



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING MINUTES

September 12,
2019

Board of Directors Members present:

- Jill Johnson, North Sound Behavioral Health Organization (BHO) CAEC Chair; County Commissioner, Board of Island County
- Regina Delahunt, Whatcom County Health Department Director; designated alternate for Jack Louws, County Executive
- Pat O'Maley Lanphear, North Sound BHO Advisory Board (AB) Chair
- Darcy Cheesman, Snohomish County Council Legislative Aid; designate alternate for Sam Low, County Council Member
- Nicole Gorle, Legislative Analyst; Snohomish County, designated alternate for Stephanie Wright, Snohomish County Council
- Ken Dahlstedt, County Commissioner; Board of Skagit County
- Cammy Hart-Anderson, Snohomish County Human Services; designated alternate for County Executive Dave Somers
- Jamie Stephens, County Council Member; San Juan County Council Member
- Jed Gonzales, Snohomish County Legislative Analyst, designated alternate for Nate Nehring, Snohomish County Council Member
- Regina Delahunt, Whatcom County Health Department Director; designated alternate for Jack Louws, County Executive

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

- Joe Valentine, Executive Director, North Sound BH-ASO
- Bill Whitlock, Fiscal Officer, North Sound BH-ASO
- Darrell Heiner, Accounting Specialist, North Sound BH-ASO
- Charles DeElena, Compliance Officer, North Sound BH-ASO
- Dennis Regan, Data Support Analyst, North Sound BH-ASO

Guests present:

Julie de Losada, Public Health Analyst, Division Manager, Prevention and Community Health Partnerships, Skagit County Public Health
Katelyn Morgan, North Sound BH-ASO Ombuds

Call to Order and Introductions – Chair Johnson

The Chair called the meeting to order and initiated introductions

Revisions to the Agenda – Chair Johnson

The Chair asked if there were any revisions to the September 12th Agenda, there were none

Approval of the July 12th, 2019, Minutes, (no meeting in August) Motion #19-47 – Chair Johnson

Regina Delahunt moved the motion for approval, Jamie Stephens seconded, all in favor, motion #19-47 carried

Comments & Announcements from the Chair

Jill Johnson said the groundbreaking is taking place soon on the Tri-County Stabilization Center and the Board Members will be receiving invitations. She went on to say they are entertaining options for creative facility names.

Reports from Members

- Cammy Hart-Anderson, Snohomish County, said the Diversion center is showing impressive results; the facility opened 1 & 1/2 years ago. She gave details on the encouraging results and said more data will follow.
 - The new Treatment Center will be utilizing vacant space at Denney Juvenile Justice Center should be fully occupied by July 2021.
- Regina Delahunt, Whatcom County, said the Crisis Stabilization Facility will be having a groundbreaking soon.

Comments from the Public

The Chair asked if there were any comments from the public, there were none

Report from the Advisory Board

Pat O'Maley Lanphear, Advisory Board Chair, gave the report from the Advisory Board and spoke on the following topics:

- Youth Video Challenge
- North Sound ASO Strategic Goals
- Advisory Charter and Bylaws Update

Ombud's Presentation; Katelyn Morgan

Katelyn gave the report from the Ombuds. The data covered quarters 1 & 2 of 2019, prior to integration.

Joe noted that the Ombuds will continue to receive grievances from individuals receiving Medicaid.

Compliance Report; Charles DeElena

Charles gave the Compliance Report and covered the final quarter of the BHO.

RCW 43.160.040 Conflicts of Interest—Code of Ethics

Joanie Williams, Clerk of the Board, addressed the Board Members requesting they return of the Conflict of Interest, Code of Ethics form, which is required documentation, per RCW 43.160.040. She listed the names of board members who have returned them already and requested they be filled out and dropped off today. There is also the option to email them. Joe noted this was an audit finding and is mandatory information which the ASO must collect.

Report from the Executive Director

Joe Valentine gave the report from the Executive Director and spoke on the following topics:

- Transition to Integrated Managed care
 - Joint Operating Committee
 - Interlocal Leadership Structure
 - Early Warning Workgroup
 - Provider Meetings
 - BH-ASO budget Model
 - North Sound BH-ASO Post-Implementation Monitoring Visit
- Crisis Services
- State Auditor
- Smokey Point Behavioral Health Hospital
- Tribal Coordination
- Regional Opioid Reduction Plan
- North Sound BH-ASO Strategic Goals for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

- True Blood Lawsuit/Eligibility Funding Outcomes
- Retirement of North Sound BH-ASO Fiscal Officer, Bill Whitlock
 - In addition to Joe Valentine's recognition of Bill's tenure with the organization, Jill Johnson acknowledged his service as well, and gave him a certificate of appreciation plaque.

Report from the Finance Officer

Bill Whitlock gave the Report from the Finance Officer and reference the related documents.

