

**225A.5 District behavioral health advisory councils.**

1. Each administrative services organization shall establish a district behavioral health advisory council that shall do all of the following:

a. Identify opportunities and address challenges based on updates received from the administrative services organization regarding the implementation of the district behavioral health plan.

b. Advise the administrative services organization while the administrative services organization is developing behavioral health policies.

c. Advise the administrative services organization on how to best provide access to behavioral health prevention, education, early intervention, treatment, recovery support, and crisis services related to mental health and addictive disorders, including but not limited to alcohol use, substance use, tobacco use, and problem gambling, throughout the district as directed by the department.

2. An advisory council shall consist of ten members. Members shall be appointed by the administrative services organization subject to the following requirements:

a. Three members shall be local elected public officials currently holding office within the behavioral health district, or the public official's designated representative.

b. Three members shall be chosen in accordance with procedures established by the administrative services organization to ensure representation of the populations served within the behavioral health district. At least one member chosen under this paragraph shall represent child and adolescent persons.

c. Three members shall be chosen who have experience or education related to core behavioral health functions, essential behavioral health services, behavioral health prevention, behavioral health treatment, population-based behavioral health services, or community-based behavioral health initiatives.

d. One member shall be a law enforcement representative from within the behavioral health district.

3. An advisory council shall perform the duties required under [this section](#) regardless of whether any seat on the advisory council is vacant.

[2024 Acts, ch 1161, §5, 11](#)

Referred to in [§225A.1](#), [225A.4](#)

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