

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
COUNTY OF KITTITAS  
STATE OF WASHINGTON**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 185**

**RESOLUTION TO DISSOLVE THE CURRENT KITTITAS COUNTY BEHAVIORAL  
HEALTH AND RECOVERY ADVISORY BOARD AND TO ESTABLISH THE  
KITTITAS COUNTY 1/10 of 1% MENTAL HEALTH AND CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY  
TAX ADVISORY BOARD**

**WHEREAS,** the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) established the Behavioral Health and Recovery Advisory Board (BHRAB) via Resolution No. 2016-063; and

**WHEREAS,** the BOCC established BHRAB pursuant to RCW 71A.14.020, chapter 71.24 RCW, and RCW 70.96A.300 in order to make recommendations to the BOCC about alcohol and substance abuse issues as well as issues relating to mental health; and

**WHEREAS,** the BOCC established a mental health tax via Ordinance No. 2021-017; and

**WHEREAS,** the proceeds generated from the Mental Health Tax imposed pursuant to RCW 82.14.460, are to be used to fund programs related to chemical dependency, mental health treatment, or therapeutic courts; and

**WHEREAS,** Ordinance No. 2021-017 charges the Behavioral Health and Recovery Advisory Board with developing goals, objectives, and metrics for the use of the funds including soliciting and collecting proposals and making recommendations for the expenditure of such funds to the BOCC for the year in which the funds merely accrue; and

**WHEREAS,** the task of developing the process for the expenditure of funds is not yet complete and deserves considerable focused efforts to ensure a sound process created so that eligible funds are spent in a manner most beneficial to the county; and

**WHEREAS,** the BOCC desires to create a Board with its primary focus being the development and management of mental health tax fund expenditures that extends beyond the first year of the mental health tax imposition; and

**WHEREAS,** the BOCC desires that the newly established Board also serve as the advisory board in matters related to alcohol and substance abuse and mental health; and

**WHEREAS,** to reflect the primary focus of the new Board the new Board shall be named, the Kittitas County 1/10 of 1% Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Tax Advisory Board;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Kittitas County, Washington, hereby dissolves the current Kittitas County Behavioral Health and Recovery Board; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Kittitas County, Washington, hereby establishes a new board to be known as the Kittitas County 1/10 of 1% Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Tax Advisory Board and declares that the Board shall be tasked with developing the goals, objectives, and metrics for the use of funds generated by the mental health and chemical dependency tax as well soliciting and collecting proposals and making recommendations to the BOCC and to serve as the advisory board on matters related to alcohol and substance abuse, mental health; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of County Commissioners of Kittitas County, Washington hereby declares that membership of the new board be composed of 7 members, one from each commissioner district and one from public health, one at large member with lived experience, one member with unique experience with mental health disorders, and one member with unique experience with substance use disorders. The members will be appointed by the BOCC. The BOCC will seek recommendations from the Kittitas County Board of Health regarding appointment recommendations when practicable.

DATED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2022, at Ellensburg, Washington.


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