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 for the BHO and the ASO – Jill Johnson

Motion #19-48

- To review and approve the North Sound Behavioral Health **Administrative Services Organization** (ASO) claims paid from **August 1, 2019**, through **August 31, 2019** in the amount of \$273,499.23. Payroll for the month of **August** in the amount of \$164,311.14 and associated employer benefits in the amount of \$64,667.86.
- To review and approve the North Sound **Behavioral Health Organization** claims paid from **August 1, 2019**, through **August 31, 2019** in the amount of \$4,855,955.80.
- To review and approve the North Sound Behavioral Health **Administrative Services Organization** (ASO) claims paid from **July 1, 2019**, through **July 31, 2019** in the amount of \$2,455.62. Payroll for the month of **July** in the amount of \$84,314.26 and associated employer benefits in the amount of \$27,430.99.
- To review and approve the North Sound **Behavioral Health Organization** claims paid from **July 1, 2019**, through **July 31, 2019** in the amount of \$6,497, 772.21. Payroll for the month of **July** in the amount of \$1,082,612.78. and associated employer paid benefits in the amount of \$220, 122.33

Jamie Stephens moved approval of the motion, Darcy seconded, all in favor, motion #19-48 carried

Action Items

For Executive Committee Approval

Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG)

Summary:

Family Haven (Tulalip Tribes) is an At-Risk Tribal Youth Outreach program designed to engage youth that have left the home, dropped out of school and are struggling with a mental illness or a co-occurring disorder.

Motion #19-49

- North Sound BH-ASO-Family Haven-MHBG-19-20 provides the funding for the Family Haven at Risk Tribal Youth outreach program in the amount of \$74,850 with a term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Regina Delahunt moved the motion for approval, Jamie Stephens seconded, all in favor, motion #19-49 carried

Telecare

Summary:

Telecare is providing the Peer Bridger Program for the region. The Peers work at Western State Hospital helping individuals who are discharging connect with resources, housing, treatment and transportation among a host of other supports they may need once discharged.

Motion #19-50

- North Sound BH-ASO-Telecare Corp.-MHBG-19-20 provides the funding for the Peer Bridger program in the amount of \$240,000 with a term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Darcy Cheesman moved, Ken Dahlstedt, all in favor, motion #19-50 carried

Compass Health Triage

Summary:

Compass Health Triage implemented 24x7 nursing staff in the Triage facility during the period of January 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019. This motion adds the additional funds of \$135,000 to the contract to cover the costs of the nursing services for said period. Financial liabilities survive the expiration of the contract, the additional funding of \$135,000 is BHO closeout funds.

Motion #19-51

- North Sound BHO-Compass Health-Triage-16-18 Amendment 6 to provide funding in the amount of \$135,000 for nursing services in the Triage Centers in Snohomish and Whatcom Counties for a new maximum consideration of \$5,478,588 with the term of April 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

Jamie Stephens moved the motion for approval, Ken Dahlstedt seconded, all in favor, motion #19-51 carried

For Executive Committee Ratification

Health Care Authority (HCA)

Summary:

The HCA ASO contract is providing the funding July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 for the following programs:

- Non-Medicaid Crisis Services
- ASO Reserves
- Designated Marijuana Account
- Criminal Justice Treatment Account

- Program for Assertive Community Treatment
- Ombuds Services
- E&T Discharge Planners
- Jail Transition Services
- 6032 Behavioral Health Enhancements funds
- Juvenile Drug Court
- Advisory Board

The HCA ASO contract also provides FY 2020 Federal Block Grant funds, Peer Bridger and Family Youth System Partnership Roundtable (FYSPRT) funding for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020. We anticipate an amendment extending the contract on or before January 1, 2020.

Motion #19-52

- Health Care Authority-North Sound BH-ASO-K3185-19 to provide funding in the amount of \$14,937,493; \$7,162,419 in Non-Medicaid funds for six months, \$4,709,918 in Federal Block Funds, Peer Bridger and FYSPRT for 12 months and \$3,065,156 in ASO reserve funds for 12 months. The term of the contract is July 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

Ken Dahlstedt moved the motion for approval, Regina Delahunt seconded all in favor, motion #19-52 carried

Housing and Recovery through Peer Supports (HARPS)

Summary:

HCA is providing the HARPS team and subsidy funds for the Compass Health team in Snohomish County. Island, San Juan, Skagit and Whatcom counties receive a portion of the subsidy funding for individuals residing and/or moving to their county, Snohomish County has opted to provide their portion of HARPS funding to the HARPS team.

Motion #19-53

- Health Care Authority-North Sound BH-ASO-K3847-19-20 to provide funding for the HARPS team and HARPS subsidies. The maximum consideration on this contract is \$516,440 for a term of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020.

Jed Gonzales moved the motion for approval, Jamie Stephens seconded, all in favor, motion #19-53 carried

Discussion Item

- 2019-2020 North Sound BH-ASO Strategic Goals

Joe stated we are introducing the Strategic Goals this month and bringing them back next month for review, discussion and ratification.

In October 1989, the five North Sound Counties submitted a plan to the State to function as a Regional Support Network. Since then, the region has been a successful coalition of 30 years.

Joe gave details on the Strategic Goals and spoke to the future goals of the BH-ASO as he referenced the Strategic Goals document included in the board packet.

Joe asked for feedback from Board Members and said there will be further discussion during the October Board Meeting.

Board Meetings in Calendar Year 2020

- Joe added that Joanie will be sending out a request to the Board Members to determine the best time for the Board meetings to take place in calendar year 2020.
- There was additional conversation around the 5 North Sound Counties 2019 1/10th of 1% Reports. Board Members asked that the Counties bring their individual reports to the next meeting or send them to Joanie via email.
- Ken pointed out the benefits of partnership and the accomplishments reflected in the County reports, as well as the collective strengths of the North Sound Region.

Adjourn 3:07 p.m.

Next meeting: [October 10th, 2019](#)

Respectfully Submitted;



Joanie Williams

Clerk of the Board