

BC 2024 0207  
**RESOLUTION FC 2024 - 063**

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BENTON AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES,  
WASHINGTON:**

**IN THE MATTER OF ADDING A NEW MEMBER AND RE-ESTABLISHING AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS IN BENTON AND FRANKLIN COUNTIES**

**WHEREAS**, there is unmet need in Benton and Franklin Counties and the surrounding region regarding treatment services for persons in behavioral health crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, in response to this unmet need Benton County and Franklin County have separately implemented the 0.1% Chemical Dependency and Mental Health Sales Tax authorized under RCW 82.14.460; and

**WHEREAS**, the Counties desire that services provided with revenues from the new tax be community centered and seek a range of public perspectives to inform their decisions about these programs; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to gain this community perspective it is desirable to create a committee of experts and persons with lived experience who can provide advice to each Board of County Commissioners regarding the need and effectiveness of behavioral health services.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Benton County Commissioners and the Board of Franklin County Commissioners therefore created the Benton-Franklin Behavioral Health Advisory Committee pursuant to Joint Resolution adopted by the Benton County Commissioners on March 1, 2022 (Resolution 2022-147) and the Franklin County Commissioners on March 1, 2022 (Resolution 2022-043); and

**WHEREAS**, each Board of County Commissioners is in agreement to reconstitute the Advisory Committee by adding one non-voting member to be appointed by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners to represent the interests of participants in Franklin County's newly established Therapeutic Court; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that there shall be seventeen voting members of the Advisory Committee, sixteen of which shall be selected by and serve at the pleasure of the Boards of County Commissioners and the remaining position representing persons with a lived experience who is a certified peer counselor or has been in recovery themselves for at least one year or has had close family members with substance use disorder or mental health issues shall be nominated by the members appointed by the Board of Commissioners and subsequently appointed by resolution of each Board of County Commissioners; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the appointments shall be for three-year terms that commenced in July 13, 2022, each member may serve a maximum of three terms, and shall serve without compensation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the sixteen voting members of the Advisory Board selected by the Boards of County Commissioners have been appointed pursuant to separate resolutions adopted by each County Board of Commissioners in compliance with the following criteria:

Law Enforcement or Corrections Officer	One by Benton County, One by Franklin County
Fire Department or Emergency Medical Responders	One by Benton County, One by Franklin County
Hospital Representative	One by Benton County, One by Franklin County
Mental Health Experts	One by Benton County, One by Franklin County
Substance Use Disorder Experts	One by Benton County, One by Franklin County
Persons with Lived Experience	One by Benton County, One by Franklin County
Members of the Public	Two by Benton County, Two by Franklin County

; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that there shall be eight non-voting members of the Advisory Committee who shall be selected as follows:

One person representing Benton County (County Administrator or designee)  
One person representing Franklin County (County Administrator or designee)  
One person representing Benton County Human Services (Human Services Manager or designee)  
One person representing the Benton-Franklin Health District (Executive Director or designee)  
One person representing Benton-Franklin Adult and Juvenil Drug Court (Superior Court Administrator or designee)  
One person representing Benton County Mental Health and Veterans Court (District Court Administrator or designee)  
One person representing the Benton-Franklin Recovery Coalition;  
One person representing Franklin County Therapeutic Court (District Court Administrator or designee) and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the voting and non-voting members of the Advisory Committee shall be appointed pursuant to resolutions adopted by each County Board of Commissioners and removals and replacements thereafter will also be reflected in resolutions of each Board; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that members of the Advisory Committee shall not engage in activities that may be considered a conflict of interest and shall not use Committee membership or information gained through Committee participation to advance their own business or personal interests; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Advisory Committee shall maintain its own by-laws and meet regularly to consider community needs surrounding behavioral health and provide input to the Benton County Board of Commissioners and the Franklin County Board of Commissioners; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Advisory Committee shall comply with the Washington Open Meetings Act and Public Records Act, and staff for the counties shall assist with such compliance efforts; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Joint Resolutions 2022-147 (Benton County) and 2022-043 (Franklin County) are hereby rescinded and replaced with this joint resolution.

FOR BENTON COUNTY

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.



Chairman Pro Tem

**JEROME DELVIN - ABSENT**

Chairman

  
Commissioner

Constituting the Board of County  
Commissioners of Benton County, Washington

Attest: 

Clerk of the Board

FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY

Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023.



Chairman of the Board



Chairman Pro Tem

  
Member

Constituting the Board of County  
Commissioners of Franklin County, Washington

Attest: 

Clerk of the Board