

10/9/2023

Adult Mental Health State Program Standing Committee Draft Agenda

[Microsoft Teams Meeting Link](#)

Call in Number: +1 802-828-7667 Conference ID: 268 652 786#

12:30 - 1:00

SPSC Business

○ *Introductions & Review Agenda*

○ *Statement on public comment participation*

The Adult State Program Standing Committee has voting members, staff attendees from the Department of Mental Health, and members of the public. *Members of the public* are welcome to ask questions or join discussion throughout the meeting. Priority in discussion and questions will be given to *voting members*. Space will be reserved at the end of each meeting for comments from the public.

○ *Announcements*

○ *Vote on September minutes*

1:00 - 1:45

Presentation: Administrative Rule on Agency Designation

○ *Seán Sheehan, AHS Administrative Services Director*

○ *Jennifer Garabedian, DAIL Development Disabilities Division Director*

1:45 - 2:00

BREAK (as needed)

2:00 - 2:40

Review Howard Center designation materials

○ *Formulate questions and kudos*

2:40 - 2:50

Public Comment

2:50 - 3:10






Closing Meeting Business

○ *Draft: November Agenda*

November Draft Agenda

- 12:30 - 1:00 **SPSC Business:** *Introductions & Review agenda, Statement on public comment participation, Announcements, Vote on previous meeting minutes, Membership discussion*
- 1:00 - 2:30 **Q&A with Howard Center redesignation**
- 2:30 - 3:00 **Draft Recommendation Letter to Commissioner**

AMH SPSC Top Five Priorities for 2023

1. Expand access to affordable housing 
2. Increase suicide prevention efforts while respecting the voice of the individual 
3. Increase Designated Agency employment of individuals with lived experience (i.e., peers) including intentional peer support and peer support counselors 
4. Increase availability of respites run by individuals with lived experience (e.g., Alyssum) 
5. Increase access to crisis/drop-in centers 

Meeting Norms/Expectations

- Speak kindness
- Listen to understand
- Assume positive intentions
- Be accountable
- ELMO! (Enough Let's Move On)
- Take space, leave space
- Mind the empty chair

Potential Agenda Items to Align with CYFS Committee:

CYFS committee is off in August; AMH will likely have a casual meeting

Plan for Howard Center in September

Meeting with Howard Center in October

Current Facilitators:

Christopher (Sep 2023)
Lauren (Aug 2023)
Christopher (Jul 2023)
Ann (Jun 2023)

Previous Facilitators:

Lynne (May 2023)
Christopher (Apr 2023)
Eva (Mar 2023)
Zack (Feb 2023)
Marla (Jan 2023)
Zack (Dec 2022)
Marla (Nov 2022)
Dan (August-Oct 2022)
Zack (May-July 22)
Kate (Feb-Apr 22)
Christopher (Nov-Jan 22)