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**Governor's Behavioral Health Advisory Council**  
**Principles**

The Governor's Behavioral Health Advisory Council recommendations should strive to meet the Triple Aim of better health, better care and lower costs and should be grounded in the following principles:

Improve **simplicity** of access to needed services:

- ! Reduce barriers to receiving needed care, for example, financial, transportation, process steps, workforce
- ! Reduce provider burden

Be **responsive** to people's unique individual needs and characteristics:

- ! Be patient-centered, culturally competent, and trauma-informed
- ! Improve continuity of care
- ! Utilize evidence-informed practices, promising practices and traditional culturally based practices
- ! Support the integration of physical and behavioral health
- ! Address ethnic/racial/geographic disparities/Promote cultural and geographic equity

Result in **meaningful** improvements in people's lives:

- ! include goals that are deeply important to people
- ! Measure outcomes on clinical and social factors
- ! Utilize data-informed methods to track treatment progress and outcomes
- ! Result in outcomes that are transformative for individuals and communities

Advisory Council recommendations should also:

- ! Focus on prevention and recovery
- ! Promote safety and efficiency
- ! Include short, medium and long-term incremental strategies (consider state budget cycle: two-year, four-year, six-year time frame)
- ! Be achievable within state budget constraints
- ! Be scalable and sustainable
- ! Consider interventions at the earliest possible time to prevent escalation of needs
- ! Leverage data to guide and support recommendations and highlights areas where data development is needed for future planning efforts
- ! Structure funding recommendations in ways that ensure Oregon taxpayers know that their investments are producing clear and meaningful improvements in the lives of people and their communities
- ! Build on and avoid replicating past planning efforts

