

Policy Board Role and Function or Duties

Source: NRS 433.4295

<https://www.leg.state.nv.us/nrs/NRS-433.html#NRS433Sec425>

Overview of Board Role/Function/Duties

- Advise the State on Needs, Issues, Gaps, and Priorities
- Note Issues with Laws and Regulations → Recommendations
- Information, Resources, Service Delivery
- Coordination and Improvements in Behavioral Health
- Track and Compile Data/Outcomes
- Data Collection and Reporting/Repository
- Reporting to the State and Commission

Advise the State

- Regarding behavioral health needs of adults and children in region.
- Any progress, problems, or proposed plans and methods to improve behavioral health services in the region.
- Identify gaps in services and recommendations or service enhancements to address those gaps.
- Redundant, conflicting, or obsolete laws or regulations and recommendation to address such laws or regulations.
- Priorities for allocating money to support and develop behavioral health in the region.

Coordination and Improvements

- Promote improvements in behavioral health service delivery.
- Coordinate and exchange information with other boards to provide unified and coordinated recommendations.
- Identify and coordinate with other entities in the region and this State that address issues relating to behavioral health to increase awareness of issues and avoid duplication of efforts.
- Request the drafting of not more than one legislative measure within the scope of the policy board by September 1st of the proceeding regular session.

Track and Compile Data/Outcomes

To the extent feasible, track and compile data concerning persons

- Placed on mental health crisis hold.
- Admitted to mental health facilities and hospitals under emergency admission.
- Admitted to mental health facilities under involuntary court-ordered admission.
- Ordered to receive assisted outpatient treatment in the region, including, without limitation:
 - Outcomes of treatment provided to such persons; and
 - Measures taken upon and after the release of such persons to address behavioral health issues and prevent future mental health crisis holds and admissions.

Data Collection and Reporting/Repository

- Review collection and reporting standards of data and determine standards of such collection and reporting processes.
- Establish an organized, sustainable, and accurate electronic repository of data and information around behavioral health services in region.
- Collaborate with existing community-based organization to establish said repository.
- Make repository accessible to members of the public on a website.
- Use the data dashboard to review access by different groups and populations in this State to behavioral health services provided through telehealth, as defined in NRS 629.515, and evaluate policies to make such access more equitable.

Website: <https://nvbh.org/southern-behavioral-health-region/>

Reporting to the Commission

Submit an Annual Report, including, without limitation:

- Specific behavioral health needs of the behavioral health region;
- Description of the methods used by the policy board to collect and analyze data concerning the behavioral health needs and problems of the behavioral health region and gaps in behavioral health services which are available in the behavioral health region, including, without limitation, a list of all sources of such data used by the policy board;
 - A description of the manner in which the policy board has carried out the requirements of paragraphs (c) and (h) of subsection 1 and the results of those activities; and
 - Data compiled and any conclusions derived from such data.
 - Submit more than annual if a specific behavioral health issue requires.

Discussion Questions and Prompts (1)

1. What do board members need from the coordinator in the role and function of the board? What are the board expectations of the coordinator?
2. What is happening at the local/county/agency level that is impacting behavioral health and potentially relevant to the board role and function?
3. How does this local impact affect board function and policy and vice versa?

Discussion Questions and Prompts (2)

1. How can the board empower local and regional stakeholders around behavioral health policy and practice?
2. How can the board best support communities around mental health, substance use-misuse prevention, and/or opioid response?
3. What role does direct community input have in our operations, activities, and decisions? What would our board need to do to ensure this level of participation is achieved?