



# NORTH SOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ORGANIZATION

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

May 13, 2021

### Board of Directors Members present: Chair (*Cindy Wolf sitting in for Jill Johnson*)

- Cindy Wolf, County Council Member; San Juan County
- Barbara LaBrash, Human Services Manager, San Juan County; designated alternate for Cindy Wolf, San Juan County Council Member
- Peter Browning, County Commissioner; Skagit County
- Sarah Hinman, Skagit County Public Health; designated alternate for Peter Browning
- Cammy Hart-Anderson, Snohomish County Human Services; designated alternate for Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive
- Darcy Cheesman, Legislative Aid, Snohomish County; designated alternate for Sam Low, Snohomish County Council Member
- Heidi Beazizo, Sr. Legislative Analyst, Snohomish County; designated alternate for Jared Mead, Snohomish County Council
- Nicole Gorle, Legislative Analyst, Snohomish County; designated alternate for Nate Nehring, Snohomish County Council
- Russell Wiita, Legislative Aid, Snohomish County; designated alternate for Nate Nehring, Snohomish County Council
- Anne Deacon, Human Services Manager, Whatcom County; designated alternate for Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom County Executive
- Jackie Mitchell, Whatcom County Behavioral Health Program Specialist
- Duncan West, Chair; North Sound BH-ASO Advisory Board Chair

### North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (ASO) staff present: Chair

- Joe Valentine, Executive Director; North Sound BH-ASO
- Margaret Rojas, Assistant Director; North Sound BH-ASO
- Charles DeElena, Compliance Officer; North Sound BH-ASO
- Darrell Heiner, Accounting Specialist; North Sound BH-ASO
- Lisa Hudspeth, Administrative Assistant; North Sound BH-ASO

### Guests present: Chair

- Katelyn Morgan, North Sound Ombuds

### 1. Call to Order and Introductions – Chair

Chair Wolf called the virtual meeting to order at 1:33 p.m. and initiated introductions.

### 2. Revisions to the Agenda – Chair

There were no revision to the agenda noted.

### 3. Approval of the April 6th, 2021 Minutes, **Motion #21-20** – Chair.....Attachment

Peter Browning moved the motion for approval, Anne Deacon seconded, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion #21-20 carried.

**4. Comments & Announcements from the Chair**

There were no additional comments or announcements for the Chair.

**5. Presentation from the North Sound OMBUDs.....Attachment**

Katelyn Morgan provided an overview of the 2020 Ombuds Annual Report

**6. Reports from Members: Chair**

Snohomish County: Cammy Hart-Anderson

- Expanding contracts with Center for Human Services (CHS), SeaMar, and Therapeutic Health Services (THS) to provide additional services within schools
- Currently no access to intensive outpatient treatment or outpatient treatment for adults; SeaMar still has access to children's MH services

Whatcom County: Anne Deacon

- Working on determining how to utilize money from State legislature for school services; proviso requires counseling services be licensed by MHP, and there is a shortage)
- Seeing an increase in number of law enforcement drop-offs to new crisis stabilization center

Skagit County: Peter Browning

- Walkthrough of new facility has occurred; complication in opening due to lack of qualified staff
- Digiwalic received money from State for housing
- Sedro Wooley facility is moving forward
- Continuing to see significant struggle in finding qualified providers

San Juan County: Barbara LaBrash

- Compass Health not taking assessments due to staff shortage
- Consejo has signed contract with juvenile court for telehealth services for enrolled youth

**7. Comments from the Public: Chair**

No public comments

**8. Report from the Advisory Board: Chair (Duncan).....Attachment**

Duncan West provided an overview of the Advisory Board Brief from the May 4, 2021 meeting

**9. Report from the Executive Director: Joe .....Attachments**

North Sound BH-ASO Compliance Report

Charles DeElena provided a brief overview of the *2020 North Sound Annual Compliance Report*

- Individuals may contact Charles DeElena with any questions or concerns

Joe Valentine provided an overview of the *Executive Director's Report* for May 13, 2021

- Behavioral Health Bill List
  - E2SHB 1477 – State's plan to implement new federal 9-8-8 number
  - 5476 – Response to Blake Decision
- Workforce Shortages
  - Lack of sufficient workforce is large concern statewide
  - Workforce Recruitment and Retention brainstorm was shared
  - There will need to be coordinated approach to address
  - Recommendation was made to see if retired professionals would be interested in 1-2 days per week

**10. Report from the Finance Officer: Joe and Darrell .....Attachment**

Joe Valentine and Darrell Heiner gave the Report from the Finance Officer and answered questions from the Board Members.



