



# BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BHAC)

**February 2026**

## **- Community Announcement -**

Now Recruiting Committee Members

The Behavioral Health Advisory Committee is designated by the state as the local planning committee for alcohol & drug prevention and treatment services (ORS 430.342).

**Are you passionate about serving your community and making a difference in the lives of those who may struggle with mental health and/or addiction disorders?**

The committee is actively recruiting community members who are a) in recovery; b) who advocate for people with mental health, alcohol and other substance abuse disorders; c) adults over 60 years of age; d) persons with disabilities; e) gender and ethnic diversity to serve a 3-year term.

The committee's purpose is to:

1. Promote public awareness of the programs and services provided by Lincoln County Health & Human Services and other community behavioral health programs.
2. Receive input from community members.
3. Foster comprehensive service planning.
4. Promote community education concerning issues of behavioral health.

The next public meeting is scheduled April 2, 2026 @ 12-1pm, at the Lincoln County Health and Human Services Administration building located at 255 SW Coast Highway in Newport. Meetings are held bi-monthly and can be attended in person or online.

For more information, contact Amy Edmonds @ 541-265-0452 or [aedmonds@co.lincoln.or.us](mailto:aedmonds@co.lincoln.or.us)

**Mission:** To promote health, well-being, and recovery by providing high-quality services that protect, heal, and empower everyone in Lincoln County.

*"I have served on the Committee for 11 years, one of the original members, which is before BHAC formally took the place of MHAC/APARC!*

*It feels good to know that I am making a difference after years of experience of being in the system in multiple states."*

*Aaron Weast*

**Vision:** A community committed to optimal health, wellness, and recovery for all, wherein everyone has access to high-quality, reliable, and timely services.