, is able to cast one vote. Good faith efforts shall be made in every case to reach a consensus decision. When consensus is not possible, majority vote will determine the outcome and the opposing viewpoint will be preserved in the meeting notes.

Advocates & Associations	
Kim Champney, Executive Director, AADD	Steve Williams, AMHTA CEO
John Solomon, ABHA CEO	Katie Baldwin-Johnson, AMTHA COO
Lance Johnson, ABHA COO	Eric Boyer, AMHTA Sr. Program Officer
Jared Kosin, AHHA CEO	Megan Clark, APCA
Elizabeth King, AHHA Sr. Director	Jen Griffis, Parent Advocate
Tribal Behavioral Health	
Perry Ahsogeak, ANHB	Monique Martin, ANHB/ANTHC
Ronto Roney, ANHB	Jessica Whitaker, ANHB/TBHD
Tribal Child Welfare	
Charis Erhardt, CCTHITA	Brittany Madros, TCC
State of Alaska	
Senator David Wilson	Representative Julie Coulombe
Steven Bookman, Law	Sharon Fishel, DEED
Emily Ricci, DOH Deputy Commissioner	Clinton Lasley, DFCS Deputy Commissioner
Dr. Anne Zink, CMO	



Meetings

Meeting Schedule & Process: There are three known meetings for this Committee, scheduled in June, July, and October of 2023. Committee members will commit to attending these meetings.

The need for additional meetings shall be considered in the June and July meetings. The necessity, purpose, and scope of any additional meetings shall be defined and set during one of the above meeting dates. If the need arises to (1) add another Committee meeting and/or (2) call a time-limited, task-oriented sub-committee meeting, it will be agreed upon in the June, July, or October meeting, and all Committee members will be invited though not required to attend any ad-hoc meetings.

It is not the work of the Committee to create a detailed roadmap or resolve specific or specialized areas of need. As advisors to the regional workgroups, it will instead set strategic direction, shape event outputs, and facilitate compilation of regional work for public dissemination.

In the roadmap to be finalized in December 2023, the Committee will provide recommendations for structuring the next phase of a multi-year statewide plan for improving the continuum of behavioral health care for Alaskan children and youth.

Meeting Follow-Up: DFCS and DOH will facilitate meeting logistics and provide meeting notes to all Committee members. The two departments will provide primary support for this work through Laura Russell, DOH Senior Policy Advisor for Behavioral Health; Nicole Lebo, DOH Senior Director of Special Projects; and Chrissy Vogeley, DFCS Special Assistant.

Committee Outputs

