



Board of Directors

Virtual Meeting Agenda

January 13th, 2022

Board of Directors Members Present:

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

Guests Present:

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions Chair Johnson
- 2. Revisions to the Agenda Chair
- **3. Approval of the December 9th, 2021, Minutes, Motion #22-01** Chair Johnson...... Attachment
- 4. Comments & Announcements from the Chair
- 5. Reports from Members
- 6. Comments from the Public
- **7. State Audit Exit Conference (1:45 p.m.):** Megan M., CPA, Karyna Orcutt, Assistant Audit Manager
- 8. Report from the Advisory BoardAttachment
- 9. Report from the Executive Director......Attachments
- 10. Report from the Finance OfficerAttachment

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Consent Agenda Attachment Motion #22-02

- To review and approve the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization claims paid from December 1st, 2021, through December 31st, 2021, in the amount of \$1,711,406.54.
- Payroll for the month of December in the amount of \$153,119.28 and associated employer benefits in the amount of \$61,493.59.

12. Action Items

For Board Approval

Summary:

Health Care Authority

This contract is being offered to North Sound BH-ASO to implement a Homeless Outreach Stabilization Team (HOST) focusing on individuals with substance use disorders. This is a multidisciplinary team to include, but not limited to, Behavioral Health Professionals, RNs, Prescribers, Peers and case managers.

The annual funding for the program is \$956,080. However, HCA is providing the first year's funding in the January amendment for the period of January – June 2022 for startup costs. North Sound will be releasing a Request for Qualifications in January.

Motion #22-03

• HCA-NS BH-ASO-K5757 for the provision of the HOST program in the North Sound Region in the amount of \$956,080 with a term of January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022.

Summary:

COVID Substance Abuse & Mental Health Block Grant

Funding was set aside for the current Opiate Outreach programs to expand/enhance services. The programs identified needs such as Narcan Kits, flexible funding for personal needs and other needs such as transportation.

Additional six-month funding is added to the Snohomish County contract for a co-responder program.

Motion #22-04

NS BH-ASO-Island County-ICN-Amendment 9 to provide additional opiate outreach funding in the amount of \$20,000. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-Community Action of Skagit County (CASC)-ICN-Amendment 6 to provide additional opiate outreach funding in the amount of \$26,700. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-Snohomish County-ICCN-Amendment 5 to provide additional opiate outreach funding in the amount of \$15,000 and \$160,446 for a co-responder program. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-Whatcom County-ICN-Amendment 9 to provide additional opiate outreach funding in the amount of \$30,000. The contract term is July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2022, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2022, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

13. Adjourn

Next Meeting: February 10, 2022

North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

December 9th, 2021

Board of Directors Members Present:

- **Jill Johnson**, County Commissioner; Island County, Board Chair
- Jackie Mitchell, Whatcom County Behavioral Health Program Specialist, Whatcom County; designated alternate for Satpal Sidhu
- Darcy Cheesman, Legislative Aid, Snohomish County; designated alternate for Sam Low, Snohomish County Council Member
- Cindy Wolf, Council Member, San Juan County
- Nicole Gorle, Legislative Analyst, Snohomish County; designated alternate for Nate Nehring, Snohomish County Council
- George Kosovich, Skagit County Public Health; additional designated alternate for Peter Browning
- Barbara LaBrash, Human Services Manager, San Juan County; designated alternate for Cindy Wolf, County Council Member
- Cammy Hart-Anderson, Snohomish County Human Services; designated alternate for Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive
- **Rud Browne,** County Council, Whatcom County
- Duncan West, North Sound BH-ASO Advisory Board Chair
- Arlene Feld, North Sound BH-ASO Advisory Board Vice-Chair

North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (North Sound BH-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:

No guests were present

Call to Order and Introductions - Chair

Chair Johnson called the virtual meeting to order and initiated introductions

Revisions to the Agenda – Chair

Chair Johnson announced that during today's meeting there will be a public hearing for the North Sound BH-ASO 2022 Operating Budget

Approval of the November 4th, 2021, Minutes: Chair

Motion #21-51

Cindy Wolf moved the motion for approval, Cammy Hart Anderson seconded, none opposed, no abstentions, all in favor, motion #21-51 carried.

Comments & Announcements from the Chair

Chair Johnson noted that in reference to time constraints during today's meeting, she is fore going any comments

Reports from Members: Chair

The Chair asked for reports from members regarding their respective county updates.

- San Juan county spoke of the recent flooding in the area and the effected households. They are currently working with law enforcement regarding Designated Crisis Responders (DCRs) and responsibilities
- Snohomish County spoke of a pilot program funding recovery supports services. DCR impact issues was included in the county update
- Skagit County spoke about the recent flooding in Hamilton and Concrete and the effected families. ARPA funding for outreach services was also part of the update

Comments from the Public: Chair

Chair Johnson asked if there were any comments from the public, there were none

Report from the Advisory Board: Chair

Chair Johnson referenced the Advisory Board Brief in the Board Members packets and said they could read it at their leisure.

Report from the Executive Director

Joe referenced the Report from the Executive Director which included the following topics:

- NEW PROGRAMS
 - New Journeys
 - HOST [Homeless Outreach Stabilization Team]
- WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE
- RECOVERY NAVIGATOR PROGRAM
- HRSA GRANT
- CRISIS SERVICES
- CRISIS RESPONSE IMPROVEMENT STRATEGY COMMITTEE [CRIS]
- FACILITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT
- STATE AUDITOR'S REPORT

JANUARY 13, 2022, BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Report from the Finance Officer

Joe gave the Report from the Finance Officer. Questions were answered
The ASO's billing process was discussed and asked to be elaborated on during a future meeting. Exceptions in the billing process will be discussed during Governance and Operations Meetings.

Report from the Governance Operations Committee: Chair

The Chair said the Governance and Operations Committee recommended approval of paying the ASO's vouchers

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Consent Agenda

Motion #21-52

- To review and approve the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization claims paid from October 1st, through October 31st in the amount of \$2,405,470.21.
- Payroll for the month of October in the amount of \$152,215.28 and associated employer benefits in the amount of \$65,793.55.

Cindy Wolf moved the motion for approval, Cammy Hart-Anderson seconded, none opposed, no abstentions, all in favor, motion #21-52 carried

Motion #21-53

- To review and approve the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization claims paid from November 1st, through November 30th in the amount of \$3,175,228.34.
- Payroll for the month of November in the amount of \$152,667.28 and associated employer benefits in the amount of \$56,642.60.

Cindy Wolf moved the motion for approval, Cammy Hart-Anderson seconded, none opposed, no abstentions, all in favor, motion #21-53 carried

Action Items

For Board Approval

North Sound BH-ASO 2022 COLA

Summary:

• Based on conversations at the November 11th Board of Directors meeting, we have developed three options for the 2022 COLA. This does not include a COLA for the Executive Director, that will be decided at a later date.

For Board consideration:

- 1) The original proposal of 6.285% based on the 2021 change in the Consumer Price Index
- 2) The average change in COLA over the last 5 years 3.316%
- 3) No COLA salary or a different COLA amount that might be suggested by a Board member

Motion #21-54

- To approve a _____% COLA for the 2022 North Sound BH-ASO Budget with an effective date of January 1, 2022. Discussion took place on the NS BH-ASO COLA for 2022. There was dialogue on the percentages, information source(s) and the other county 2022 COLA percentages. Following the dialogue, below are the percentages that were voted on:
 - Snohomish and Island: 2.75% (Cammy, Heidi, Darcy, Nicole, Jill) = 5 votes
 - Whatcom, San Juan, and Skagit: 3.00% (Rud, Jackie, Cindy, George) = 4 votes
 - > 2.75% COLA was approved via majority vote (5 to 4)
 - Motion #21-54: 2.75%

Cindy Wolf moved a motion for a North Sound BH-ASO Salary Survey and the inclusion of a Benefits Study to take place in calendar year 2022 for 2023 implementation. George Kosovich seconded. None opposed, no abstentions, all in favor, **Motion #21-54 A** was added and approved.

North Sound BH-ASO 2022 Operating Budget https://www.nsbhaso.org/who-we-are/boards-and-committees/board-of-directors/Proposed%202022%20Budget without%20COLA.pdf

- The Chair noted that the Public Hearing for the North Sound BH-ASO 2022 Operating Budget Presentation was now opened.
- o The Public Hearing Session Commencement time was 2:42 p.m.
- o The Chair asked if there were any comments from the public on the proposed 2020 Operating Budget. There were none
- o The Chair called 3 times for comment, there were none. She closed the Public Hearing at 2:42 p.m.

