

Health

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

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11:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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With a quorum present, Chair Williams Johnson called the meeting to order at 11:07AM.

Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Michael Orth and Keith Hoffman; BOL: Sebastian Loreti and Dayana Gómez-Holguín

Present: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Imamura, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Ulaj

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Thursday, February 5, 2026 at 10:00am

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Ulaj, the above item was approved. The motion carried.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Updates from the Department of Community Mental Health

Guest: Department of Community Mental Health
Commissioner Michael Orth

The overview from the Community of Mental Health Department included staffing updates, grant funding, programs and initiatives to optimize services. Additionally, the safety net clinic is up and running with a capacity for 120 individuals, while school-based mental health clinics have expanded to 74 satellite clinics across multiple districts, with enhanced professional development strengthening family outreach. New and increased grant funding supports expanded co-occurring treatment services for adolescents and young adults, as well as youth mental health training for community and after-school programs. Crisis intervention teams continue to improve emergency response in collaboration with local law enforcement. Data tracking on suicides, overdoses, and Narcan use has contributed to reductions in opioid-related cases and fatalities, alongside broader substance-related concerns affecting

community wellbeing.

2. Updates from the Department of Labs & Research

Guest: Department of Labs & Research
Chief Administrator Keith Hoffman

The overview from the Labs & Research Department also included staffing updates, grant funding and other programs to optimize services and increase operational efficiency. The department's cost-containing initiatives include reducing service agreement costs, locking in multi-year price purchasing agreements, implementing a savings tracker and an accounts receivable aging report, among other initiatives. In response to PFAS testing, the department meets the current standards with the capacity for 16 unique PFAS certified tests per day and are developing for new ones which would bring the amount to 29. The new building renovations has a 30% completed design phase and are seeking new opportunities for potential grant funding, in order to continue with the next phase of design.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Barr, the Committee adjourned at 12:13pm.