BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD (BHAB) DISCUSSION ITEM
NOVEMBER 20, 2025

BHAB 2026 Priorities

Annually, BHAB members identify priority areas of focus with an emphasis on enhancing BHAB's value to the community. The priorities listed below have been determined through discussions among members at several BHAB meetings including the annual fall retreat held on November 1, 2025.

I. ACCOUNTABILITY FOR CONTINUUM OF CARE TRANSITIONS

BHAB will support efforts to increase education and awareness related to transitions across the behavioral health Continuum of Care, promoting accountability by enhancing navigation supports, improving system accessibility, and strengthening pathways for individuals moving through various levels of need.

- Person-centered care focus areas to include:
  - Improving housing transitions for individuals experiencing housing instability
  - Strengthening support for those with emergent health care needs
  - Bridging gaps across prevention, treatment, and recovery services

II. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

BHAB will support ongoing efforts by raising awareness, fostering dialogue, and promoting culturally responsive and intentional community engagement in alignment with One Big Beautiful Bill Act (H.R. 1) and Behavioral Health Services Act (BHSA).

- Engagement efforts may focus on the following partners:
  - Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)
  - Public and Private Partnerships
  - Peers (both workforce and lived-experience representation)
  - People Experiencing Homelessness

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