Summary:

The 2022 Operating Budget is being presented for approval. The motion will include the COLA as approved in Motion #21-54.

Motion #21-55

■ To approve the North Sound BH-ASO 2022 Operating Budget with a COLA of ______% with an effective date of January 1, 2022.

The 2022 Operating Budget (and COLA, approved at 2.75% via majority vote) was discussed. Jill Johnson moved the motion for approval, Cindy Wolf seconded, none opposed, no abstentions, all in favor, motion #21-55 carried.

Summary:

The contracts being submitted for approval this month fall into four distinct categories:

- Health Care Authority (HCA) contract to include funding for the period of January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022.
- Downstream contracts for General Fund-State (GF-S) Mandatory Services (Crisis Outreach, Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) Services, ITA inpatient, Secure Withdrawal Management, Proviso Funding)

- Downstream contracts for Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) Priority Services (Pregnant & Parenting Women Housing Services (PPW), Individuals using Intravenous Drugs (IUID) Opiate Outreach)
- Downstream contracts for GF-S/SABG/Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) Services within Available Resources (Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Outpatient, SUD Residential, Triage Services)

The downstream contracts follow the HCA contract. The funding for the downstream contracts is included in the same amendment, which is why you will see the same numbered amendment under a different category of funding. The funding allocations for the downstream contracts will be developed over the next month.

Areas of new funding are highlighted.

Health Care Authority

K-4949 is providing the funding for the period of January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022.

 New deliverables are included in the January amendment along with the off-cycle amendment's additional funding and programs. No new funding is expected for the period of January – June 2022.

Motion #21-56

■ HCA-NS BH-ASO-K-4949-Amendment 4 providing the ASO GF-S funding and legislative provisos for the period of January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022.

Cindy Wolf moved the motion for approval, Cammy Hart-Anderson seconded, none opposed, no abstentions, motion # 21-56 carried

GF-S Mandatory Services

Summary:

The following contracts are providing mandatory behavioral health services.

- Compass Health
 - Crisis Outreach, ITA services, Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT), Evaluation and Treatment Services, Discharge Planners Whatcom Triage Diversion Pilot
- Snohomish County
 - Crisis Outreach, ITA services
 - o Proviso Funding-Jail Transition Services, Designated Marijuana Account, Trueblood Funds
- Volunteers of America
 - o Toll Free Crisis Line
- Telecare
 - Evaluation and Treatment Services, Discharge Planners
- American Behavioral Health Services (ABHS)
 - Secure Withdrawal Management
- Community Action of Skagit County (CASC)
 - Ombuds Services
- Sea Mar
 - Assisted Outpatient Treatment
- Lifeline Connections
 - o PACT
 - o HARPS
- Snohomish County Superior Court
 - Juvenile Treatment Services

- Island County
 - Proviso Funding-Jail Transition Services, Trueblood Funds, Designated Marijuana Account, HARPS subsidies
- San Juan County
 - o Proviso Funding-Jail Transition Services, Designated Marijuana Account & HARPS subsidies
- Skagit County
 - o Proviso Funding-Jail Transition Services, Designated Marijuana Account, Trueblood Funds
- Whatcom County
 - o Proviso Funding-Jail Transition Services, Designated Marijuana Account, Trueblood Funds,

Motion # 21-57

- NS BH-ASO-Compass Health-ICCN-19-22 Amendment 7 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-Snohomish County-ICCN-19-22 Amendment 4 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-VOA-ICCN-19-22 Amendment 5 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-Telecare-ICCN-19-22 Amendment 2 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-ABHS-ICN-19-22 Amendment 2 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-CASC-ICN-19-22 Amendment 5 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-Sea Mar-ICN-19-22 Amendment 3 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-Lifeline Connections-ICN-19-22 Amendment 5 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-Snohomish County Superior Court-ICN-19-22 Amendment 3 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-Island County-ICN-19-22 Amendment 8 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-San Juan County-ICN-19-22 Amendment 5 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-Skagit County-Interlocal-19-22 Amendment 5 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-Whatcom County-ICN-19-22 Amendment 8 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2022, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2022, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

Cindy Wolf moved the motion for approval, Darcy Cheesman seconded, none opposed, none abstained, all in favor, motion #21-57 carried

Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) & Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) Priority Services Summary:

The following contracts are providing SABG priority Services:

- Brigid Collins
 - o Pregnant and Parenting Women (PPW) Housing Support Services
- Evergreen Recovery Centers
 - PPW Housing Support Services
- Catholic Community Services
 - o PPW Housing Support Services
- Therapeutic Health Services
 - Medication Assisted Treatment
- Island County
 - o Opiate Outreach
- Community Action of Skagit County
 - Opiate Outreach
- Snohomish County
 - Opiate Outreach
- Whatcom County
 - o Opiate Outreach
- Lifeline Connections
 - Peer Pathfinder Incarceration Pilot (includes mental health and substance abuse block grant funds)
- Telecare Corp.
 - o Peer Bridger Program, Peer Bridger Relief Funds

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Motion #21-58

■ NS BH-ASO-Brigid Collins-ICN-19-22 Amendment 4 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-ERC-ICN-19-22 Amendment 5 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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 NW-ICN-19-22 Amendment 4 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-THS-ICN-19-22 Amendment 3 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-Island County-ICN-19-22 Amendment 8 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-CASC-ICN-19-22 Amendment 5 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-Snohomish County-ICN-19-22 Amendment 4 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-Whatcom County-ICN-19-22 Amendment 8 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-Lifeline Connections-MHBG-20-22 Amendment 3 to provide additional funding to the Peer Path Finder services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-Telecare-MHBG-19-22 Amendment 2 to provide additional funding to Peer Bridger services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2022, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2022, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

Cindy Wolf moved the motion for approval, Heidi Beazizo seconded, none opposed, no abstentions, all in favor, motion #21-58 carried

GF-S/SABG/MHBG Services within Available Resources

- Compass Health
 - SUD outpatient services in San Juan County
 - Snohomish & Whatcom County Triage Services
- Evergreen Recovery Centers
 - Withdrawal Management Services

- Mental Health Infant Specialist
- Island County
 - Co-Responder project
- Lifeline Connections
 - SUD Outpatient services
 - o Recovery Housing
- Lake Whatcom Center
 - o PACT
 - o Mental Health outpatient services
 - Substance Use outpatient services
- Pioneer Human Services
 - Skagit & Whatcom withdrawal management services
 - SUD residential services
- Sea Mar
 - o Mental health outpatient services
 - Substance use outpatient services
 - o SUD residential services
- Volunteers of America (VOA)
 - o Emergency Response for Suicide Prevention (ERSP)

Motion #21-59

- NS BH-ASO-Compass Health-ICCN-19-22 Amendment 7 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-ERC-ICN-19-22 Amendment 5 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-Island County-ICN-19-22 Amendment 8 to provide the funding for co-responder services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-Lifeline Connections-ICN-19-22 Amendment 5 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-LWC-ICN-19-22 Amendment 3 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-PHS-ICN-19-22 Amendment 7 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-Sea Mar-ICN-19-22 Amendment 3 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, 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-VOA-ICCN-19-22 Amendment 5 to provide the funding for suicide prevention follow up services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2022, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2022, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract

Cindy Wolf moved the motion for approval, Rud Browne seconded, none opposed, none abstained, all in favor, motion #21-59 carried

Professional Service Contract

Summary:

Telecare has approached Skagit County and North Sound BH-ASO to cover costs for infrastructure at the new Evaluation and Treatment Center. Infrastructure costs include resident/office furniture, kitchen equipment and miscellaneous items. The funding type is Federal Block Grant. In conversation with Skagit County, it was decided we would split the costs, each paying \$125,698.

Motion #21-60

NS-BH-ASO-Telecare-PSC-21 for the provision of \$125,698 of federal block grant funds to cover half the costs of infrastructure needed to open and operate the E&T facility. The contract term is December 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

Jackie Mitchell moved the motion for approval, Rud Browne seconded, none opposed, no abstentions, all in favor, motion #21-60 carried

New Federal & State Holiday-Juneteenth

Summary:

North Sound BH-ASO is proposing to add the new Holiday to the 2022 holiday closure calendar. In accordance with our Personnel Policy the Board of Directors has the authority to amend, modify or terminate benefits, language follows: "North Sound BH-ASO Board of Directors reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to amend, modify or terminate, in whole or in part, any or all of the provision of the benefit plans described herein."

Motion #21-61

Approve the addition of the 2022 Federal and State Holiday Juneteenth (June 19th) to the North Sound BH-ASO calendar of holiday closures.

