

**NORTH SOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ORGANIZATION, LLC
(NORTH SOUND BH-ASO)
CONTRACT AMENDMENT 6**

CONTRACT # NORTH SOUND BH-ASO-VOA-ICCN-23

Based on the Agreement of the parties to the above-referenced Contract between the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization, LLC (North Sound BH-ASO) and Volunteers of America (VOA) (Provider) dated February 3, 2023, (as amended by North Sound BH-ASO and Provider dated December 24, 2024, collectively the “Contract”) is hereby amended as follows:

The purpose of this amendment is to: provide funding for July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025:

By mutual agreement of the parties, the following language is added to the agreement:

- **Add the following new definitions to *Article 1 – Definitions*:**

“Behavioral Health Service Provider” means a public or private agency that provides mental health, substance use disorder, or co-occurring disorder services to persons with Behavioral Health disorders as defined under this section and receives funding from public sources. This includes, but is not limited to hospitals licensed under chapter 70.41 RCW; Evaluation and Treatment Facilities; community mental health service delivery systems or community Behavioral Health programs as defined in RCW 71.24.025; licensed or certified Behavioral Health agencies under RCW 71.24.037; an entity with a Tribal attestation that it meets minimum standards or a licensed or certified Behavioral Health agency as defined in RCW 71.24.025; facilities conducting competency evaluations and restoration under chapter 10.77 RCW; approved substance use disorder treatment programs as defined in this section; Secure Withdrawal Management and Stabilization Facilities as defined in this section; and correctional facilities operated by state, local, and Tribal governments.

“Certified Peer Specialist (CPS)” means a person who meets the certification requirements as set forth in RCW 18.420.050 and is certified under chapter 18.420 RCW to engage in the practice of Peer Support Services.

“Certified Peer Specialist Trainee (CPST)” means a person who meets the certification requirements as set forth in RCW 18.420.060 and is working toward the supervised experience requirements to become a Certified Peer Specialist under chapter 18.420 RCW.

“Medical Clearance” as defined in chapter 71.34 RCW and chapter 71.05 RCW means that a physician or other health care Provider, including an Indian health care Provider, has determined that an Individual is medically stable and ready for

referral to the Designated Crisis Responder or facility. For an Individual presenting in the community, no Medical Clearance is required prior to investigation by a Designated Crisis Responder.

“Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services (SUPTRS)” means the federal Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services block grant program authorized by Section 1921 of Title XIX, Part B, Subpart II and III of the Public Health Service Act.

- **Remove 1.32 Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG)**, which reads SABG means the Federal Substance Abuse Block Grant Program authorized by Section 1921 of Title XIX, Part B, Subpart II and III of the Public Health Service Act.
- **Replace 1.3 Certified Counselor**, which reads “Certified Peer Counselor (CPC) means Individuals who: have self-identified as a consumer of behavioral health services; have received specialized training provided/contracted by HCA’s, Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR); have passed a written/oral test, which includes both written and oral components of the training; have passed a Washington State background check; have been certified by DBHR; and are a registered Agency Affiliated Counselor with the Department of Health (DOH).” **with the following:**

Certified Peer Counselor (CPC) means a person who meets certification requirements as set forth in WAC 182-115-0200 to engage in the practice of Peer Support Services until December 31, 2025.
- **Replace 1.8 Culturally Appropriate Care**, which reads “Culturally Appropriate Care means health care services provided with Cultural Humility and an understanding of the patient’s culture and community, and informed by Historical Trauma and the resulting cycle of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).” **with the following:**

“Culturally Appropriate Care” means the practice of being sensitive to a person’s cultural identity or heritage. Health care services are provided with Cultural Humility and an understanding of the patient’s culture and community and informed by Historical Trauma and the resulting cycle of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs).
- **Replace 1.9 Designated Crisis Responder**, which reads “Designated Crisis Responder means a person designated by the county or other authority authorized in rule, to perform the civil commitment duties described in Chapter 71.05 RCW.” **with the following:**

“Designated Crisis Responder (DCR)” means a Mental Health Professional appointed by county, by an entity appointed by the county, or by HCA in consultation with a Tribe or after meeting and conferring with an Indian health Care Provider, to perform the duties specified in chapter 71.05 RCW.
- **Replace 1.10 Emergent Care**, which reads “Emergent Care means services that, if not provided, would likely result in the need for crisis intervention or hospital evaluation due to concerns of potential danger to self, others or grave disability according to RCW 71.05.143.” **with the following:**

“Emergent Care” means services that, if not provided, would likely result in the need for crisis intervention or hospital evaluation due to concerns of potential danger to self, others, or grave disability according to RCW 71.05.153. Crisis response shall occur within two hours from referral.