- Revenue exceeds our expenses and North Sound BH-ASO currently has sufficient reserve balance to payback Health Care Authority (HCA) and still maintain required reserve amount.

**11. Report from the Governance Operations Committee: Chair**

Cindy Wolf provided an overview of the May 13, 2021 Governance and Operations meeting

*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, Chair:** .....Attachment

**Motion #21-21**

- To review and approve the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization claims paid from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021, through April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 in the amount of \$2,433,743.74.  
Payroll for the month of April in the amount of \$151,890.76 and associated employer benefits in the amount of \$72,924.08.

Cammy Hart-Anderson moved the motion for approval, Anne Deacon seconded, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion 21-21 carried.

**12. Action Items: Joe**

*For Board Approval*

**Summary****Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)**

- North Sound released a Request for Information (RFI) on the PATH Grant and received two responses. Bridgeways is a Behavioral Health Agency (BHA) in Snohomish County and Second Chance Foundation is a Non-Profit in Snohomish County. In discussions with the Health Care Authority (HCA) it was requested the provider be a BHA. The reason stated is a BHA can provide billable BH services. Bridgeways was a North Sound BHO network provider prior to July 2019.
- Additionally, HCA has approved moving the Whatcom County PATH funds to the Snohomish County project and North Sound ASO is paying the Federal Match with General Funds-State (GF-S) in the amount of \$73,009 annually. The HCA annual Federal Grant award is \$219,026.
- The motion below reflects a reduced amount for the period of May 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.

**Motion #21-22**

- North Sound BH-ASO-Bridgeways-PATH-21-22 for the provision of outreach and engagement services to individuals with serious mental illness who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The consideration for this contract is \$47,761 in Federal Grant and \$15,920 in ASO GF-S for a maximum consideration of \$63,681. The contract term is May 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 with an automatic one-year renewal on October 1, 2021 based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

Peter Browning moved the motion for approval, Anne Deacon seconded, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, Motion #21-22 carried.

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**Summary****Collective Medical Technologies (CMT)**

CMT is a health data platform to provide our crisis providers with important information on individuals they encounter, information such as their assigned MCO, treatment relationships, and other pertinent information. The participating BHAs will upload information into their respective MCO portals, which will give the crisis providers access to all five (5) MCO's member information. Four of the five MCOs have already pledged funding to the annual cost of \$10,000. We are awaiting the fifth MCO to affirm their financial participation. North Sound will pay the \$10,000 annual platform fee and invoice all MCOs participating.

**Motion #21-23**

- Collective Medical Technologies-North Sound BH-ASO-Agreement-21 for the provision of access to the CMT health platform. The annual reoccurring fee is \$10,000. This contract will auto-renew annually unless terminated by either party.

Peter Browning moved the motion for approval, Anne Deacon seconded, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, Motion #21-23 carried.

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**13. Discussion Item: Joe ..... Attachment**

- Discuss the April 14 Letter from MaryAnne Lindeblad providing the Health Care Authority's response to our March 21 meeting regarding our proposed resolution of the remaining BHO Close Out liability.

**Behavioral Health Organization (BHO) Closeout**

- Based on the April 14<sup>th</sup> letter received from the Health Care Authority, it is the opinion of the BHO/ASO Attorney Philip Buri that HCA has provided approval for the ASO to reimburse the BHO \$4,886,720.77 for the seed money used to develop new behavioral health facilities in the North Sound Regional Service Area. This payment will conclude the closeout of the BHO.

Based on information presented, the following motion was added:

**Motion # 21-24**

- Authorize the Executive Director to reimburse the BHO \$4,886,720.77 for the seed money used to develop four (4) behavioral health facilities in the North Sound Regional Service Area. The BHO will remit the \$4,886,720.77 to the Health Care Authority as the final BHO closeout payment.

Cammy Hart-Anderson moved the motion for approval, Anne Deacon seconded, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion 21-24 carried.

**14. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.

Next meeting: June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joanie Williams", written over the printed name.

Joanie Williams

Clerk of the Board

APPROVED