

The Legislation that Informs Our Work

The Behavioral Health Consortium helps Delaware improve mental health and substance use services by bringing the right people together, listening to communities, and advising state leaders.

Law

16 Del. C.
§ 5195



“There is established a Behavioral Health Consortium.”



“Behavioral health services include mental health and substance use disorder services.”



“The Consortium shall monitor and review the delivery of behavioral health services.”



“The Consortium shall make recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly.”



“The Consortium may establish committees or working groups.”



“Members shall represent agencies, providers, and the public.”

The Consortium is a statewide body enabled by legislation - it is managed by the Lieutenant Governor and operates at the discretion of the Governor.



Our working groups cover broad mental health issues, with diverse areas of focus.



The Consortium communicates with state agencies, subject matter experts, and citizens with lived experiences to ensure statewide reach and equitable services.



We are expected to offer valuable perspectives and information to the lawmakers to inform policy and funding decisions.



Smaller working groups with a more narrow focus were established to be more efficient in our work.



Appointed members are selected by virtue of their role or by volunteering to serve - these voting members reflect both professional expertise and lived experience. Non-voting (public) members are included in working groups as additional subject matter experts.



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