



## Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities & Addictive Diseases Regional Advisory Council

**About Region 4 Regional Advisory Council:** The DBHDD Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities & Addictive Diseases Regional Advisory Council represents 24 counties (region map attached) in the region.

**Appointments to Advisory Council:** Members are appointed by their county commissioners; they are business and civic leaders with a strong interest in mental health, developmental disabilities and addictive diseases as well as consumers or family members of consumers.

**Role & Responsibility:** The role of the Regional Advisory Council is to give a voice to consumers and their families and other citizens in the region in **assessing needs and recommending priorities for DBHDD services**. The Advisory Council makes recommendations to DBHDD about services. Regional Advisory Council members stay informed about local needs and issues and serve as advocates with public officials.

**Objective:** The main objective of the Advisory Council is to identify community needs and gaps in the current DBHDD service system and to make recommendations based on their findings.

**Service Terms:** The term of a member of the Advisory Council shall be for a period of **three years** and until the members successor is appointed and qualified. A member may serve no more than **two consecutive terms**. The term of a Regional Advisory Council member shall terminate upon resignation, death, or inability to serve due to medical infirmity or other incapacity or such other reasonable condition as the Regional Advisory Council may impose under its bylaws. Vacancies on the Regional Advisory Council shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointment.

**Meetings:** Meetings are held bi-monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at varying locations throughout Region 4. Meeting locations are subject to change, therefore it is important to contact the Regional Field Office to confirm meeting location. The unexcused absence of any Advisory Council member from three consecutive meetings of the Council, or a majority of the meetings of the Council during any calendar year, shall result in the Council considering his or her seat vacated. An excused absence is one caused by unavoidable prior commitment, illness or personal emergency.

**Travel Reimbursement:** Advisory Council members are reimbursed for mileage expenses incurred while traveling to and from Council meetings. Requests for mileage reimbursement should be submitted within 10 days of the completion of Council meetings but no later than 45 calendar days.

### Contact Information

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