



# NORTH SOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ORGANIZATION

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

October 14,  
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
- Cindy Wolf, County Council Member; San Juan County
- Heidi Beazizo, Sr. Legislative Analyst, Snohomish County; designated alternate for Jared Mead, Snohomish County Council
- Duncan West, North Sound BH-ASO Advisory Board Chair
- Cammy Hart-Anderson, Snohomish County Human Services; designated alternate for Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive
- George Kosovich, Skagit County Public Health; additional designated alternate for Peter Browning
- 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
- Perry Mowery, Human Services Supervisor, Whatcom County; designated alternate for Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

### 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
- Charles DeElena, Business Improvement Manager, Compliance Officer; North Sound BH-ASO
- Linda Crothers, Quality Specialist, North Sound BH-ASO
- James Dixon, Regional Recovery Navigator Coordinator; North Sound BH-ASO
- Joanie Wenzl, Clerk of the Board; North Sound BH-ASO

### Guests present:

Mario Paredes, Consejo Counseling and Referral Service  
Shana Boschma, Consejo Counseling and Referral Service

### Call to Order and Introductions – Chair Johnson

The chair called the meeting to order and initiated introductions

### Revisions to the Agenda – Chair

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

### Approval of the September 9th, 2021, Minutes, Motion #21-44 – Chair Johnson

Cindy Wolfe moved the motion for approval, Heidi Beazizo seconded, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion #21-44 carried

### Comments & Announcements from the Chair

The Chair noted that the stabilization center is being well utilized and that the investment is being put to good use

**Reports from Members**

Members gave updates from their respective counties regarding behavioral health happenings. There was focus on HB-1310 and the impact

**Comments from the Public**

There were no comments from the public

**Report from the Advisory Board**

Duncan West (Advisory Board Chair) gave the report from the Advisory Board

**Report from the Executive Director**

- Consejo Counseling and Referral Service Presentation: Mario Paredes
  - Mario Paredes and Shana Boschma gave a presentation on the services offered from Consejo Counseling and Referral Service
- Annual Compliance Training: Charles DeElena
  - Charles DeElena spoke to the Annual Compliance Training as stipulated in North Sound BH-ASO contracts with the five (5) managed care organizations (MCOs). He added that all members of the North Sound BH-ASO Board of Directors and their alternates are required to complete the following Medicaid Fraud, Waste and Abuse training and complete the attestation.  
The Clerk of the Board was asked to send out the email information following the Board Meeting to include the attestation.
- Joe Valentine gave the Executive Director's Report which included the following topics:
  - OCTOBER SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET ALLOCATIONS
  - UPDATE ON WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES
  - COVID FEDERAL BLOCK GRANT
  - CRISIS SERVICES
  - CONTINUING IMPACT OF HB 1310 ON LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS SERVICES
  - RECOVERY NAVIGATOR PROGRAM
  - COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL RESIDENTIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM [CBRA]
  - NEW NORTH SOUND EVALUATION & TREATMENT FACILITY
  - ANNUAL HCA [TEAMONITOR] REVIEW
  - CONTINUATION OF THE NORTH SOUND INTERLOCAL LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE
  - NORTH SOUND BH-ASO 2022 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET
  - STATE AUDITOR ENTRANCE DOCUMENTS

**Report from the Finance Officer**

- Joe Valentine gave the report from the Finance Officer

**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****Motion #21-45**



- To review and approve the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization claims paid from September 1st, through September 30<sup>th</sup> in the amount of \$3,189,872.98.  
Payroll for the month of September in the amount of \$152,352.29 and associated employer benefits in the amount of \$56,748.02.

Cindy Wolfe moved the motion for approval, Perry Mowery seconded, none opposed, no abstentions, all in favor, motion #21-45 carried.

## Action Items

### For Board Approval

#### Health Care Authority

##### Summary:

An off-cycle amendment is adding the following funding streams to our contract.

- SB 5092 Added Crisis Teams/including child crisis teams \$2,496,794 (annual one-time payment)
- SB 5073 ASO monitoring of CR/LRA \$40,000 (annual one-time payment)
- Whatcom County Crisis Stabilization Diversion Project \$300,000 (annual one-time payment) and Trauma Informed School Counseling \$200,000 (annual one-time payment)
- SB 5071 funding for the monitoring of Western State Hospital discharges CR/LRA \$69,000 (annual one-time payment)
- Addition of Certified Peer Counselors to ASO mobile crisis teams \$190,900 (annual one-time payment)
- Peer Bridger Participant Service Funds \$11,109 (annual one-time payment)
- Additional \$75,000 in ongoing Mental Health Block Grant Funds for co-responder programs
- Additional \$25,000 in ongoing Substance Use Block Grant Funds for co-responder programs

##### Motion #21-46

- Health Care Authority-North Sound BH-ASO-K4949 Amendment 3 provides for July – December 2021 funding for legislative provisos and July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, of Federal Block Grant funds. The contract term is January 1, 2021, through December 2022.

Cindy Wolfe moved the motion for approval, Perry Mowery seconded, none opposed, no abstentions, all in favor, motion #21-46 carried

## Introduction Items


- Proposed Draft Plan for Allocation of the Community Behavioral Health Rental Assistance (CBRA) Dollars
- Proposed 2022 North Sound BH-ASO Operating Budget
  - The budget will be available on the NS-BHASO's website as of October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The proposed Draft Plan for the CBRA dollars was reviewed and discussed, in addition to the Proposed 2022 North Sound BH-ASO Operating budget.

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned around 3:00 p.m.

**Next meeting:** November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (the November meeting is taking place earlier than usual due to Veterans Day)

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joanie Wenzl", with a small flourish at the end.

Joanie Wenzl

Clerk of the Board

APPROVED