

Utah Behavioral Health Commission Strategic Plan: Stakeholder engagement process

Background

The Utah Behavioral Health Commission (Commission) is developing a five-year behavioral health strategic plan for the State of Utah. This plan is intended to address high-priority behavioral health issues where there are especially acute needs or gaps. The plan is not meant to be a comprehensive summary of all necessary services in Utah's behavioral health system, but rather, act as a guide for where the state should focus efforts to change and improve the current system.

In implementing the strategic plan, the Commission will regularly assess the need for, and impact of, each of its objectives and tactics. These items may change over time as data continuously informs the Commission's strategic plan.

Stakeholder input process

The Commission will solicit input on its draft strategic plan through the following steps:

- Post the draft strategic plan on the Commission website and provide a form for stakeholder input.
- Email the draft strategic plan to the following groups to solicit input:
 - Behavioral Health Crisis Response Committee
 - Division of Professional Licensing
 - Early Childhood Mental Health Working Group
 - Health Workforce Advisory Council
 - Kem C. Gardner Policy Institute
 - National Association of County Behavioral Health & Developmental Disability Directors
 - National Association of State Alcohol/Drug Abuse Directors
 - National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors
 - Office of the Legislative Auditor General
 - Office of Professional Licensing Review
 - Opioid Treatment Programs
 - Utah Behavioral Health Committee
 - Utah Fentanyl Task Force
 - Utah State Opioid Task Force
 - Utah Society of Addiction Medicine

- Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Committee (USAAV+)
- Utah Suicide Prevention Committee and Coalition
- Hold two separate virtual listening sessions that are open to the public to solicit input.

Timeline

Date	Activity
May 23, 2025	Commission completes first draft of strategic plan.
May 28, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Post strategic plan on Commission website with form to solicit input ● Email strategic plan to key stakeholders
June X, 2025	First listening session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SUMH staff will lead ● Commissioner attendance is optional ● Virtual and recorded meeting
June X, 2025	Second listening session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● SUMH staff will lead ● Commissioner attendance is optional ● Virtual and recorded meeting
June 19, 2025	Commission meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff share summary of feedback receive
July 3, 2025	Commissioners receive copy of updated strategic plan, based on community input
July 17, 2025	Commissioners vote on final strategic plan