Rud Browne moved the motion for approval, Cindy Wolf seconded, none opposed, no abstentions, all in favor, motion #21-61 carried

Adjourn 2:56 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 13, 2022

Exit Conference: North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization

The Office of the Washington State Auditor's vision is increased trust in government. Our mission is to provide citizens with independent and transparent examinations of how state and local governments use public funds, and develop strategies that make government more efficient and effective.

The purpose of this meeting is to share the results of your audit and our draft reporting. We value and appreciate your participation.

Audit Reports

We will publish the following reports:

• Financial statement and federal grant compliance audits for January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020 – see draft report.

Audit Highlights

- We would like to thank Darrell Heiner and Organization Staff for their cooperation and timely response to our requests during the audit; especially since the audit was performed in a remote environment.
- We noted the Organization is quick to implement our recommendations.
- We thank the Organization for its ongoing commitment to build the relationship with the Office of the Washington State Auditor.

Recommendations not included in the Audit Reports

Exit Items

We have provided exit recommendations for management's consideration. Exit items address control deficiencies or non-compliance with laws or regulation that have an insignificant or immaterial effect on the entity, or errors with an immaterial effect on the financial statements. Exit items are not referenced in the audit report.

Communications required by audit standards

In relation to our financial statement audit report, we would like to bring to your attention:

- Uncorrected misstatements in the audited financial statements are summarized on the attached schedule. We agree with management's representation that these misstatements are immaterial to the fair presentation of the financial statements.
- There were no material misstatements in the financial statements corrected by management during the audit.

Finalizing Your Audit

Report Publication

Audit reports are published on our website and distributed via e-mail in an electronic .pdf file. We also offer a subscription service that allows you to be notified by email when audit reports are released or posted to our website. You can sign up for this convenient service at: https://portal.sao.wa.gov/SAOPortal.

Management Representation Letter

We have included a copy of representations requested of management.

Audit Cost

At the entrance conference, we estimated the cost of the audit to be \$31,000 and actual audit costs will approximate that amount.

Your Next Scheduled Audit

Your next audit is scheduled to be conducted in Fall 2022 and will cover the following general areas:

- Accountability for Public Resources
- Financial Statement
- Federal Programs

The estimated cost for the next audit based on current rates is \$44,000 plus travel expenses. This preliminary estimate is provided as a budgeting tool and not a guarantee of final cost.

Working Together to Improve Government

Audit Survey

When your report is released you will receive an audit survey from us. We value your opinions on our audit services and hope you provide feedback.

Local Government Support Team

This team provides support services to local governments through technical assistance, comparative statistics, training, and tools to help prevent and detect a loss of public funds. Our website and client portal offers many resources, including a client Help Desk that answers auditing and accounting questions. Additionally this team assists with the online filing of your financial statements.

The Center for Government Innovation

The Center for Government Innovation of the Office of the Washington State Auditor is designed to offer services specifically to help you help the residents you serve at no additional cost to your government. What does this mean? We provide expert advice in areas like Lean, peer-to-peer networking and culture-building to help local governments find ways to be more efficient, effective and transparent. The Center can help you by providing assistance in financial management, cybersecurity and more. Check out our best practices and other resources that help local governments act on accounting standard changes, comply with regulations, and respond to recommendations in your audit. The Center understands that time is your most precious commodity as a public servant, and we are here to help you do more with the limited hours you have. If you are interested in learning

how we can help you maximize your effect in government, call us at (564) 999-0818 or email us at Center@sao.wa.gov.

Questions?

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Financial Statements and Federal Single Audit Report

North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization

For the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

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Board of Directors North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization Mount Vernon, Washington

Report on Financial Statements and Federal Single Audit

Please find attached our report on the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization's financial statements and compliance with federal laws and regulations.

We are issuing this report in order to provide information on the Organization's financial condition.

Sincerely,

Pat McCarthy, State Auditor

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Olympia, WA

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

The results of our audit of the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization are summarized below in accordance with Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance).

Financial Statements

We issued an unmodified opinion on the fair presentation of the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Internal Control over Financial Reporting:

- *Significant Deficiencies:* We reported no deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies.
- *Material Weaknesses:* We identified no deficiencies that we consider to be material weaknesses.

We noted no instances of noncompliance that were material to the financial statements of the Organization.

Federal Awards

Internal Control over Major Programs:

- *Significant Deficiencies:* We reported no deficiencies in the design or operation of internal control over major federal programs that we consider to be significant deficiencies.
- *Material Weaknesses:* We identified no deficiencies that we consider to be material weaknesses.

We issued an unmodified opinion on the Organization's compliance with requirements applicable to its major federal program.

We reported findings that are required to be disclosed in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a).

Identification of Major Federal Programs

The following program was selected as a major program in our audit of compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance.

<u>CFDA No.</u> <u>Program or Cluster Title</u>

93.959 Block Grants for Prevention and Treatment of Substance Abuse

The dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs, as prescribed by the Uniform Guidance, was \$750,000.

The Organization did not qualify as a low-risk auditee under the Uniform Guidance.

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

None reported.

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

See Finding 2020-001.

SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

2020-001 The Organization improperly charged the program for expenditures incurred outside the period of performance.

CFDA Number and Title: 93.959 Block Grants for Prevention

and Treatment of Substance Abuse

Federal Grantor Name: U.S. Department of Health and

Human Services

Federal Award/Contract Number: N/A

Pass-through Entity Name: Washington Health Care Authority

Pass-through Award/Contract

Number: K4159 Questioned Cost Amount: \$29,704

The Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) program awards funds to states, territories and one Indian tribe for the purpose of planning, implementing and evaluating activities that prevent and treat substance abuse and other statute-authorized activities. During fiscal year 2020, the Organization spent \$3,833,323 in SABG funds, including \$1,276,458 that was passed through to subrecipients.

Federal regulations require every subaward to specify the period of performance start and end date. Eligible program costs must be incurred during that time period. The contract between the Washington Health Care Authority and the Organization specified the period of performance for this award was July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

Description of Condition

The Organization had adequate internal controls for ensuring it materially complied with the period of performance requirement. However, due to an oversight in the year-end accrual process, the Organization charged the program \$29,704 for subrecipient expenses incurred between November 2019 and June 2020, which was before the performance period.

The issue was not reported as a finding in the prior audit.

Cause of Condition

The Organization did not perform an adequate review of expenditures during the year-end journal entry process to ensure all costs charged to the program were within the period of performance.

Effect of Condition and Questioned Costs

We tested all year-end journal entries that charged expenditures to the program. We are questioning the \$29,704 charged to the program for subrecipient expenses incurred before the start of the performance period.

Federal regulations requires the State Auditor's Office to report known questioned costs that are greater than \$25,000 for each type of compliance requirement. We question costs when we find the Organization has not complied with grant regulations and/or when it does not have adequate documentation to support expenditures.

Recommendation

We recommend the Organization monitor costs charged to the program to ensure they are incurred during the period of performance.

Agency's Response

We agree an error was made. It has been corrected.

Auditor's Remarks

We appreciate the Organization's commitment to resolve the finding and thank the Organization for its cooperation and assistance during the audit. We will review the corrective action taken during the next regular audit.

Applicable Laws and Regulations

Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance), section 516, Audit findings, establishes reporting requirements for audit findings.

Title 2 CFR Part 200, Uniform Guidance, section 200.1 defines the Period of Performance.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

Board of Directors North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization Mount Vernon, Washington

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Organization's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 13, 2022.

As discussed in Note 11 to the 2020 financial statements, the full extent of the COVID-19 pandemic's direct or indirect financial impact on the Organization is unknown.

INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Organization's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Organization's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Organization's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of the Organization's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited. It also serves to disseminate information to the public as a reporting tool to help citizens assess government operations.

Pat McCarthy, State Auditor

Olympia, WA

January 13, 2022

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance

North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

Board of Directors North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization Mount Vernon, Washington

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM

We have audited the compliance of the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization, with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. *Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Organization's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2020. The Organization's major federal programs are identified in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of the Organization's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Organization's compliance with

those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the Organization's compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, the Organization complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance with those requirements, which is required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs as Finding 2020-001. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

Organization's Response to Findings

The Organization's response to the noncompliance findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs. The Organization's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE

Management of the Organization is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the Organization's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program in order to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited. It also serves to disseminate information to the public as a reporting tool to help citizens assess government operations.

