



TL;DR – BHC Q2 MEETING SUMMARY (MAY 8, 2025)

News

- **Lori Fleming is stepping down** as BHC lead after over 15 years in the field. Deep appreciation was shared for her visionary leadership and collaborative impact.

Funding Updates

- 2024 opioid funds came in lower than expected: \$52,681 instead of \$58,641.
- Reprint of yellow resource cards planned before Lori departs.

Funding Landscape Triage

- Padlet tool launched to gather **county-wide program impacts** from state, federal, and private funding shifts. The resulting overview, which includes updates through 5/19/2025, will be shared with BHAC and County Housing Funding Board and can be viewed [here](#).
- Key findings:
 - **Bayside Housing**: >40% cut, shelter staff at risk.
 - **Recovery Café**: 18% projected budget reduction.
 - **Multiple programs facing funding uncertainty** (EMS, home visiting, naloxone access, HUD).

Urban Rest Stop (URS) Concept

- Introduced by Commissioner Heather Dudley-Nollette.
- Originated from community input, especially **Maggie** (consumer advocate).
- Potential sites include **Mountain View Commons, community centers**, and more.
- Emphasis on hygiene access, geographic equity, and collaborative design.
- Still **exploratory**, but strong cross-sector support.

Governance & What's Next

- BHC–BHAC **MOU still in process** (delays due to staffing).
- Governance materials mostly ready but awaiting MOU alignment.
- **Short survey coming** to gather feedback on BHC's future structure and focus.



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONSORTIUM (BHC) – FULL QUARTER 2 MEETING SUMMARY

Attendees

Apple Martine, Director, JCPH; Heather Dudley-Nolette, Commissioner; Chief Tim McKern, Quilcene Fire; Patrick Johnson, NAMI; Kelli Parcher, OWL360; Tammy Ridgeway, EJFR; Matt Ready, Jefferson Healthcare Hospital Commissioner; Anya Callahan, JCPH Harm Reduction; Brian Richardson, Dove House/Recovery Café; Jim Novelli, CEO, DBH; Gabbie Caudill, Believe In Recovery; Peggy Webster, OlyCAP; David Carlbom, County Medical Program Director; and Lori J. Fleming, BHC.

Key Themes: Leadership transition, funding triage, Urban Rest Stop concept, BHC governance future

Resource Links

[BHC Meeting Packet](#), [Meeting Video](#), [OAC Impact Report](#), [5/20/25 Urban Rest Stop Housing Notes and Appendix with Analysis Tools](#), [05/20/25 BHC Member Program Funding Triage Table](#)

Opening and Transition Announcement

- Commissioner Heather Dudley-Nollette announced that Lori Fleming, long-time leader and convener of the BHC, will be stepping down.
- Acknowledgements of Lori's contributions came from several members, notably Apple Martine (JCPH) and Jim Novelli (DBH), emphasizing Lori's strategic leadership, system thinking, and ability to translate complexity into clarity.
- There was shared acknowledgment that Lori's departure marks a significant transition, but also an opportunity to evolve the BHC model.

2. Current Funding Overview & Budget Realities

- The 2024 **Opioid Settlement disbursement** was **\$52,681**, falling short of the **expected \$58,641** due to a complex early payment and administrative fee adjustments.
- Questions were raised about the **SBH-ASO's 10% admin fee**, whether unused portions would be returned, and how to get clarity on these distributions.
- Lori suggested reprinting the yellow resource cards before departure, with potential small funds available to do so.

3. Shared Accomplishments Recap

Since 2018, the BHC has:

- Secured over **\$1.3 million** in collaborative funding.
- Supported program launches: Recovery Café, The Nest, Pfeiffer/Parliament Houses, CARES.

- Progressed Phase 2 Governance: Vision, Mission, Strategy finalized; Fist-to-Five voting model drafted.
- Initiated systemwide **data alignment discussions** and drafted a **BHC-BHAC MOU** for transparency and coordination.

4. Funding Landscape: Triage Exercise

- Participants were asked to contribute to a **Padlet** capturing impacts of funding shifts across programs. This effort is intended to inform collaborative decision-making.
- Commissioner Dudley-Nollette committed to helping gather responses from unrepresented agencies (e.g., Therapeutic Courts, housing providers).

Highlights from Triage Table (See Table, which includes updates through 5/19/2025):

- **Bayside Housing** faces a >40% loss in funding.
- **Recovery Café** anticipates an 18% budget reduction.
- **EMS, Harm Reduction, Home Visiting, HUD** and others flagged uncertainties and upcoming risks.
- Broad consensus that **shared advocacy, funding coordination, and gap-filling collaboration** are needed.

5. Urban Rest Stop (URS) Concept Presentation

Commissioner Heather Dudley-Nollette presented an overview of URS development efforts:

- Originated from community member **Maggie**, a recovery advocate and person with lived experience.
- April meeting included reps from JCPH, OlyCAP, DBH, Dove House, and others (full details in separate URS notes document).
- Key needs identified: hygiene, storage, case management access, geographic equity, pet support, food services.
- **Proposals reviewed:** Former Yacht Club, Mountain View Commons, community centers in Quilcene/Brinnon, Haines St. Cottages, Caswell-Brown site, school health center model.
- Tools were drafted (by Lori) to evaluate site options—feature summary tables, quick comparison grids, mini-assessment forms.
- The URS initiative is still **exploratory**, with strong support noted from BHC members. Emphasis placed on honoring consumer voice and designing services that reflect real needs.



6. Governance, MOU, and Looking Ahead

- The **BHC-BHAC MOU** is in process. Apple Martine shared that while progress has slowed due to staffing gaps, subcommittee meetings are planned ahead of the June BHAC meeting.
- Finalized governance materials are housed online and ready for ratification once the MOU is settled.
- A **short survey** will be sent to BHC members to gather input on the future of the table, including what elements should evolve, continue, or be reimagined.

7. Closing Remarks

- Lori closed the meeting by expressing deep gratitude and trust in the resilience of the BHC table.
- She shared a metaphor of the **BHC as a mushroom network**—the visible work may shift, but the **mycelium of trust, collaboration, and care** continues beneath the surface.
- Heather and others affirmed that next steps will be co-designed with BHC members and that a transition strategy is being developed.

Action Items and Next Steps

Task	Responsible Party	Timeline
Finalize MOU draft and bring to BHAC	Apple Martine + Subcommittee	By June BHAC meeting
Outreach to fill remaining Padlet triage gaps	Heather, others	Ongoing
Final Yellow Card edits and reprint	Lori Fleming (<i>Card has been updated by BHC Members and sent to Printery</i>)	Before June 1
Governance review and ratification process	Pending BHC evolution decisions	TBD
Urban Rest Stop Site Evaluation	Core working group (OlyCAP, Maggie, Dove House, DBH, etc.)	In progress
Distribute BHC future survey	BHC Leadership	May 2025