



Office of  
Mental Health

Office of Alcoholism and  
Substance Abuse Services

## **Behavioral Health Services Advisory Council**

### **Authorization**

The Behavioral Health Services Advisory Council is authorized by Chapter 56 of the Laws of the State of New York.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Behavioral Health Services Advisory Council under Chapter 56 “shall be to advise the offices of mental health and alcoholism and substance abuse services on matters relating to the provision of behavioral health services; issues of joint concern to the offices, including the integration of various behavioral health services and the integration of behavioral health services with health services; and issues related to the delivery of behavioral health services that are responsive to local, state and federal concerns.”

### **Membership**

The Behavioral Health Services Advisory Council shall consist of the Commissioners of the Office of Mental Health and of the Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, who shall not have the right to vote, the Chair of the Conference of Local Mental Hygiene Directors or his or her designee, and twenty-eight members appointed by the Governor, upon the advice and consent of the Senate.

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