



NORTH SOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ORGANIZATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

November 4,
2021

Board of Directors Members present:

- Jill Johnson, County Commissioner; Island County, Board Chair
- 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
- George Kosovich, Skagit County Public Health; additional designated alternate for Peter Browning
- Perry Mowery, Human Services Supervisor, Whatcom County; designated alternate for Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
- Duncan West, North Sound BH-ASO Advisory Board Chair
- Cammy Hart-Anderson, Snohomish County Human Services; designated alternate for Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive
- Nicole Gorle, Legislative Analyst, Snohomish County; designated alternate for Nate Nehring, Snohomish County Council
- Barbara LaBrash, Human Services Manager, San Juan County; designated alternate for Cindy Wolf, County Council Member
- Peter Browning, Commissioner; Skagit County
- Lynda Austin, Island County Human Services; designated alternate for Jill Johnson, Commissioner

North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (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:

There were no guests present during this meeting

Call to Order and Introductions – Chair Johnson

The Chair called the meeting to order and had the Clerk of the Board, Joanie Wenzl, read the names of the 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 October 14th, 2021, Minutes, Motion #21-47 – Chair Johnson

Cammy Hart-Anderson moved the motion for approval, Peter Browning seconded, none opposed, none abstained, all in favor, motion #21-47 carried

Comments & Announcements from the Chair

Chair Johnson said 16.8 million was received from ARCA. She added that over one half of the amount will be used for housing

Reports from Members

- Snohomish/Cammy: The recruitment for a DCR continues, the fifth recruitment was just completed. There may be a hiring bonus. HB 1310 has impact on the urgency of the hire.
- Skagit/George: Funding was allocated for the Drop-In Peer Support Center. Hoping it will be up and running next year.
- San Juan/Barb: The struggle with housing issues continues. The Mobile Crisis Teams staff are doing well.
- Whatcom/Perry: Interviewing for the Human Services Manager continues; working on response in the crisis system; the Crisis Stabilization Center continues in development; workforce challenges continue; the 16 bed Recovery House for adult males is moving along.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public

Report from the Advisory Board

Duncan West gave the Report from the Advisory Board. The invitation to the Advisory Board's Winter Celebration will be forwarded to the Board Members.

Report from the Executive Director

- Presentation by Michelle Osborne and Associates
Diversity, Racial Equity, and Inclusion; (DREI) Michell Osborne, Nora Korena, Toni Belcher, Irwin Batara
- The DREI Presentation was given by the staff listed above; questions were answered.
- Joe Valentine gave the Report from the Executive Director which included the following topics:
 - RECOVERY NAVIGATOR PROGRAM
 - COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL RENTAL ASSISTANCE [CBRA]
 - COVID FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT PLAN
 - CRISIS SERVICES
 - HB 1310 UPDATE
 - WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
 - NORTH SOUND BH-ASO PROPOSED 2020 OPERATING BUDGET

Report from the Finance Officer

The October and November reports will be reviewed during the December 9th Board Meeting

The Chair read the note above to the Board Members

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

The October and November warrants will be reviewed for approval during the December 9th Board Meeting

The Chair read the note above to the Board Members

Action Items***For Board Approval*****Health Care Authority****Summary:**

- HCA is renewing the contract for Peer Path Finder services. This grant funds two (2) Peers to provide outreach and engagement to individuals who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. The annual funding for this contract is \$115,844. Lifeline Connections is the provider of these services in Skagit & Whatcom Counties.
- HCA is renewing the contract for Projects for Assistance in Transitions of Homelessness (PATH) services. This grant funds case management services to individuals who are homeless with the intent to enroll them in the PATH grant and connect them to community behavioral health services. The annual grant funding is \$219,026 with a 33% match provided by North Sound in the amount of \$73,008.75. Bridgeways is the provider of these services in Snohomish County. Bridgeways contract already includes the annual funding being approved in the motion below.

