

# Mission Statement:

The Behavioral Health Advisory Committee (BHAC) of Benton and Franklin Counties is dedicated to enhancing the well-being of our communities by advising the Boards of County Commissioners on the development, implementation, and improvement of behavioral health services. We focus on identifying the need for new or expanded services, assessing the effectiveness of existing services, and ensuring the effective utilization of resources for behavioral health facilities and service providers at a systemwide level. Specifically, we advocate for the vital role of the Columbia Valley Center for Recovery in our community.

# Values:

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**Community-Centric Approach:** We prioritize the needs and perspectives of our diverse community, ensuring that behavioral health services are accessible, effective, and tailored to meet the unique challenges of Benton and Franklin Counties.

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**Inclusivity and Representation:** Our committee represents a broad spectrum of the community, including law enforcement, emergency responders, healthcare providers, mental health and substance use disorder experts, and individuals with lived experiences, ensuring a holistic view of behavioral health needs.

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**Transparency and Accountability:** Adhering to the Washington Open Meetings Act, we operate with transparency, inviting public input and maintaining open communication channels with the community.

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**Collaboration and Partnership:** We value collaboration with various sectors and stakeholders, including county officials, health districts, courts, and the recovery coalition, to foster integrated and comprehensive behavioral health services.

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**Ethical Integrity:** We uphold the highest standards of integrity and professionalism, avoiding conflicts of interest and ensuring that our actions and recommendations serve the public interest without any personal or business gain.

# Vision:

Our vision is to create a collaborative, informed, and responsive behavioral health system in Benton and Franklin Counties that effectively addresses current challenges while anticipating future needs. A system of care where there is "no wrong door" necessitates a recovery center that addresses the behavioral health needs in our community. We aim to foster a community where every individual can access high-quality behavioral health services in a timely, dignified, and supportive environment. Through our efforts, we strive to reduce the stigma associated with behavioral health issues, improve public understanding, and encourage a community where wellness and recovery are achievable and celebrated.