Pat McCarthy, State Auditor

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Olympia, WA

January 13, 2022

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on the Financial Statements

North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

Board of Directors North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization Mount Vernon, Washington

REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Organization's basic financial statements as listed on page 16.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Organization's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control. Accordingly, we

express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization, as of December 31, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position thereof, and the budgetary comparison for the General fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Matters of Emphasis

As discussed in Note 11 to the 2020 financial statements, the full extent of the COVID-19 pandemic's direct or indirect financial impact on the Organization is unknown. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and required supplementary information listed on page 16 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary and Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Organization's basic financial statements as a whole. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). This schedule is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 13, 2022 on our consideration of the Organization's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Organization's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Pat McCarthy, State Auditor

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Olympia, WA

January 13, 2022

FINANCIAL SECTION

North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Management's Discussion and Analysis – 2020

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Net Position – 2020

Statement of Activities – 2020

Balance Sheet Governmental – 2020

Reconciliation of Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position – 2020

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Governmental Funds – 2020

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities – 2020

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance – Budget and Actual – General Fund – 2020

Notes to Financial Statements – 2020

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability – PERS 1 – 2020

Schedule of Employer Contributions – PERS 1–2020

Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability – PERS 2/3 – 2020

Schedule of Employer Contributions –PERS 2/3 – 2020

SUPPLEMENTARY AND OTHER INFORMATION

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards – 2020

Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards – 2020



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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR FINDINGS REPORTED UNDER UNIFORM GUIDANCE

North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

This schedule presents the corrective action planned by the Organization for findings reported in this report in accordance with Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance).

Finding ref number:	Finding caption:
2020-001	The Organization improperly charged the program for expenditures
	incurred outside the period of performance.

Name, address, and telephone of Organization contact person:

Darrell Heiner, Senior Accountant

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Corrective action the auditee plans to take in response to the finding:

North Sound BH-ASO has corrected the error and has implemented new billing procedures. Federal Block Grant funds, as of 10/28/21, will be billed by month of service, this in effect institutes another level of review prior to billing Health Care Authority.

Anticipated date to complete the corrective action: 10/28/21

ABOUT THE STATE AUDITOR'S OFFICE

The State Auditor's Office is established in the Washington State Constitution and is part of the executive branch of state government. The State Auditor is elected by the people of Washington and serves four-year terms.

We work with state agencies, local governments and the public to achieve our vision of increasing trust in government by helping governments work better and deliver higher value.

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January 13, 2022

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To the Office of the Washington State Auditor:

We are providing this letter in connection with your audit of North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization for the period from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Representations are in relation to matters existing during or subsequent to the audit period up to the date of this letter.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are significant or material. Information is considered significant or material if it is probable that it would change or influence the judgment of a reasonable person.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, having made appropriate inquires to be able to provide our representations, the following representations made to you during your audit. If we subsequently discover information that would change our representations related to this period, we will notify you in a timely manner.

General Representations:

- 1. We have provided you with unrestricted access to people you wished to speak with and made available requested and relevant information of which we are aware, including:
 - a. Financial records and related data.
 - b. Minutes of the meetings of the governing body or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.
 - c. Other internal or external audits, examinations, investigations or studies that might concern the objectives of the audit and the corrective action taken to address significant findings and recommendations.
 - d. Communications from regulatory agencies, government representatives or others concerning possible material noncompliance, deficiencies in internal control or other matters that might concern the objectives of the audit.
 - e. Related party relationships and transactions.

- f. Results of our internal assessment of business risks and risks related to financial reporting, compliance and fraud.
- 2. We acknowledge our responsibility for compliance with requirements related to confidentiality of certain information, and have notified you whenever records or data containing information subject to any confidentiality requirements were made available.
- 3. We acknowledge our responsibility for compliance with applicable laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements.
- 4. We have identified and disclosed all laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements that could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts, including legal and contractual provisions for reporting specific activities in separate funds.
- 5. Except as discussed with you, we have complied with all material aspects of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements.
- 6. We acknowledge our responsibility for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls over compliance with applicable laws and regulations and safeguarding of public resources, including controls to prevent and detect fraud.
- 7. We have established adequate procedures and controls to provide reasonable assurance of safeguarding public resources and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.
- 8. We have no knowledge of any loss of public funds or assets or other illegal activity, or any allegations of fraud or suspected fraud involving management or employees.
- 9. In accordance with RCW 43.09.200, all transactions have been properly recorded in the financial records, notwithstanding immaterial uncorrected items referenced below.
- 10. We are responsible for taking corrective action on audit findings and have developed a corrective action plan.

Additional representations related to the financial statements:

- 11. We acknowledge our responsibility for fair presentation of financial statements and believe financial statements are fairly presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America.
- 12. We acknowledge our responsibility for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting.
- 13. The financial statements include financial information of the primary government and all component units, fiduciary and other activity required by generally accepted accounting principles to be included in the financial reporting entity.

- 14. The financial statements properly classify all funds and activities.
- 15. All funds that meet the quantitative criteria in GASB requirements or are otherwise particularly important to financial statement users, are presented as major funds.
- 16. Capital assets, including infrastructure and intangible assets, are properly capitalized, reported and depreciated as applicable.
- 17. We have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the reported value or classification of assets, liabilities or net position.
- 18. Revenues are appropriately classified by fund and account.
- 19. Expenses have been appropriately classified by fund and account, and allocations have been made on a reasonable basis.
- 20. Net position components (net investment in capital assets, restricted and unrestricted) and fund balance components (nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned) are properly classified and, as applicable, approved.
- 21. Significant assumptions we used in making accounting estimates are reasonable.
- 22. The following have been properly classified, reported and disclosed in the financial statements, as applicable:
 - a. Interfund, internal, and intra-entity activity and balances.
 - b. Related-party transactions, including sales, purchases, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties.
 - c. Joint ventures and other related organizations.
 - d. Guarantees under which the government is contingently liable.
 - e. All events occurring subsequent to the fiscal year end through the date of this letter that would require adjustment to, or disclosure in, the financial statements.
 - f. Effects of all known actual or possible litigation, claims, assessments, violations of laws, regulations, contracts or grant agreements, and other loss contingencies.
- 23. We have accurately disclosed to you all known actual or possible pending or threatened litigation, claims or assessments whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements. We have also accurately disclosed to you the nature and extent of our consultation with outside attorneys concerning litigation, claims and assessments.

- 24. We acknowledge our responsibility for reporting supplementary information, in accordance with applicable requirements and believe supplementary information is fairly presented, in both form and content in accordance with those requirements.
- 25. We have disclosed to you all significant changes to the methods of measurement and presentation of supplementary information, reasons for any changes and all significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation.
- 26. We acknowledge our responsibility for the supplementary information required by generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (RSI) and believe RSI is measured and presented within prescribed guidelines.
- 27. We have disclosed to you all significant changes in the methods of measurement and presentation of RSI, reasons for any changes and all significant assumptions or interpretations underlying the measurement or presentation of the RSI.
- 28. We believe the effects of uncorrected financial statement misstatements summarized in the schedule of uncorrected items provided to us by the auditor are not material, both individually and in the aggregate, to each applicable opinion unit.
- 29. We acknowledge our responsibility not to publish any document containing the audit report with any change in the financial statements, supplementary and other information referenced in the auditor's report. We will contact the auditor if we have any needs for publishing the audit report with different content included.

Additional representations related to expenditures under federal grant programs:

- 30. We acknowledge our responsibility for complying, and have complied, with the requirements of 2 CFR § 200 *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*.
- 31. With regards to your audit of federal grant programs, we have made available all relevant and requested information of which we are aware, including:
 - a. All federal awards and related grant agreements (including amendments, if any), contracts with pass-through entities, service organizations and vendors, and correspondence.
 - b. All communications from federal awarding agencies, vendors, service organizations or pass-through entities concerning possible noncompliance.
 - c. All information regarding corrective actions taken and management decisions or follow-up work performed by federal or pass-through agencies on any findings reported in the past.

- d. All documentation related to the compliance requirements, including information related to federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements.
- e. Interpretations or other support for any situations where compliance with requirements might be questionable or unclear.
- 32. Except as reported by the audit, we have identified and complied with all direct and material compliance requirements of federal awards.
- 33. Management is responsible for establishing effective internal control and has, except as reported by the audit, maintained sufficient control over federal programs to provide reasonable assurance that awards are managed in compliance with laws, regulations, contracts or grant agreements that could have a material effect on each of our federal awards.
- 34. Federal program financial reports and claims for advances and reimbursements are supported by the accounting records from which the basic financial statements have been prepared, and are prepared on a basis consistent with the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.
- 35. Copies of federal program reports provided to you are true copies of the reports submitted, or electronically transmitted, to federal agencies or pass-through agencies, as applicable.
- 36. We are responsible for, and will accurately prepare, the auditee section of the Data Collection Form as required by the Uniform Guidance.

