

**148B.51 BOARD OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND THERAPY.**

(a) The Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy consists of 13 members appointed by the governor. Five of the members shall be professional counselors licensed or eligible for licensure under sections 148B.50 to 148B.593. Five of the members shall be alcohol and drug counselors licensed under chapter 148F. Three of the members shall be public members as defined in section 214.02. The board shall annually elect from its membership a chair and vice-chair. The board shall appoint and employ an executive director who is not a member of the board. The employment of the executive director shall be subject to the terms described in section 214.04, subdivision 2a. Chapter 214 applies to the Board of Behavioral Health and Therapy unless superseded by sections 148B.50 to 148B.593.

(b) At the time of their appointments, at least three members must reside outside of the seven-county metropolitan area.

(c) At the time of their appointments, at least three members must be members of:

(1) a community of color; or

(2) an underrepresented community, defined as a group that is not represented in the majority with respect to race, ethnicity, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or physical ability.

**History:** 2003 c 118 s 5; 2004 c 279 art 11 s 5; 2012 c 197 art 2 s 44; 1Sp2021 c 7 art 4 s 10