



NORTH SOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ORGANIZATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

January 14,
2021

Board of Directors Members present:

- Jill Johnson, County Commissioner; Island County, Board Chair
- Anne Deacon, Human Services Manager, Whatcom County; designated alternate for Satpal Sidhu
- Rud Browne, County Council Member; Whatcom County
- Darcy Cheesman, Legislative Aid; designated alternate for Sam Low, Snohomish County Council Member
- Heidi Beazizo, Sr. Legislative Analyst, Snohomish County; designated alternate for Jared Meade, Council Member
- Cammy Hart-Anderson, Human Services; designated alternate for Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive
- Cindy Wolf, County Council Member; San Juan County
 - Barbara LaBrash, County Coordinator, San Juan County; designated alternate for Cindy Wolf
- Peter Browning, County Commissioner, Skagit County
 - Sarah Hinman, Skagit County Public Health, designated alternate for Peter Browning
- Russell Wiita, Legislative Aid, Snohomish County, designated alternate for Nate Nehring, Snohomish County Council
- Duncan West, Chair; North Sound BHO Advisory Board
- Arlene Feld, Vice-Chair North Sound BHO Advisory Board

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
- Michael McAuley, Clinical Manager; North Sound BH-ASO
- Joanie Williams, Administrative Manager/Clerk of the Board; North Sound BH-ASO

Guests present:

There were no guests present.

Call to Order and Introductions – Chair Johnson

The Chair called the meeting to order and initiated introductions via GoToMeeting.

Revisions to the Agenda – Chair Johnson

The Chair asked if there were any revisions to the Agenda, there were none mentioned.

Approval of the December 10th, Minutes, Motion #21-01– Chair Johnson

Rud Browne moved the motion for approval, Anne Deacon seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion #21-01 carried.

Comments & Announcements from the Chair

The Chair said nominations will be taken for the 2021 Board Chair position. Nominations are to be sent to Joanie for a February vote. Nominations received today were for Jill Johnson, Island County.

Reports from Members

- Anne Deacon, Whatcom County, noted that the Whatcom County Stabilization Center opened last week.
- Cammy Hart-Anderson, Snohomish County, said the community outreach COVID program is going quite well, in addition to the Hand-Up Program. She added that the CARES act has provided funds which will help with rental assistance. She also noted that information was received that was favorable regarding the Diversion Center.
- Jill Johnson, Island County, said Jackie Henderson gave Island County 42 years of service prior to retiring at the end of 2020. If anyone would like her contact information, email Jill.
Jill added that the Stabilization Center is scheduled to open in February. She also said 1.3 million dollars of CARES funds will be used to support the community programs.
- Rud Browne, Whatcom County, welcomed the two newly elected Board Members, Cindy Wolf from San Juan County and Peter Browning from Skagit County. He gave them helpful tips regarding the North Sound BH-ASO Board of Directors.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Report from the Advisory Board

Duncan West, the new 2021 Chair of the Advisory Board, gave the report from the December meeting. It was noted there are vacancies on the Advisory Board among most of the counties. The Clerk of the Board will send out the vacancy chart to the Board Members.

Report from the Executive Director

- Designated Crisis Responder (DCR) Best Practices/SB 5720: Michael McAuley
Michael McAuley showed a Power Point Presentation on the above topic and answered questions from the Board Members.
- North Sound BH-ASO Procurement Process: Margaret Rojas
Margaret Rojas showed a Power Point Presentation on the Procurement Process and answered questions from Board Members.
- Ken Dahlstedt's Retirement/Skagit Herald: Joe Valentine
 - [Relationships were key in Skagit County commissioner's two decades of service | Local News | goskagit.com](#)

Joe referenced the Executive Director Report and attachments. He referred specifically to the letter from Health Care Authority regarding the BHO Close out liability.

He answered questions from Board Members. Below are the topics on the Executive Director's Report:

- GOVERNOR'S BUDGET LEGISLATION
- CRISIS SERVICES
- CRISIS SERVICES ANNUAL ASSESSMENT
- JANUARY CHANGES IN ITA LAWS
- UPDATE ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH FACILITIES
- COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ENHANCEMENT FUNDS
- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH IMPACT OF COVID-19
- UPDATE ON BHO CLOSE OUT LIABILITY
- STATE AUDITOR PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF BHO CLOSE-OUT PAYMENTS

Report from the Finance Officer

Joe gave the report from the Finance Officer. There was discussion pertaining to various portions of the report.

Report from the Governance Operations Committee

The Chair gave the report from the Governance and Operations Committee. She said the bills were reviewed and discussed.

