



NORTH SOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ORGANIZATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

October 8,
2020

Board of Directors Members present:

- Jill Johnson, County Commissioner; Island County, Board Chair
- Cammy Hart-Anderson, Human Services; designated alternate for Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive
- Satpal Sidhu, County Executive; Whatcom County
- Anne Deacon, Human Services Manager; designated alternate for Rud Browne, Whatcom County Council
- Bill Watson, Council Member; San Juan County
- Sarah Hinman, Skagit County Public Health; designated alternate for Ken Dahlstedt
- Nicole Gorle, Legislative Analyst, Snohomish County; designated alternate for Stephanie Wright, County Council

North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (BH-ASO) staff present:

- Joe Valentine, Executive Director; North Sound BH-ASO
- Darrell Heiner, Accounting Specialist; North Sound BH-ASO
- Margaret Rojas, Assistant Director/Contracts Manager; North Sound BH-ASO
- Joanie Williams, Administrative Manager/Clerk of the Board; North Sound BH-ASO

Guests present:

No guests were present

Call to Order and Introductions – Chair Johnson

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order and initiated introductions

Revisions to the Agenda – Chair

Joanie reminded the Board Members to sign and send in the Fraud, Waste and Abuse Attestations that were sent out by the ASO's Compliance Officer, Charles DeElena. Joe added that this item is reviewed by the State Auditor each year.

Approval of the September 10th, 2020, Minutes, **Motion #20-44** – Chair Johnson

Bill Watson moved the motion for approval and Anne Deacon seconded, no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion #20-44 carried

Comments & Announcements from the Chair

The Chair asked Board Members for an individual response regarding a "mental health check-in" (because of COVID and the added workload)

Reports from Members

- **Snohomish County**, Cammy Hart- Anderson:
 - There have been challenges relating to individuals getting identification cards. The Department of Licensing (DOL) are either closed due to COVID, or individuals are encountering difficulties in getting appointments. A pilot was set up with DSHS partners and DOL Locally. She encouraged the other counties to reach out to their local partners in the event they are encountering the same difficulties.

- The Behavioral Health Unit reached out to a non-traditional, grass roots provider regarding outreach to homeless with behavioral health issues. They are making a tremendous impact. Many of the individuals working in the organization have lived experience with homelessness. The PBS channel will be airing them after the election.
- **Whatcom County, Anne Deacon:**
 - There are challenges with the treatment providers and the Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) regarding the treatment stabilization facilities and negotiation efforts. Hoping to improve partnering and communications.
Joe stated this will be discussed during the Interlocal Leadership Structure (ILS) meeting. There was discussion about the MCOs hearing from the county elected officials directly. It was noted that other ASOs are struggling with the same issues. Message points and strategies were discussed.
- **Skagit County, Sarah Hinman:**
 - There was a groundbreaking for the Evaluation and Treatment Center in Sedro Woolley last Friday. Recognition for Commissioner Dahlstedt was given. Ken championed the project.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public

Report from the Advisory Board.....Two reports will be available during the November 12th meeting.

No report is available today due to a conflict with the October Advisory Board Meeting date and the Co-Occurring Disorder Conference. The Chair asked that the Advisory Board be recognized with appreciation from Board Members regarding their collaboration attempts with the MCOs.

Report from the Executive Director

Joe gave the report from the Executive Director and covered the following topics:

- CRISIS SERVICES
- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH) BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SITUATION IMPACT REPORT
- ANNUAL HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY REVIEW
- NORTH SOUND BH-ASO PROCESS: CONSULTANT CONTRACTS AND RFPS
- SKAGIT COUNTY EVALUATION & TREATMENT FACILITY GROUNDBEAKING CEREMONY
- CLOSURE OF SUD OUTPATIENT SERVICES
- SAMHSA EMERGENCY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH GRANT [COVID RELATED]
- HARPS-PEER PATH FINDER RFP UPDATE
- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ENHANCEMENT SURVEY
- ANNUAL STATE AUDIT
- 2020 NORTH SOUND BH-ASO OPERATING BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

Margaret spoke about the grants and HARPS-Peer Pathfinder Request for Proposal (RFP) Update, as well as the Behavioral Health Enhancement Survey

Report from the Finance Officer

Joe and Darrell gave the report from the Finance Officer and answered questions from board members

Report from the Governance Operations Committee

All matters listed with the Consent Agenda have been distributed to each Member for reading and study, are considered to be routine, and will be enacted by one action of the Executive Committee with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda by request of a Member.

Consent Agenda

Motion #20-45

- To review and approve the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization claims paid from September 1st, 2020, through September 30, 2020 in the amount of **\$2,347,547.14** Payroll for the month of September in the amount of **\$145,036.02** and associated employer benefits in the amount of **\$56,950.12**.

Bill Watson moved the motion for approval, Anne Deacon seconded, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion #20-45 carried

Action Items

For Ratification

Island County Opioid Outreach

Summary:

Island County is one of four (4) Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) Opioid Outreach Service providers. In May we asked providers to submit a plan for expansion of services, all programs responded, however Island County's expansion was not fully funded in July. We are now funding their request of one (1) additional FTE.

Motion #20-46

- North Sound BH-ASO-Island County-ICN-19-20 Amendment 5 to add \$83,523 for an additional Opioid Outreach FTE. The contract term of the contract is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2021 based on continued compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

Cammy Hart-Anderson moved the motion for approval, Bill Watson seconded, all in favor, no abstentions, none opposed

Introduction Items

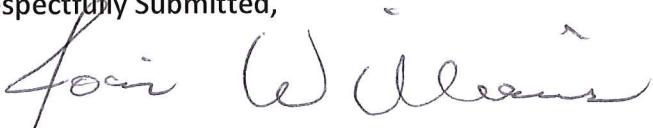
- 2021 Operating Budget

The 2021 Operating Budget was referenced. Joe asked members to review it and feel free to email him with any questions

Adjourn: 2:30 p.m.

Next meeting: November 12, 2020

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joanie Williams". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Joanie Williams
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED