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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Community Organization to Effect Change

Formalized by the State in 1999, the **Mental Health Oversight Advisory Council (MHOAC)** provides input to the Department in development and management of the public behavioral health system.

- We are partners in planning for a recovery based behavioral health system throughout Montana.
- We envision a collaborative system that promotes independence, self determination and recovery.
- Our defining principle is that services are individual and family directed, through a comprehensive and community based system.

Local Advisory Council (LAC)

- We are a coalition of community members interested in assessing and strengthening public behavioral health services in our communities.
- We provide input and recommendation to regional Service Area Authorities, the Mental Health Oversight Advisory Council and the Department.

Service Area Authority (SAA)

- We are an incorporated group of LAC members within a defined service area; there are three SAA's in Montana (Western, Central and Eastern).
- We plan and oversee public behavioral health services in our area by collaborating with the Department for advocacy, education, utilization and quality outcome management.

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