- **Replace 1.17 Less Restrictive Alternative (LRA) Treatment Order**, which reads “Less Restrictive Alternative (LRA) Treatment Order means if a court determines that an Individual committed to an inpatient Facility meets criteria for further treatment but finds that treatment in a less restrictive setting is a more appropriate placement and is in the best interest of the Individual or others, an LRA order may be issues. The LRA order remands the Individual to outpatient treatment by a Behavioral Health service provider in the community who is responsible for monitoring and providing LRA treatment. The Individual must receive at least a minimum set of services and follow the conditions outlined in the LRA order. The length of an LRA order is usually 90 or 180 days but in certain cases can be for up to one year. (RCW 71.05.23). An LRA order may be extended by a court.” **with the following:**

“Less Restrictive Alternative (LRA) Treatment” means if a court determines that an Individual committed to an inpatient Facility meets criteria for further treatment but finds that treatment in a less restrictive setting is a more appropriate placement and is in the best interest of the Individual or others, an order may be issued. The order remands the Individual to outpatient treatment by a Behavioral Health service Provider in the community who is responsible for providing Treatment. The Individual must receive at least a minimum set of services and follow the conditions outlined in the order. Less restrictive treatment includes treatment pursuant to a less restrictive alternative (LRA) treatment order under RCW 71.05.240 (90-day) or RCW 71.05.320 (180-day); treatment pursuant to a conditional release under RCW 71.05.340 (365-day); and treatment pursuant to an assisted outpatient treatment order under RCW 71.05.148 (up to 18-months). Additional less restrictive alternative treatment can be sought via petition in consultation with DCR services (CR to LRA or AOT/LRA to LRA or AOT/AOT to AOT).

- **Replace 1.27 Peer Bridger**, which reads “ Peer Bridger means a trained Peer Support specialist who offers Peer Support Services to participants in State hospitals and inpatient mental health facilities prior to discharge and after their return to their communities. The Peer Bridger must be an employee of a behavioral health agency license by the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) that provides Recovery services.” **with the following:**

“Peer Bridger” means a trained individual who offers peer services to participants in state hospitals and inpatient mental health facilities prior to discharge and after their return to their communities. The Peer Bridger must be an employee of a Behavioral Health agency licensed by DOH that provides Recovery services. Until December 31, 2026, a Peer Bridger is a Certified Peer Counselor, and also beginning July 1, 2025, a Peer Bridger may be a Certified Peer Specialist or Certified Peer Specialist Trainee.

- **Replace Exhibit E(e) - VOA_ICCN_Budget** with **Exhibit E(f) - VOA_ICCN_Budget**

ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF CONTRACT SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

THIS AMENDMENT IS EXECUTED BY THE PERSONS SIGNING BELOW, WHO WARRANT THAT THEY HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE THIS AMENDMENT.

THIS AMENDMENT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF FINAL SIGNATURE BY THE PARTIES.

NORTH SOUND BH-ASO, LLC

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA

JanRose Ottaway Martin Date
Executive Director

Brian Smith Date
Chief Executive Officer

North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization Crisis Hotline Cost Reimbursement Budget Volunteers of America		
Six Month Budget July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025		
Revenues		
Crisis State Funds	\$	650,905.33
Crisis MCO Funds	\$	650,905.33
Total	\$	1,301,810.66
Expenses		
24 hour Crisis Line	\$	1,301,810.66
Total	\$	1,301,810.66
Budget Amount	\$	1,301,810.66
Expenses		-
Balance	\$	1,301,810.66

North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization Behavioral Health Enhancement Funds Cost Reimbursement Budget Volunteers of America		
Six Month Budget July 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025		
Revenues		
BHEF Proviso Funds	\$	29,934.00
Total	\$	29,934.00
Expenses		
Retention and Recruitment	\$	29,934.00
Total	\$	29,934.00
Budget Amount	\$	29,934.00
Expenses		-
Balance	\$	29,934.00