

Behavioral Health Administration (BHA)

Transforming
Lives

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Behavioral Health Administration

- Introduction
- BHA (DSHS) transforms lives by supporting sustainable recovery, independence and wellness.
- Through inpatient treatment and recovery support for youth and adults with mental health conditions (also known as behavioral health), and through overseeing the state's adult forensic mental health system.

3 state psychiatric hospitals, OFMHS, & SCC

- **Child Study and Treatment**
- **Eastern and Western state hospitals**
- **The Office of Forensic Mental Health Services**
- **The Special Commitment Center (SCC)**

Tribal Affairs Administrator Update

- Cultural Competency Policy
- Two-Spirit Policy
- Focus: Advocacy/outreach/support
- Education of BHA staff: Tribal sovereignty, historical trauma
- AI/AN numbers in BHA facilities
- DTLL- TrueBlood Phase 2- King County, 7/1/21
 - Contact aura.macarthur@dshs.wa.gov
- WSH split operations: Civil Center (Interim CEO Charles Sutherland) and Gage Center for Forensic Excellence (Interim CEO Mark Thompson)
- DTLL- Meet & greet with Tribes with Asst. Secretary Sean Murphy

Questions?

- What would you like to see from BHA?
- Is there information about BHA you would like to know more about?
- How can AI/AN clients best be served in BHA facilities?
- Any other questions?

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