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 #21-02

- To review and approve the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization claims paid from December 1st, 2020 through December 31st, 2020, in the amount of \$2,215,436.34.
Payroll for the month of December in the amount of \$146,360.82 and associated employer benefits in the amount of \$57,314.43.

Cammy Hart Anderson moved the motion for approval, Anne Deacon seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion #21-02 was carried.

Action Items

For Ratification

Health Care Authority Contracts

Summary:

This HCA amendment provides State General Funds for Non-Medicaid individuals participating in the Whatcom County PACT program.

This is the HCA ASO contract for 2021-2022, the State General/Proviso funding is for a six (6) month period, January-June 2021, and the Federal Block Grant Funding (FBG) is for a twelve (12) month period, January – December 2021.

- GF-S in the amount of \$9,151,879
- FBG in the amount of \$4,715,470

Motion #21-03

- HCA-NS BH-ASO-K-4159 PACT-20 Amendment 4 providing funding for the Non-Medicaid individuals served in the PACT program in the amount of \$58,430 for a six-month period.
- HCA-NS BH-ASO-K4949-21 provides GF-S funds for the period of January – June 2021 and FBG funding for the period of January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 for a total amount of \$13,867,349 for the two time periods. The term of the contract is January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022.

Anne Deacon moved the motion for approval, Rud Browne seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion #21-03 carried.

Lifeline Connections PACT Contract**Summary:**

This is the downstream contact with Lifeline Connections for funding to serve Non-Medicaid individuals in the Whatcom PACT program.

Motion #21-04

- NS BH-ASO-Lifeline Connections-ICN-19-21 Amendment 2 to provide funds in the amount of \$58,430 to serve Non-Medicaid individuals in the Whatcom County PACT program. The contract term 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 of the contract.

Anne Deacon moved the motion for approval, Rud Browne seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion # 21-04 carried.

For Board Approval

Triage Contracts**Summary:**

Pioneer Human Services is providing sub-acute detox services in Island, Skagit and Whatcom Counties. The continued funding is for the period of January-June 2021 is as follows:

- Island County Crisis Center in the amount of \$82,000 in proviso funds
- Skagit County Crisis Center in the amount of \$100,000 in GF-S ASO funds
- Whatcom County Triage in the amount of \$125,000 in Proviso funds and \$205,452 in GF-S ASO funds.

Compass Health is providing Crisis Stabilization services Snohomish and Whatcom counties. The continued funding for the period of January-June 2021 is as follows:

- Snohomish County Triage Center in the amount of \$348,000 in GF-S ASO funds
- Whatcom County Triage Center in the amount of \$125,000 in proviso funds and \$143,750 in GF-S ASO funds

Motion #21-05

- NS BH-ASO-PHS-ICN-19-21 Amendment 5 to provide funding for the period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$512,452. 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 of the contract.
- NS BH-ASO-COMPASS HEALTH-ICCN-19-21 Amendment 5 to provide funding for the period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$616,750. 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 of the contract.

Anne Deacon moved the motion for approval, Peter Browning seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion # 21-05 carried.

Community Action of Skagit County-Ombuds and Opioid Outreach Services

Summary:

This amendment is providing funding for the period of January-June 2021 for Regional Ombuds services and Opioid Outreach services in Skagit County.

- o Regional Ombuds services in the amount of \$22,500 of GF-S Funds
- o Regional Ombuds services in the amount of \$85,500 of MCO funds
- o Skagit County Opiate Outreach services in the amount of \$87,088.50 in FBG funds

Motion #21-06

- NS BH-ASO-CASC-Ombuds-19-21 Amendment 4 to provide funding for Ombuds services and Opiate Outreach services in the amount of \$195,088.50. 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 of the contract.

Cammy Hart-Anderson moved the motion for approval, Rud Browne seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion #21-06 carried.

Consultation Contract

Summary:

The North Sound Youth Family Coalition (YFC) will be working with consultants to build a constituent advisory council to develop and integrate youth-friendly antiracist social justice practices and values into its work. The consulting team will provide 125 billable hours. The funding for this consultation is from the Family Youth System Partner Roundtable budget.

Motion #21-07

- North Sound BH-ASO-Karena and Osborne J.D. & Associates-2021 for consulting services to the North Sound Youth Family Coalition. The maximum consideration on this contract is \$25,000 with a term of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

Rud Browne moved the motion for approval, Anne Deacon seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion #21-07 carried.

Adjourn: 2:57 p.m.

Next meeting: February 11, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,



Joanie Williams,
Clerk of the Board