

Policy Review Committee

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 30, 2026, 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Multi-Agency State Office Building 195 N 1950 W
Room 1019 A&B

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	Time/Presenter	Discussion Topics
1	12:00 - 12:10 pm: Chair Pat Fleming	Welcome • Attendance & Approval of Minutes ○ Mia Nafziger took attendance and member votes on meeting minutes from March 3, 2026. ○ Santiago Cortez made a motion to approve the March 3, 2026, meeting minutes, seconded by Eric Tadehara. Motion approved unanimously, March 3, 2026, meeting minutes approved. • Citizen Representative: Applications for the citizen representative seat are open through May 15, 2026, via the Behavioral Health Commission (BHC) website. • BHC Alignment: The Policy Review Committee will officially operate under the Utah Behavioral Health Commission, taking a primary role during legislative sessions. • Structural Changes: New administrative rules effective July 1 will transition membership. One member from every other subcommittee will sit on the Policy Review Committee to ensure coordination. • Chair Transition: Today marked Pat Fleming's final meeting as Chair at the conclusion of his term.
2	12:10 - 12:15 pm: Mia Nafziger	Review of legislative recommendations process • The committee reviewed priorities from various subcommittees to determine which items to move forward to the BHC.

3	12:15 - 12:45 pm: Megan West	Prevention and Early Intervention Committee: Recommendations • Commercial Payer Coverage: Require coverage for behavioral health services without a formal DSM-5 diagnosis to create parity with Medicaid. • Lethal Means Safety: Provide ongoing funding (estimated at \$30,000–\$50,000 per area) for firearm and medication locking mechanisms. • Reporting Accountability: Require Local Education Agencies (LEAs) to report on <i>Botvin LifeSkills Training</i> to the USBE. • Discussion: Members raised concerns about the administrative burden of school reporting. • Outcome: Santiago Cortez made a motion to support all three recommendations, with continued refinement of the reporting requirements, seconded by Rebecca Dutson. Motion passed (Clarissa Stebbing abstained).
4	12:45 - 1:15 pm: Jennifer Hebdon-Seljestad	Crisis Response Committee: Recommendations • Case Management: Pilot wraparound and follow-up services for crisis patients. • First Responder Training: Mandatory 988 and substance use module training. • Private Sector Funding: Require commercial funding for crisis services. • Mid-Level Practitioner Training: Tools for Advanced Practice Registered Nurses and Physician Assistance to assess involuntary commitments. • Outcome: Santiago Cortez made a motion to move forward with all four recommendations, seconded by Marcie Gray. Motion passed (Clarissa Stebbing abstained).
5	1:15 - 1:45 pm: Megan West	Treatment and Recovery Committee: Recommendations • Supportive Housing: Expand county supportive housing services to reduce recidivism and homelessness. • Peer Support Coverage: Require private insurers to cover peer support, potentially adding Substance Use Disorder Counselor (SUDC) services in the future.

		• State Hospital Capacity: Fund 30–60 additional beds by 2027 (requested \$88.8M one-time; \$5M ongoing). • Outcome: Liz Klc made a motion to move forward with these recommendations, seconded by Santiago Cortez. Motion passed (Clarissa Stebbing abstained).
6	1:45 - 1:50 pm: Chair Pat Fleming	Subcommittee Discussion • PRC Treatment Subcommittee: Discussion surrounding the PRC Treatment Subcommittee under the Policy Review Committee, with Chair Pat Fleming noting that there is now a formal Treatment & Recovery Committee under the Behavioral Health Commission and working in conjunction with the Policy Review Committee. Additionally, the subcommittee in discussion has not met in several years. Chair Pat Fleming suggested this committee be disbanded. Santiago Cortez made a motion to disband as the formal Treatment & Recovery Committee now fulfills this role; seconded by Pat Fleming. Passed unanimously. • DUI Committee: Carlene Walker made a motion to disband this committee, as DUI issues are primarily handled by sentencing commissions and focus on penalties rather than treatment, seconded by Liz Klc. Passed unanimously.
7	1:50 - 1:55 pm: Mia Nafziger	Next steps for committee membership • Notification of Membership Status: Committee members were advised that email notifications regarding their individual membership status have been distributed. • Legislative and Administrative Timeline: Significant structural changes to the committee's membership, approved last fall, are scheduled to take effect on May 6th. Corresponding administrative rules governing the new membership roster will officially commence on July 1st. • Structural Modifications: The update includes the removal of certain seats and the addition of others to align with new requirements. • Flexibility in Governance: Transitioning membership requirements from statute to administrative rule allows for a more streamlined process when modifying the committee's composition. • Ensuring Diverse Representation: While the meeting remains open to the public, the Commission expressed a

		commitment to revisiting membership if it is determined that critical perspectives or "voices" are missing under the new structure. ● Ongoing Participation: Individuals who do not hold a formal seat under the new rules were encouraged to remain engaged as members of the public.
8	1:55 - 2:00 pm: Chair Pat Fleming	Public Comment ● The committee offered extensive tributes to Pat Fleming for his 13 years of service, mentorship, and significant impact on Utah's behavioral health system. ● Pat Fleming encouraged the group to continue supporting the BHC, stating the work is "bigger than all of us." Adjourn ● Santiago Cortez made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Liz Klc; passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned.
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