Motion #21-48

- HCA-NS BH-ASO-K-5613 for the provision of Peer Path Finder Services in the North Sound Region. The term of this contract is September 30, 2021, through September 29, 2022.
- HCA-NS BH-ASO-K-5620 for the provision of PATH Services in the North Sound Region. The term of this contract is October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022.

Peter Browning moved the motion for approval, Perry Mowery seconded, none opposed, none abstained, all in favor, motion #21-48 carried

Lifeline Connections**Summary:**

- Lifeline Connections provides Peer Path Finder services in Skagit & Whatcom counties. The funding is being passed through in the amount of \$115,844 for the period of October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2022. This funding is a companion to the HARPS funding.
- Lifeline Connections also provides the HARPS team services and HARPS subsidies in Skagit & Whatcom counties. The next six-month HARPS funding is added to this amendment for the period of January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022. North Sound received the annual HARPS funding in July 2021.

Motion #21-49

- NS BH-ASO-Lifeline Connections-MHBG-20 Amendment 2 to provide the annual Peer Path Finder funding and the second half of the HARPS team and subsidy funding. The contract term is November 1, 2020, 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, Peter Browning seconded, none opposed, none abstained, all in favor, motion #21-49 carried

Community Behavioral Health Rental Assistance (CBRA-Dept. of Commerce)**Summary:**

These contracts are based on our CBRA plan which was presented at the October 14th Board of Directors meeting.

- Bridgeways will be managing a portion of the CBRA subsidies in Snohomish County. The funding is \$77,187 for the period of November 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Bridgeways is also receiving \$25,000 of Federal Block Grant funds for case management services.
- Catholic Community Services (CCS) will be managing the CBRA subsidies in Skagit County. The funding is \$88,524 for the period of November 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.
- Compass Health will be managing CBRA subsidies in San Juan and Snohomish Counties. The funding amount is \$18,277 in San Juan County and \$694,685 for Snohomish County for the period of November 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022. Compass Health is also receiving \$50,000 for San Juan County of Federal Block Grant funds for case management services.
- Lake Whatcom Center will be managing CBRA subsidies in Whatcom County. The funding amount is \$209,724 for the period of November 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

Motion #21-50

- NS BH-ASO-Bridgeways-CBRA ICN-21 to provide the CBRA rental assistance and case management services in Snohomish County. The contract term is November 1, 2021, 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-CCS-CBRA ICN-21 to provide the CBRA rental assistance in Skagit County. The contract term is November 1, 2021, 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-Compass Health-CBRA ICN-21 to provide the CBRA rental assistance in San Juan and Snohomish Counties and case management services in San Juan County. The contract term is November 1, 2021, 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-Lake Whatcom-CBRA ICN-21 to provide the CBRA rental assistance in Whatcom County. The contract term is November 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2022, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

Peter Browning moved the motion for approval, Cindy Wolf seconded, none opposed, none abstained, all in favor, motion #21-50 carried

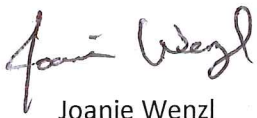
Introduction Items

- The 2022 North Sound BH-ASO Proposed Operating Budget
[https://www.nsbhaso.org/who-we-are/boards-and-committees/board-of-directors/Proposed%202022%20Budget final revised%2020211026.pdf](https://www.nsbhaso.org/who-we-are/boards-and-committees/board-of-directors/Proposed%202022%20Budget%20final%20revised%2020211026.pdf)
- Joe Valentine gave a PowerPoint presentation/overview of the 2022 North Sound BH-ASO's Proposed Operating Budget. He answered questions from Board Members. It was requested that the basis for the 2022 COLA estimate be sent to members. The Clerk of the Board, Joanie Wenzl, will gather the information from the ASO's Data Analyst and send it out to Board Members following the meeting today.
- It was noted by the Chair that the ASO Executive Director's performance review will take place prior to the transition of the new Board Chair which will happen next year following the changeover of the elected county positions.
- It was also noted by the Chair that the Board needs to start meeting in person again.

Adjourn: 2:58 p.m.

Next meeting: December 9th, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,



Joanie Wenzl

Clerk of the Board

12/9/21

APPROVED