Additional representations related to federal grants passed through to subrecipients:

- 37. We have advised our subrecipients of requirements imposed on them by Federal laws, regulations, contracts or grant agreements as well as any supplemental requirements we impose as a condition of receiving Federal awards.
- 38. We have monitored the activities of our subrecipients as necessary to ensure that Federal awards are used for authorized purposes in compliance with laws, regulations, contracts or grant agreements.
- 39. We have determined that subrecipients expending \$750,000 or more in Federal awards during the subrecipient's fiscal year have met the audit requirements of 2 CFR § 200.501 for that fiscal year.
- 40. When applicable, we have issued a management decision on audit findings within six months after receipt of the subrecipient's audit report and ensured that the subrecipient has taken appropriate and timely corrective action.

41. We have considered the results of our subrecipients' audits and made any necessary adjustments to our own accounting records.

Joe Valentine

Joe Valentine
Executive Director

Darrell Heiner

Senior Accountant/Fiscal Officer



Advisory Board Brief

January 12, 2022

The Advisory Board met on January 4, and the following items were discussed:

— Advisory Board

- Members reviewed the response from Volunteers of America. It was determined by the Board to accept the asks from Volunteers of America.
- Ad Hoc Legislative Committee shared the scheduled appointments with state Representatives and Senators.
- Ad Hoc Committees were formed to annually review Advisory Board Bylaws and Policies.
- A process will be developed to coordinate the Members involvement in the ASO engagement planning proposal. Members expressed interest in serving on the Review Committee.

— Executive Director

- The Executive Director reported on
 - January 2021 Funding Allocations
 - Recovery Navigator Program
 - Community Behavioral Health Rental Assistance Program
 - Depart of Health Grant Awarded to the North Sound Youth and Family Coalition
 - Crisis Services Update
 - Workforce Development Update
 - Proposal for Advisory Board Engagement Planning
- The Action Items were passed and recommended to the Board of Directors

— Finance/Executive Committee

— The December Expenditures were passed and recommended to the Board of Directors for approval

- Island County 2 Vacancies
- San Juan 3 Vacancies
- Skagit No Vacancies
- Snohomish 2 Vacancies
- Whatcom 2 Vacancies

North Sound BH ASO Executive Director's Report-DRAFT January 13, 2022

1. JANUARY 2022 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

• We've received our January 2022 Contract amendment with our funding allocations for the January – June 2022 period [Attachment #1]

2. GOVERNOR'S 2022 SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET REQUESTS-BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

- The Governor's Office posted a summary of the Governor's 2022 Supplemental Behavioral Health Budget requests on their website. Attached are highlights of the behavioral health budget requests. [Attachment #2].
- Some key highlights to note include:
 - ➤ 4.5% Provider Rate increase
 - ➤ Additional funding for the Recovery Navigator Program
 - ➤ Funding for the development of a short-term Crisis Stabilization program for youth [location not yet determined]
 - ➤ Funding for supportive housing and employment services for non-Medicaid individuals
 - ➤ Additional funding for distribution of Naloxone kits
 - Establishment of 10 mobile units to increase access to medication assisted treatment

3. RECOVERY NAVIGATOR PROGRAM [RNP]

- A "Request for Qualifications" [RFQ] to select the lead entity for the RNP program in Skagit, Island, and San Juan county was issued on December 8 [posted on our website at: https://nsbhaso.org/for-providers/requests-for-proposals-and-qualifications]
- RFQ responses must be received by January 21. County coordinators and representatives from the Advisory Board will be invited to participate in the RFQ review panel.
- We are continuing to work with the Snohomish County LEAD program to coordinate the RNP program with LEAD.
- We will also be developing a contract with the LEAD program in Whatcom County, which we understand is being transitioned from Sea Mar to the County.

4. COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM [CBRA]

- Contracts for the CBRA program for Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom and San Juan counties are now in place and the lead entities are ready to take referrals.
- See the attached December Provider Bulletin for the contact names for each county [Attachment #3].
- We are continuing to explore options for an Island County lead entity.

5. HOST [Homeless Outreach Stabilization Team]

- As reported last month, the North Sound BH-ASO is receiving \$956,080 to establish a "Homeless Outreach Stabilization Team].
- HOST uses a multi-disciplinary team to provide intensive outreach services to persons
 who are homeless and suffering from substance use or co-occurring substance use
 disorders and behavioral health conditions. Specifically, persons whose behavioral
 health condition creates barriers to their use of other community based behavioral health
 services.
- The funding for HOST can be braided with other funding that a behavioral health agency is using for homeless outreach services.
- Our plan for implementing HOST is due to HCA by January 31, but we alerted them it's not likely we'll have a provider in place by that time.
- We'll issue an RFP or RFQ to select a provider. Both Snohomish and Whatcom counties have expressed interest in the program. We'll need to decide whether braiding the funding with other programs will enable us to fund more than one HOST team.

6. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GRANT AWARDED TO THE NORTH SOUND YOUTH AND FAMILY COALITION [YFC]

- The North Sound Youth and Family Coalition [the title for the "Family Youth System Partner Roundtable" funded under the ASO's HCA contract] has been awarded a grant from the Department of Health to fund youth outreach activities.
- We'll have more information at the February Board meeting.
- The YFC is supported by BH-ASO Quality Specialist Valerie Jones.

7. CRISIS SERVICES UPDATE

- a) Weekly Crisis Capacity Indicator Report through January [attachment #4]. The reported number of Calls to the Crisis Line and dispatches of mobile crisis outreach teams dipped a little during the holidays but are back up to the historically high levels.
- **b)** Monthly Crisis Services Dashboard [attachment #5]. The dashboard shows a steady increase in both calls and mobile crisis outreaches from June through the end of November.

8. DISASTER DECLARATION

- On January 5, 2022, the state of Washington received a Presidential disaster declaration for individual assistance in response to flooding and mudslides for Clallam, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties and the Lummi Nation, Nooksack Indian Tribe, and Quileute Tribe.
- The state is eligible to apply for the FEMA funded Disaster Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training grant which funds teams of support specialists to help meet the behavioral health needs of disaster survivors.

- On Monday, ASO and Whatcom and Skagit county staff met with the HCA program staff to discuss what would be involved for the counties and/or any organization in the counties to agree to be a contractor for the Crisis Counseling 'Immediate Services Program' this is a sixty-day program.
- The counties would need to get back to HCA by today, January 13, if they or another organization within the county want to become a contractor.
- If there are no organizations interested in the "Immediate Services Program", they could still indicate interest in contracting for the follow up "Regular Services Program a sixmonth program.

9. WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

- The MCO/ASO Clinical Coordination Workforce Development Subcommittee has developed preliminary recommendations for strategies that MCOs and ASOs could support to complement the recommendations from the state Behavioral Health Workforce Advisory Council.
- These were reviewed at the January 11 bi-monthly meeting of the MCO&ASO Clinical Coordination Committee.
- Recommendations fall into 4 different categories:
 - 1) Funding incentives to be used by Behavioral Health Agencies, e.g., recruitment incentives.
 - 2) Funding incentives that would be provided directly to Behavioral Health workers, e.g., funding for CEU training and continuing education.
 - 3) Expanding the role and availability of Certified Peer Counselors, e.g., funding the expansion of available Peer Certification Training.
 - 4) Partnering with HCA to provide technical assistance to BHAs on how to improve the efficiency of their model of care and maximize their revenue
- MCOs are especially interested in expanding the role and availability of Certified Peer Counselors. We are already moving ahead with plans to fund additional Peer Certification training for Peer awaiting training in the North Sound [about 173]. The North Sound Accountable Community of Health is also interested in partnering with us on this.

10. ANNOUNCING NEW NORTH SOUND BH-ASO STAFF PERSON

- We are pleased to announce that Megan Drake joined the North Sound BH-ASO staff on January 3 as a Quality Specialist. She is filling the position vacated by James Dixon when he was appointed to the new Regional Recovery Navigator Program Coordinator.
- Megan has worked in the behavioral health field for nearly 7 years to include being an Assistant Program Manager for VOA's Crisis Line and Utilization Management programs. Megan worked as the Director of Utilization Review for Smokey Pont Behavioral Health and most recently was employed by Compass Health's imbedded MHP IMPACT program with Skagit County Sheriff's Office. Megan's professional

experience with crisis services, utilization management, program development, quality improvement and system advocacy will be a respected and valued addition to our organization.

