



Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

January 13th, 2022

Board of Directors Members Present:

- **Peter Browning Chair**, Commissioner, Skagit County; Chair (in place of Chair Johnson)
- **Sam Low**, County Council, Snohomish County
- **Cindy Wolf**, Council Member, San Juan County
- **Nicole Gorle**, Legislative Analyst, Snohomish County; designated alternate for Nate Nehring, Snohomish County Council
- **George Kosovich**, Skagit County Public Health; designated alternate for Peter Browning
- **Barbara LaBrash**, Human Services Manager, San Juan County; designated alternate for Cindy Wolf, County Council Member
- **Cammy Hart-Anderson**, Snohomish County Human Services; designated alternate for Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive
- **Heidi Beazizo**, Sr. Legislative Analyst, Snohomish County; designated alternate for Jared Mead, County Council
- **Jared Mead**, County Council, Snohomish County
- **Perry Mowery**, Human Services Supervisor, Whatcom County, designated alternate for Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
- **Pat O'Maley Lanphear**, North Sound BH-ASO Advisory Board, Vice Chair

North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (North Sound BH-ASO) Staff Present:

- **Joe Valentine**, Executive Director; North Sound BH-ASO
- **Darrell Heiner**, Accounting Specialist; North Sound BH-ASO
- **Margaret Rojas**, Assistant Director; North Sound BH-ASO
- **Joanie Wenzl**, Clerk of the Board; North Sound BH-ASO

Guests Present:

No guests were present

Call to Order and Introductions – Chair Browning

The Chair called the meeting to order and asked the Clerk of the Board to read the names of participants via MS Teams

Revisions to the Agenda – Chair

The Chair asked if there were any revisions to the agenda, there were none

Approval of the December 9th, 2021, Minutes, Motion #22-01 – Chair

Cindy Wolf moved the motion for approval, Cammy Hart-Anderson seconded, none opposed, no abstentions, all in favor, Motion #22-01 carried.

Comments & Announcements from the Chair

Chair Browning noted that during the Governance and Operations meeting, there were nominations for Chair and Vice Chair for 2022 discussed. Nominations were Peter Browning for Chair and Cindy Wolf for Vice Chair.

Additional nominations are to be emailed to the Clerk of the Board and voting will take place during the February 10th meeting.

Reports from Members

- **Whatcom County:**
 - Issues and challenges regarding the COVID Omicron Variant
 - Crisis Response System concerns
- **San Juan County:**
 - Weather issues
 - New Chair for San Juan Council
 - Advisory Board update/recent Human services meeting
 - Homelessness will be addressed during the upcoming retreat
 - San Juan providers capacity availability
 - Information and education to the Board of Health
- **Island County:**
 - No update
- **Snohomish County:**
 - County Council ratified a salary increase for Designated Crisis Responders (DCRs)
- **Skagit:**
 - Groundbreaking celebration (supported housing)
 - Gratitude to the ASO for working with the counties regarding funding

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public

State Audit Exit Conference (1:45 p.m.): Megan M., CPA, Karyna Orcutt, Assistant Audit Manager

The Auditors presented the State Audit Exit Conference and answered questions

Report from the Advisory Board

Pat O'Maley Lanphear gave the Report from the Advisory Board

Report from the Executive Director

Joe Valentine gave the report from the Executive Director which included the following topics:

- JANUARY 2022 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS
- GOVERNOR'S 2022 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUESTS-BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
- RECOVERY NAVIGATOR PROGRAM [RNP]
- COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM [CBRA]
- HOST [Homeless Outreach Stabilization Team]
- DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GRANT AWARDED TO THE NORTH SOUND YOUTH AND FAMILY COALITION [YFC]
- CRISIS SERVICES UPDATE
- DISASTER DECLARATION
- WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE
- ANNOUNCING NEW NORTH SOUND BH-ASO STAFF PERSON
- POLICY ON BILLING DEADLINES
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Report from the Finance Officer

Joe gave the report from the Finance Officer and answered questions

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 #22-02

- To review and approve the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization claims paid from December 1st, 2021, through December 31st, 2021, in the amount of \$1,711,406.54.
- Payroll for the month of December in the amount of \$153,119.28 and associated employer benefits in the amount of \$61,493.59.

Cindy Wolf moved the motion for approval, Sam Low seconded, none opposed, no abstentions, all in favor, Motion # 220-02 carried

Action Items

For Board Approval

Summary:

Health Care Authority

This contract is being offered to North Sound BH-ASO to implement a Homeless Outreach Stabilization Team (HOST) focusing on individuals with substance use disorders. This is a multidisciplinary team to include, but not limited to, Behavioral Health Professionals, RNs, Prescribers, Peers and case managers.

The annual funding for the program is \$956,080. However, HCA is providing the first year's funding in the January amendment for the period of January – June 2022 for startup costs. North Sound will be releasing a Request for Qualifications in January.

Motion #22-03

- HCA-NS BH-ASO-K5757 for the provision of the HOST program in the North Sound Region in the amount of \$956,080 with a term of January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022.

Cindy Wolf moved the motion for approval, Perry Mowery seconded, none opposed, no abstentions, all in favor, motion #22-03 carried

Summary:

COVID Substance Abuse & Mental Health Block Grant

Funding was set aside for the current Opiate Outreach programs to expand/enhance services. The programs identified needs such as Narcan Kits, flexible funding for personal needs and other needs such as transportation.

Additional six-month funding is added to the Snohomish County contract for a co-responder program.

Motion #22-04

- NS BH-ASO-Island County-ICN-Amendment 9 to provide additional opiate outreach funding in the amount of \$20,000. The contract term is July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2022, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2022, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.
- NS BH-ASO-Community Action of Skagit County (CASC)-ICN-Amendment 6 to provide additional opiate outreach funding in the amount of \$26,700. The contract term is July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2022, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2022, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.
- NS BH-ASO-Snohomish County-ICCN-Amendment 5 to provide additional opiate outreach funding in the amount of \$15,000 and \$160,446 for a co-responder program. The contract

term is July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2022, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2022, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

- NS BH-ASO-Whatcom County-ICN-Amendment 9 to provide additional opiate outreach funding in the amount of \$30,000. The contract term is July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2022, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2022, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

Cammy Hart-Anderson moved the motion for approval, Perry Mowery seconded, none opposed, no abstentions, all in favor, Motion #22-04 carried

Adjourn 2:58 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 10, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,



Joanie Wenzl
Clerk of the Board