



Wyoming Judicial Branch

Purpose and Structure of the Behavioral Health Committee (V2)

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Section 1. Purpose.

In furtherance of the Wyoming Judicial Branch 2025-2028:

- Strategic Pillar 3: Predictable and Secure Funding to Uphold Judicial Integrity and Efficiency, Goal 3, and
- Strategic Pillar 4: Accessible Justice, Goal 1.

The purpose of the Behavioral Health Committee is to review and recommend priorities of the Wyoming Judicial Branch in the area of behavioral health to the Wyoming Judicial Council (WJC). The Committee will develop recommended strategies and programs to assist the courts in addressing the behavioral health issues they encounter. These include the use of treatment courts and diversion programs where possible.

The Committee members will act as representatives of their individual stakeholder groups. Members will be responsible for communicating Committee decisions and discussions to their respective stakeholder groups and will also be responsible for communicating input and feedback from stakeholder groups back to the Committee.

Section 2. Committee Membership, Meetings, and Voting.

1. Membership. The Behavioral Health Committee membership will include one supreme court justice, as appointed by the Chief Justice of the Wyoming

Supreme Court, two district judges as appointed by the District Court Conference, two circuit judges as appointed by the Circuit Court Conference.

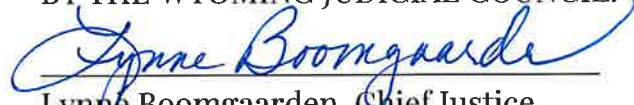
- a. Membership terms will be three years. Initial terms will be staggered for each of the conferences to ensure continuity.
 - b. Members may serve two consecutive terms.
 - c. A chairman will be elected at the first meeting and will serve for a three-year term. At the end of the term, a new chairman will be elected from the membership. A chairman may serve two consecutive terms.
2. Staffing. The Chief Court Services Officer or his designee(s) will staff the Committee.
 3. Meetings. The Behavioral Health Committee will meet at least quarterly, but may meet more frequently as necessary upon the request of a staff member. No action of the Committee may be taken without a quorum of the Committee. Three members of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.
 4. Voting. Voting shall take place in a meeting of the Committee or via email if necessary.

Section 3. Roles and Responsibilities.

1. The Committee staff will be responsible for the following:
 - a. Facilitating Committee meetings;
 - b. Developing and distributing meeting agendas no later than one week prior to scheduled Committee meetings, absent extenuating circumstances;
 - c. Compiling and distributing meeting minutes;
 - d. Monitoring behavioral health actions in Wyoming and nationwide and reporting back to the Committee; and
 - e. Implementing decisions of the Committee and the WJC.
2. The Committee members will be responsible for the following:
 - a. Reviewing information provided in preparation for Committee meetings, and determination of appropriate follow-up actions, if needed;
 - b. Communication of Committee decisions to their respective stakeholder groups;
 - c. Receive information and concerns from respective stakeholder groups to help establish behavioral health priorities; and
 - d. Presenting Committee recommendations to the WJC.

Dated this 1st day of April, 2026.

BY THE WYOMING JUDICIAL COUNCIL:

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Lynne Boomgaarden, Chief Justice
Chair, Wyoming Judicial Council