11. POLICY ON BILLING DEADLINES

- In response to a request from the Board of Directors, we have drafted a policy and guidelines for timelines and exceptions related to provider billings. This is being presented to the Governance and Operations Committee for review and comment.

 [Attachment # 6]
- The final policy will be submitted for approval at the February Board meeting.

Exhibit A-4: Non-Medicaid Funding Allocation North Sound BH-ASO

This Exhibit addresses non-Medicaid funds in the North Sound RSA for the provision of crisis services and non-crisis behavioral health services for January 1, 2022, through June 30, 2022, of state fiscal year (SFY) 2022. Amounts can be utilized during SFY ending June 30, 2022, unless otherwise noted.

MHBG and SABG funds will be administered by the BH-ASO in accordance with the plans developed locally for each grant. Block grant funding is shown for the full SFY 2022, and spending in January - June 2022 is also counted out of these totals.

Table 1: North Sound RSA January-June 2022 (SFY22) GF-S Funding

Fund Source	Monthly	Total 6 Months
Flexible GF-S	\$1,117,711.00	\$6,706,266.00
PACT	\$23,166.00	\$138,996.00
Assisted Outpatient Tx	\$19,737.00	\$118,422.00
1109 PACT Team 1	\$19,477.00	\$116,862.00
1109 PACT Team 2	\$19,477.00	\$116,862.00
Flexible GF-S (ASO)- Begin FY2021- Proviso (7B)	\$55,385.00	\$332,310.00
Jail Services	\$30,628.00	\$183,768.00
ITA - Non-Medicaid funding	\$22,865.00	\$137,190.00
Detention Decision Review	\$8,958.00	\$53,748.00
Long-Term Civil Commitment Court Costs	\$1,196.17	\$7,177.00
Trueblood Misdemeanor Diversion	\$18,662.00	\$111,972.00
Island County Crisis Stabilization	\$0.00	\$0.00
Juvenile Drug Cour	\$11,650.00	\$69,900.00
DMA	\$48,441.00	\$290,646.00
Secure Detox	\$28,913.00	\$173,478.00
Behavioral Health Advisory Board	\$3,333.00	\$19,998.00
Ombuds	\$3,750.00	\$22,500.00
Discharge Planners	One-Time payment (Six months)	\$53,647.00
BH Service Enhancements	One-Time payment (Six months)	\$389,594.00
1109 PACT Catch Up	One-Time payment (Six months)	\$97,383.00
5092(65) Added Crisis Teams/including child crisis teams	One-Time payment (Annual)	\$0.00
5073-ASO monitoring CR/LRA	One-Time payment (Annual)	\$0.00
Blake Navigator Program	One-Time payment (Annual)	\$0.00
Whatcom County Crisis Stabilize (\$300K) & Schools Support (\$200K)	One-Time payment (Annual)	\$0.00
Blake 5476 Lead Admin	One-Time payment (Annual)	\$0.00
Total	\$1,433,349.17	\$9,140,719.00

Table 2: North Sound RSA FY 2022 Grant Funding (12 months)

Fund Source	Total FY2022
MHBG (Full Year SFY2022)	\$1,186,032
Peer Bridger (Full Year SFY2022)	\$240,000
FYSPRT (Full Year SFY2022)	\$75,000
SABG (Full Year SFY2022)	\$3,314,438
Total	\$ 4,815,470

Table 3: North Sound RSA Covid Grant Funding (Utilization until March 2023)

Fund Source	Total FY2022
MHBG Covid (BH-ASO) Peer Pathfinders Transition from Incarceration Pilot	\$71,000
MHBG Covid (BH-ASO) Treatment -Crisis Services	\$227,109
MHBH Covid MH Services non-Medicaid services & individuals	\$1,037,744
MHBG Covid - Peer Bridger Participant Service Funds	\$11,109
MHBG Covid - Addition of Certified Peer Counselor to BHASO Mobile Crisis Response Teams	\$190,900
SABG Covid BH-ASO Treatment Funding	\$2,186,014
SABG Covid Peer Pathfinders Transition from Incarceration Pilot	\$71,000
Total	\$ 3,794,876

Table 4: North Sound RSA - Funds available Statewide to bill up to - Full FY 2022 amount

Fund Source	Total FY2022	
SB 5071 - Full FY amount is available to Providers for the cost of monitoring CR/LRA	\$69,000	
State Hospital discharged Individuals.	\$69,000	

Explanations

All proviso dollars are GF-S funds. Outlined below, are explanations of the provisos and dedicated accounts applicable to all regions that receive the specific proviso:

- **Juvenile Drug Court:** Funding to provide alcohol and drug treatment services to juvenile offenders who are under the supervision of a juvenile drug court.
- **State Drug Court:** Funding to provide alcohol and drug treatment services to offenders who are under the supervision of a drug court.
- **Jail Services:** Funding to provide mental health services for mentally ill offenders while confined in a county or city jail. These services are intended to facilitate access to programs that offer mental health service upon mentally ill offenders' release from confinement. This includes efforts to expedite applications for new or re-instated Medicaid benefits.
- WA Program for Assertive Community Treatment (WA PACT)/Additional PACT: Funds
 received per the budget proviso for development and initial operation of high-intensity
 programs for active community treatment WA- PACT teams.
- **1109 PACT Startup:** Funding to ensure the productive startup of services while maintaining fidelity to the PACT model. These funds are provided for provider startup expenses.
- Detention Decision Review: Funds that support the cost of reviewing a DCR's decision whether to detain or not detain an individual under the State's involuntary commitment statutes.
- Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA): Funds received, through a designated account
 in the State treasury, for expenditure on: a) SUD treatment and treatment support services for
 offenders with an addition of a SUD that, if not treated, would result in addiction, against whom
 charges are filed by a prosecuting attorney in Washington State; b: the provision of drug and
 alcohol treatment services and treatment support services for nonviolent offenders within a
 drug court program.
- CJTA Therapeutic Drug Court: Funding to set up of new therapeutic courts for cities or counties or for the expansion of services being provided to an already existing therapeutic court that engages in evidence-based practices, to include medication assisted treatment in jail settings pursuant to RCW 71.24.580.
- Assisted Outpatient Treatment: Funds received to support Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT). AOT is an order for Less Restrictive Alternative Treatment for up to ninety days from the date of judgment and does not include inpatient treatment.
- Dedicated Marijuana Account (DMA): Funding to provide a) outpatient and residential SUD treatment for youth and children; b) PPW case management, housing supports and residential treatment program; c) contracts for specialized fetal alcohol services; d) youth drug courts; and e) programs that support intervention, treatment, and recovery support services for middle school and high school aged students. All new program services must direct at least eighty-five percent of funding to evidence-based on research-based programs and practices.
- ITA Non-Medicaid Mobile Crisis (5480 Proviso): Funding that began in 2013, to provide additional local mental health services to reduce the need for hospitalization under the

BH-ASO Contract Exhibit A-4, Non-Medicaid Funding Allocation Rev. 11/30/2021 Involuntary Treatment Act in accordance with regional plans approved by DBHR.

- Secure Detoxification: Funding for implementation of new requirements of RCW 71.05, RCW 71.34 and RCW 71.24 effective April 1, 2018, such as evaluation and treatment by a SUDP, acute and subacute detoxification services, and discharge assistance provided by a SUDP in accordance with this Contract.
- Crisis Triage/Stabilization and Step-Down Transitional Residential: Funding originally allocated under SSB 5883 2017, Section 204(e) and Section 204(r) for operational costs and services provided within these facilities.
- Behavioral Health Enhancements (one-time payment): Funding for the implementation of regional enhancement plans originally funded under ESSB 6032 and continued in ESHB 1109.SL Section 215(23).
- **Discharge Planners (one-time payment):** These are funds received for a position solely responsible for discharge planning.
- Trueblood Misdemeanor Diversion Funds: These are funds for non-Medicaid costs associated
 with serving individuals in crisis triage, outpatient restoration, Forensic PATH, Forensic HARPS,
 or other programs that divert individuals with behavioral health disorders from the criminal justice
 system.
- Ombuds: Specific General Fund allocation to support a regional ombuds.
- **Behavioral Health Advisory Board (BHAB):** Specific General Fund allocation to support a regional BHAB.
- SB 5092(65) Added Crisis Teams/including Child Crisis Teams: Funds to support the purchase of new mobile crisis team capacity or enhancing existing mobile crisis staffing and to add or enhance youth/child Mobile crisis teams.
- SB 5476 Blake decision SUD Regional Administrator: Funds to support the regional administrator position responsible for assuring compliance with the recovery navigator program standards, including staffing standards.
- SB 5476 Blake decision Navigator Program Funds available to implement the recovery navigator plan that meets program requirements including demonstrating the ability to fully comply with statewide program standards.
- SB 5073 ASO monitoring Conditional Release/Less Restrictive Alternative Funds to support resources needed to coordinate and manage Non-Medicaid Conditional Release Individuals in transitional status who will transfer back to the region they resided in prior to entering the state hospital upon completion of transitional care.
- SB 5071 Full FY amount available Provider cost of monitoring CR/LRA State Hospital discharged individual Funds to support the treatment services for individuals released from a state hospital in accordance with RCW 10.77.086(4), competency restoration. BH-ASOs may submit an A-19, not to exceed \$9,000 per Individual. Amounts are statewide pooled funds and are limited to funds available.

