

Washoe Regional Behavioral Health Policy Board: Duties

Excerpt from WRBHPB Bylaws

- 3.1 The purpose of the WRBHPB, as mandated by NRS 433 is to:
 - 3.1.1. **Advise** the Department, Division and Commission regarding the behavioral health needs of adults and children in the behavioral health region; progress, problems or proposed plans relating to the provision of behavioral health services and methods to improve the provision of behavioral health services in the behavioral health region; identified gaps in the behavioral health services which are available in the behavioral health region and any recommendations or service enhancements to address those gaps; any federal, state or local law or regulation that relates to behavioral health which it determines is redundant, conflicts with other laws or is obsolete and any recommendation to address any such redundant, conflicting or obsolete law or regulation; and , priorities for allocating money to support and develop behavioral health services in the behavioral health region.
 - 3.1.2 **Promote** improvements in the delivery of behavioral health services in the behavioral health region.
 - 3.1.3 **Coordinate and exchange information** with the other policy boards to provide unified and coordinated recommendations to the Department, Division and Commission regarding behavioral health services in the behavioral health region
 - 3.1.4 **Review** the collection and reporting standards of behavioral health data to determine standards for such data collection and reporting processes.
 - 3.1.5 **Establish** to the extent feasible, (and collaborate with community-based organizations as necessary and appropriate) an organized, sustainable, and accurate electronic repository of data and information concerning behavioral health and behavioral health services in the behavioral health region that is accessible to members of the public on an Internet website maintained by the policy board.
 - 3.1.6 **Track and compile** to the extent feasible, data concerning persons admitted to mental health facilities and hospitals pursuant to NRS 433A.145 to 433A.197, inclusive, and to mental health facilities and programs of community-based or outpatient services pursuant to NRS 433A.200 to 433A.330, inclusive, in the behavioral health region, including, without limitation the outcomes of treatment provided to such persons; and measures taken upon and after the release of such persons to address behavioral health issues and prevent future admissions.
 - 3.1.7 **Identify and coordinate** with other entities in the behavioral health region and this State that address issues relating to behavioral health to increase awareness of such issues and avoid duplication of efforts
 - 3.1.8 **In coordination** with existing entities in this State that address issues relating to behavioral health

services, submit an annual report to the Commission which includes, without limitation:

- The specific behavioral health needs of the behavioral health region.
- A description of the methods used by the policy board to collect and analyze data concerning the behavioral health needs and problems of the behavioral health region and gaps in behavioral health services which are available in the behavioral health region, including, without limitation, a list of all sources of such data used by the policy board.
- A description of the manner in which the policy board has carried out the requirements and the results of those activities; and
- The data compiled pursuant to the requirements and any conclusions that the policy board has derived from such data.

3.1.9 The WRBHPB will work together to develop a Bill Draft Request (BDR) each legislative session, as allowed by and pursuant to the criteria set forth in NRS 218D.214. The BDR will address regional or state behavioral health needs as determined by the board through research, meetings, presentations, and relevant data.