

Behavioral Health Advisory Council Charter Document

Purpose	To be the leading voice in behavioral health care in PALTC by developing and providing best practice education and resources, in addition to advocating for processes and systems that best meet the behavioral and emotional needs of all individuals in PALTC.
Ongoing Council Activities / Charges & Strategies	<p>The council undertakes the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop evidence-based behavioral health guidance, education, and resources to meet the behavioral and emotional needs of all individuals in PALTC. • Contribute to advocacy efforts that acknowledge behavioral health as a core aspect of PALTC. • Incorporate Trauma-Informed Care principles and practices throughout educational content. • Serve as a resource to address behavioral health interventions and provider wellness during and after crises. • Ensure that the council has broad representation from all PALTC stakeholders and members of the interdisciplinary team.
Roles and Responsibilities	<p>Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help structure agenda for meetings. • Run an effective meeting to ensure involvement of members and the advancement of activities and charges. • Communication with the Board liaison before and after each Board meeting to share updates from the council and to hear about new Board initiatives. Report back to the full council on each discussion with the Board liaison. • Identify, mentor, and groom the next Chair. • Assist with structure and selection of members. <p>Vice Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the Chair to ensure responsibilities are met in a timely manner. • Serve as interim Chair in the absence of the Chair. • Recommend individuals to serve as the next Vice Chair. • Ascend to the position of Chair. <p>Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be prepared and actively participate in all conference calls and meetings. • Work on projects as delegated by the Chair.
Expected Commitment	<p>The council meets bi-monthly via conference call. Members are expected to review all agenda/materials prior to each meeting, attend the conference calls as scheduled.</p> <p>The estimated monthly time commitment is 1-5 hours.</p>
Council Composition	The Behavioral Health Advisory Council is comprised of physicians, psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, nurses, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, and students.

Council Terms	All council members serve a two (2) year term and are eligible for reappointment once. Terms run May to April. The Chair and Vice Chair each serve a two-year term.
Selection/ Appointment	Members are appointed by the President with input from the Chair. The Council Chair and/or Vice Chair is recommended by the outgoing Chair and appointed by the President.
Council Requirements	<p>Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Express desire to serve with a special interest in developing and providing best practice education and resources, in addition to advocating for processes and systems that best meet the behavioral and emotional needs of all individuals in PALTC. • Desire to advance the mission of AMDA. • Ability to make the necessary time commitment. • Must be a Society member in good standing. • Must disclose all financial relationships on an annual basis. • Ability to attend and actively participate in conference calls. <p>Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to the above requirements, when possible, the Chair should have previously served as the Vice Chair. <p>Vice Chair:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In addition to the above requirements, when possible, the Vice Chair should have previously served as a member.
Council Members	<p>Chair - Lisa Lind, PhD, ABPP</p> <p>Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paige Hector, LMSW, MSW • Pat Latham Bach, PsyD, RN • Nicole Coniglio, PMHNP-BC, RN • Aaron Brown, MD • Steven Posar, MD • Casey Rust, MD • Allison Villegas, PA-C • Amita R. Patel, MD, MHA, CPE, CMD • Tana Whitt RN, MSN, APRN, PMHNP-BC • Seifu Tulu, PhD Student, Univ. of Colorado

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