BH-ASO Contract Exhibit A-4, Non-Medicaid Funding Allocation Rev. 11/30/2021

- MHBG Covid (BH-ASO) Peer Pathfinders Transition from Incarceration Pilot Funds to support the Peer Pathfinders Transition from Incarceration Pilot Program intended to serve Individuals exiting correctional facilities in Washington state who have either a serious mental illness or co-occurring conditions.
- MHBG Covid Enhancement Treatment Crisis Services Funds to supplement non-Medicaid individuals and non-Medicaid crisis services and systems.
- MHBG Covid Enhancement Mental Health Services non Medicaid services and individuals - Funds to supplement non-Medicaid individuals and non-Medicaid mental health services that meet MHBG requirements.
- MHBG Co-Responder funds Funds to support grants to law enforcement and other first responders to include a mental health professional on the team of personnel responding to emergencies within regions.
- SABG Co-Responder funds Funds to support grants to law enforcement and other first responders to include a mental health professional on the team of personnel responding to emergencies within regions.
- MHBG Covid Enhancement Peer Bridger Participant Service Funds Peer Bridger Participants Relief Funds to assist Individual's with engaging, re-engaging, and supporting service retention aligned/associated with continuing in treatment for mental health and/or SUD.
- MHBG Covid Enhancement Addition of Certified Peer Counselor to BHASO Mobile Crisis Response Teams – FBG stimulus funds for Contractor to enhance mobile crisis services by adding certified peer counselors.
- SABG Covid Enhancement BH-ASO Treatment Funding Funds to supplement non-Medicaid individuals and non-Medicaid Substance Use Disorder services that meetfederal block grant requirements.
- SABG Covid Enhancement Peer Pathfinders Transition from Incarceration Pilot Funds to support Funds to support Funds to support the Peer Pathfinders Transition from Incarceration Pilot Program intended to serve Individuals who are exiting correctional facilities in Washington state who have a substance use disorder or co-occurring condition.

Outlined below are explanation for provisos applicable to specific regions:

- ITA 180 Day Commitment Hearings: Funding to conduct 180 day commitment hearings.
- Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Pilot: Funding for pilot programs in Pierce and Yakima counties to implement AOT.
- **Spokane: Acute Care Diversion:** Funding to implement services to reduce the utilization and census at Eastern State Hospital.
- MH Enhancement Mt Carmel (Alliance): Funding for the Alliance E&T in Stevens County.

- MH Enhancement-Telecare: Funding for the Telecare E&T in King County.
- Long-Term Civil Commitment Beds: This funding is for court costs and transportation
 costs related to the provision of long-term inpatient care beds as defined in RCW 71.24.025
 through community hospitals or freestanding evaluation and treatment centers.
- Enhanced Mobile Crisis Response Funding Spokane, Beacon Trueblood funding –
 to enhance crisis services for identified Trueblood population to provide expedited crisis
 services and other enhancements.
- Enhanced Crisis Stabilization/Crisis Triage Spokane, Beacon, and King Trueblood funding Amounts are for enhancing services in Stabilization/Crisis Triage facility for identified Trueblood population.
- Trauma Informed Counseling services to children and youth in Whatcom County schools, North Sound Coordinate the provision of trauma informed counselling services to children and youth in Whatcom County schools.
- Whatcom County Crisis Stabilization Center Diversion Pilot, North Sound Coordinate the establishment of a Whatcom County Crisis Stabilization Center Pilot Project for diversion from the criminal justice system to appropriate community-based treatment.
- **King County ASO CCORS** -Funding to maintain children's crisis outreach response system services previously funded through DCYF.

DBHR listening session for behavioral health service providers

Tuesday January 4, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m.



Teams listening session norms

- Mute yourself if you are not speaking.
- Raise your hand if you want to speak.
- This time is for you. Ask questions, give comments, ask for help if you need it.
- ▶ If we cannot answer your question on this call, we will follow up after the webinar.



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Agenda

Subject	Who
• Welcome	Keri Waterland
Section updates	Keri Waterland
COVID updates	Dr. Fotinos and DOH
 Behavioral Health budget updates 	Michael Langer
• Questions	• All



DBHR updates

- Peer Bridging
 - ▶ Peer Bridger is growing into other systems of care.
 - ▶ Pioneer Human Services will be adding Peer Bridging to at least 4 of their SUD facilities in early 2022!
- Naloxone
 - Over 55,155 kits have been distributed that has resulted in 9526 overdose reversals.
- Trueblood update:
 - Trueblood Settlement funded programs (F-PATH, F-HARPS, OCRP)
 - projected to begin in King County on March 31, 2022.
- CPWI Community Survey
 - ► A tool is used by the Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative (CPWI) communities to inform program implementation.
- ▶ The Center of Parent Excellence (COPE) project
 - Provided a pathway for Washington State parents who are accessing and navigating the children's behavioral health system to have peer support to ease their journey, whenever possible.



Governor's proposed 2022 supplemental budget:

Behavioral Health investments

DBHR Legislative Team

Louise Nieto, Rey Falcatan

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Overview

- >\$254.6 M total + \$178.5 M in State funding =total amount of investments in Behavioral Health
 - > \$102.3 M (\$69.2M state funding) in provider rate increase
 - > \$59.3 M (\$31.9 M state funding) in requested service expansions
 - > \$46.5 M (\$37.5 M state funding) in housing crisis responses
 - > \$23.7 M (\$21 M state funding) in Opioid Overdose Responses
 - > \$22.8 M (\$18.9 M state funding) in other initiatives



Provider relief and rate increases

- \$102.3 M (69.2 M state funding in provider rate increases/relief
 - > \$16.9 M (\$4.6 M state funding) in bundle opioid treatment payments
- \$3.9 M (\$3.9 M state funding) in PACT teams rates
 - ► Aligns rates between existing and new providers for PACT teams.
- \$50 M (\$50 M state funding) in BH provider relief
 - ▶ One-time relief funding to mitigate impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic.
- BH provider rates
 - > \$31.5M Total (\$10.7M State funding)
 - ► Represents a 4.5% increase to BH provider rates.



Requested service expansions: 1

- \$59.3 M (\$31.9 M in state funding) in requested service expansions
- \$30.1 M (\$15 M in state funding) in the CLIP Program
 - Expands availability and access of long-term inpatient beds in the CLIP program.
- \$12 M (\$0.1 M state funding) in PCCM Program expansion
 - ► Expands the primary care coordination management program with Indian Health Service clinics.
- \$11.7 M (\$11.7 M state funding) in BH personal care
 - ▶ Potentially transfer the existing BH personal care program to managed care.
- \$5 M (\$5 M state funding) in outreach & intensive case management
 - Provides additional support to the Recovery Navigator program.



Requested service expansions: 2

- \$2.2 M (28K state funding) problem gambling treatment
 - ► Adds additional Problem Gambling treatment coverage to Apple Health
- \$150K (no state funding) appropriation for problem gambling
 - ► Ensures that individuals not on Apple health can still receive Problem Gambling treatment.
- \$0.1 M (\$0.1M state funding) for Tribal crisis responders
 - ► Supports implementation of Tribal DCR programs.
- \$0.1 M (no state funding) for continuum of care
 - Supports creation of a short-term Residential Crisis Stabilization program for youth.



Housing crisis response: 1

- \$46.5M (\$37.5M state funding) for housing crisis responses
 - Expand Housing & Employment access
 - > \$16.6M (\$16.6M State funding) for supported housing and supported employment programs for non-Medicaid individuals.
- \$11.2M (\$5.4M state funding) for expand Medical respite care
 - Expands respite care to reduce avoidable hospitalizations for individuals who do not have housing.
- \$8M (\$6M in state funding) to expand housing-first opportunities
 - Expands access to no-barrier, low-barrier, and transitional housing.
- \$4.9M (\$3.7M state funding) to provide crisis response for PSH
 - Supports regional BH mobile crisis teams focused on supported housing.



