



January 12th, 2023

**Board of Directors Members Present
in Person:**

- **Peter Browning**, Commissioner; Skagit County, Board Chair
- **George Kosovich**, Public Health, designated alternate for Peter Browning, Commissioner; Skagit County
- **Cammy Hart-Anderson**, Human Services, designated alternate for Dave Somers; County Executive, Snohomish County

Members Present via Zoom:

- **Cindy Wolf**, Council Member, San Juan County; Vice Chair
- **Perry Mowery**, Behavioral Health Supervisor, designated alternate for Satpal Sidhu, County Executive; Whatcom County
- **Pat O'Maley Lanphear**, North Sound BH-ASO Advisory Board, Chair
- **Nicole Gorle**, Legislative Analyst, Snohomish County; designated alternate for Nate Nehring, County Council
- **Darcy Cheeseman**, Legislative Aid to Council Member, Sam Low, Snohomish County
- **Lynda Austin**, Human Services, Island County; designated alternate for Jill Johnson, Commissioner
- **Barbara LaBrash**, Human Services Manager, San Juan County, designated alternate for Cindy Wolf and newly appointed Jane Fuller

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

- **Joe Valentine**, Executive Director, North Sound BH-ASO
- **Darrell Heiner**, Senior Accountant, North Sound BH-ASO
- **Margaret Rojas**, Assistant Executive Director, North Sound BH-ASO

- **Joanie Wenzl**, Clerk of the Board, North Sound BH-ASO

Guests Present:

- Erik Pederson; Chief Civil Deputy Prosecutor, Skagit County
- Joy Borkholder; Everett Herald

Guest Presenters:

- Ryan Stattenfield; Percival
- Alyssa Kenney; Percival
- Deena Garza; Auditor
- Jordan Helms; Auditor
- Michelle Osborne; DREI
- Nora Karena; DREI
- Toni Belcher; DREI

Call to Order and Introductions – Chair

- Board Members, Guests, and ASO Staff Introductions

Recently, there has been new staff at the ASO and new board members.

The Chair initiated introductions of the ASO staff that had joined the meeting. They each introduced themselves and announced their job descriptions to the Board members.

The Board members and guests were also introduced.

Revisions to the Agenda – Chair

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

Approval of the December 8th, 2022, Minutes, Motion #23-01

Cammy Hart-Anderson moved the motion for approval, Cindy Wolf seconded, all in favor, motion #23-01 carried

Auditor's Report/Presentation

- Deena Garza
 - Jordan Helms
- https://www.nsbhaso.org/who-we-are/boards-and-committees/board-of-directors/Auditor's%20Report.NSBHESO_FY201_Exit.pdf

Jordan Helms and Deena Garza gave the ASO's Audit report via a PowerPoint presentation and answered questions from Board members

Diversity, Racial Equity, and Inclusion (DREI)

- Michelle Osborne, Nora Karena, Toni Belcher

Michelle Osborne gave a brief PowerPoint to the Board members regarding the ASO's past year of work on diversity, racial equity, and inclusion. Michelle answered questions from members

Behavioral Health Needs Assessment Update: Percival 2:15 p.m.

- o Ryan Stattenfield, Sam Sears, Alyssa Kenney

<https://www.nsbhaso.org/news-and-events/north-sound-bhaso-assessment/North%20Sound%20BH-ASO%20Assessment.pdf>

Ryan Stattenfield gave a presentation on the Behavioral Health Needs Assessment that Percival performed for the North Sound region. A question-and-answer session followed, as well as the next steps that will take place which will include the North Sound County Coordinators and Advisory Board participants

Comments & Announcements from the Chair

There were no comments or announcements from the Chair

Reports from Members

Members gave updates on the behavioral health happenings in their respective counties

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public

Report from the Advisory Board

Pat O'Maley Lanphear, Advisory Board Chair, gave the report from the Advisory Board which included the current open seats on the Advisory Board

Report from the Finance Officer

Joe Valentine and Darrell Heiner gave the report from the Finance Officer and answered questions

Report from the Governance Operations Committee

The Chair noted that the G&O Committee spoke about the Chair and Vice Chair openings for 2023. He added that nominations are being taken. He nominated himself for chair and Barry Buchanan nominated himself for the role of Vice Chair.

No nominations were received during the meeting, and the Chair added that nominations could be emailed to the Clerk of the Board, as a vote will take place during the February 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 Board of Directors 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 #23-02

- To review and approve the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization claims paid from December 1st, 2022, through December 31st, in the amount of \$1,826,305.51.
- Payroll for the month of December in the amount of \$170,545.14 and associated employer benefits in the amount of \$72,969.37.

Cammy Hart-Anderson moved the motion for approval, Nicole Gorle seconded, all were in favor, motion #23-02 carried

Action Items

For Board Approval

Health Care Authority (HCA)

Summary

Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)

- This is a renewal of the PATH contract, it is on the federal fiscal cycle, September through September. The program is in Snohomish County administered by Bridgeways.
- The second contract is the Bridgeways contract for PATH services.

Motion #23-04

- HCA-North Sound BH-ASO-PATH-K6319 for the provision of PATH services in Snohomish County. The annual amount for this contract is \$219,026 with a term of September 23, 2022, through September 29, 2023.

Motion #23-05

- North Sound BH-ASO-Bridgeways-PATH-22-23 for the provision of PATH services in Snohomish County. The annual amount for this contract is \$219,026 with a term of September 29, 2022, through September 30, 2023.

Cindy Wolf moved motions #23-04 and #23-05 for approval, Perry Mowery seconded. All were in favor, motions #23-04 and #23-05 carried

Peer Path Finder Homeless Outreach

Summary

- This is a renewal of the Peer Path Finder contract, it is on the federal fiscal cycle, September through September. The program operates in Skagit and Whatcom Counties administered by Lifeline Connections.
- The Lifeline Connections contract was approved in December 2022.

Motion #23-06

- HCA-North Sound BH-ASO-K6453 for the provision of Peer Pathfinder services in Skagit and Whatcom counties. The annual amount is \$117,207 with a term of September 30, 2022, through September 29, 2023.

Cindy Wolf moved the motion for approval, Perry Mowery seconded the motion, all in favor, motion #23-06 carried

North Sound County Authorities Operating Agreement

Summary

- At the Board of Directors direction, we reached out to our Attorney Philip Buri to update Article VII paragraph 7.7 to allow for continued virtual meeting and voting by Board members or their delegates. This change is in accordance with the Public Meetings Act.

Motion #23-07

- To move the North Sound County Authorities Operating Agreement Amendment to the respective elected Councils and/or Commissions in Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties for approval.

Cammy Hart-Anderson moved the motion for approval, Cindy Wolf seconded the motion, all were favor, motion #23-07 carried

Report from the Executive Director

Joe Valentine referenced the Executive Directors Report and attachments that were included in board members packets.

The topics included:

- GOVERNOR INSLEE'S 2023-2025 RECOMMENDED BUDGET – BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
- WORKFORCE TRAINING AND EDUCATION BOARD: BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKFORCE 2022 REPORT
- NORTH SOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT
- LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
- UPDATE ON HOMELESS OUTREACH STABILIZATION TEAM [HOST]
- CRISIS SERVICES UPDATE
- NEW NORTH SOUND BH-ASO STAFF PERSON: ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT COORDINATOR
- END OF STATE COVID EMERGENCY ORDER

Adjourn: 3:04 p.m.

Next Meeting: February 9th, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanie Wenzl

Clerk of the Board

Approved