Housing crisis response: 2

- \$2.4M (2.4M state funding) for glidepath for supported employment
 - Creates a bridge period for Housing and Essential Needs benefits around supported employment.
- > \$2.1M (2.1M state funding) for specialized landlord support
 - Creates a regional landlord liaison program supporting stability for individuals with BH needs.
- \$0.8M (\$0.8M state funding) to reduce discharge to homelessness
 - ➤ Seeks to prevent situations around discharge from BH institutions to homelessness.
- \$0.5M (\$0.5M in state funding) to invest in master leasing incentive
 - Creates a master leasing incentive program and toolkit for landlords serving special populations.



Opioid overdose and treatment investments

- \$23.7M (21M in state funding) for opioid overdose and treatment responses
- \$10M (\$10M in state funding) for naloxone distribution
 - Significantly expands access to naloxone kits.
- \$10.8M (\$8.1M in state funding) to establish mobile opioid treatment
 - Establishes 10 Mobile units to increase access to medications for opioid use disorder.
- \$1.9M (\$1.9M in state funding) to expand drug checking services
 - Provides funding for test strips for fentanyl and other substances.
- \$1M (\$1M State funding) to support and opioid youth awareness campaign.



Other notable initiatives: 1

- \$23M (\$19M in state funding) for other notable initiatives
- \$5.5M (\$4.6M in state funding) for youth inpatient navigators
 - ► Funds Navigators to assist families and caregivers to identify solutions when long-term beds are unavailable.
- \$4.3M (\$3M in state funding) for regional treatment facilities
 - Expands services at regional treatment facilities.
- \$2.1M (\$1.1M state funding) to support recent BH Initiatives
 - Provides administrative support for recent behavioral health initiatives.
- >\$1.2M (\$1.2M state funding) for Wraparound with Intensive Services (WISe)
 - ► Expands eligibility for Wraparound with Intensive Services (WISe).



Other notable initiatives: 2

- \$8.9M (\$8.6M in state funding) for Trueblood Diversion program
 - Provides bridge funding for some Trueblood diversion programs
- \$0.2M (no state funding) for child assessment and diagnosis
 - ► Increases provider training related to developmental disorders of infancy and early childhood.
- \$0.3M (\$0.1M in state funding) for ITA Civil Discharge Monitoring
 - ▶ Improves coordination of inpatient care and discharge processes for ITA stays.
- \$0.3M (\$0.3M in state funding) for prenatal to 25 Behavioral Health facilitation
 - ► Facilitates ongoing work of the Children and Youth Behavioral Health Workgroup.
- \$0.2M (\$0.2M in state funding) for Tribal Advisory Board
 - Supports planning and implementation activities for facilities operated by Tribes.





Open forum: All questions are welcome



Behavioral health provider resources

- Department of Health Situation reports
- Department of Health coping with COVID blog
- Proposed 2021-2023 state budget



Thanks for your time!





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NEW PROGRAM FUNDING

The 2021 legislative session allocated funding for a number of new behavioral health programs. The North Sound BH-ASO is receiving funding for: Recovery Navigator Program, Behavioral Health Rental Assistance Program, "New Journeys" early intervention early first episode psychosis, Homeless Outreach Stabilization Team, a Children and Youth Crisis Team, and Peer Pathfinders Incarceration Pilot.

RECOVERY NAVIGATOR PROGRAM

We have released an RFQ to select a lead entity for the Recovery Navigator Program in Skagit, Island, and San Juan counties. Here is the link:

Requests for Proposals & Qualifications | North Sound BH-ASO (nsbhaso.org)

HOMELESS OUTREACH STABILIZATION PROGRAM [HOST]

We will also be releasing an RFQ to select an agency to administer the "Homeless Outreach Stabilization Team" program. This program establishes a multi-disciplinary team to provide intensive outreach services to persons who are homeless and suffering from substance use or co-occurring substance use disorders and behavioral health conditions. The funding for HOST can be braided with other funding that a behavioral health agency is using for homeless outreach services.

NEW JOURNEYS

The Health Care Authority will be soliciting interest from North Sound Behavioral Agencies in operating a "New Journeys" program in the North Sound. This program uses a multi-disciplinary team to provide wrap-around treatment services to transition-aged youth and young adults and their families when first diagnosed with psychosis. HCA will also allocate money to the BH-ASO to pay for two non-Medicaid slots.



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PEER PATHFINDERS INCARCERATION PILOT

Peer Path Finder Incarceration Pilot is a pilot project enhancing the current Peer Path Finder program managed by Lifeline Connections. The project is designed to serve individuals exiting correction facilities in Washington state who have either a serious mental illness or co-occurring conditions.

COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (CBRA)

We have finalized the contracts with providers in Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom and San Juan Counties to act as the lead entity for the new "Community Behavioral Rental Assistance Program". The program will provide housing assistance to persons suffering from a behavioral health condition, are eligible for a long-term support program, and have a need for long-term housing support with no other payment alternative or network they can rely on. Priority is given to those exiting state psychiatric hospitals, community psychiatric inpatient beds, behavioral health treatment facilities, or local jails. Anyone can refer potentially eligible persons to one of the lead entities listed below:

Bridgeways: (Snohomish)

Referrals: Roger lino, Director of Clinical Services

Email: riino@bridgeways.org.

Phone: (425) 513-8213

Compass: (San Juan & Snohomish)

Referrals: Leslie Hodson

Email: leslie.hodson@compassh.org

Phone: (425) 349-7902

Catholic Community Services: (Skagit)

Referrals: CCS utilizes Coordinated Entry/Community Action Skagit for referrals.

Contact the Community Action Housing Resource Center: (360) 416-7585

CCS Contact: Rita Jo Case ritajoc@ccsww.org 257-2111 X 6350

Lake Whatcom Center: (Whatcom)

Referrals: Hannah Moore

Preferred method: Faxed to 360-676-6006 Attn: Hannah Moore

Or **Securely** E-Mailed to Hannah.Moore@lwrtc.org
For any questions: Direct phone line: (360) 398-5021.

Lifeline Connections (Skagit & Whatcom)

Referrals: Lori Auriemma, Housing Supervisor Email: Housing help@lifelineconnections.org

Or fax referral form to: Bellingham Fax: (360) 306-8374

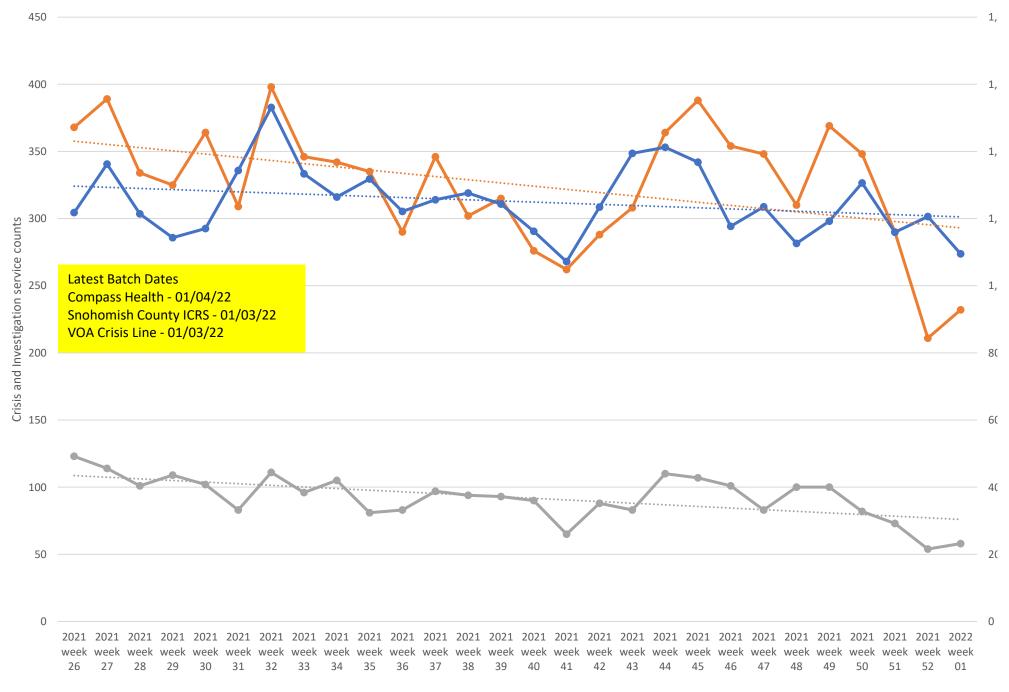
Mount Vernon Fax: (360) 899-9164

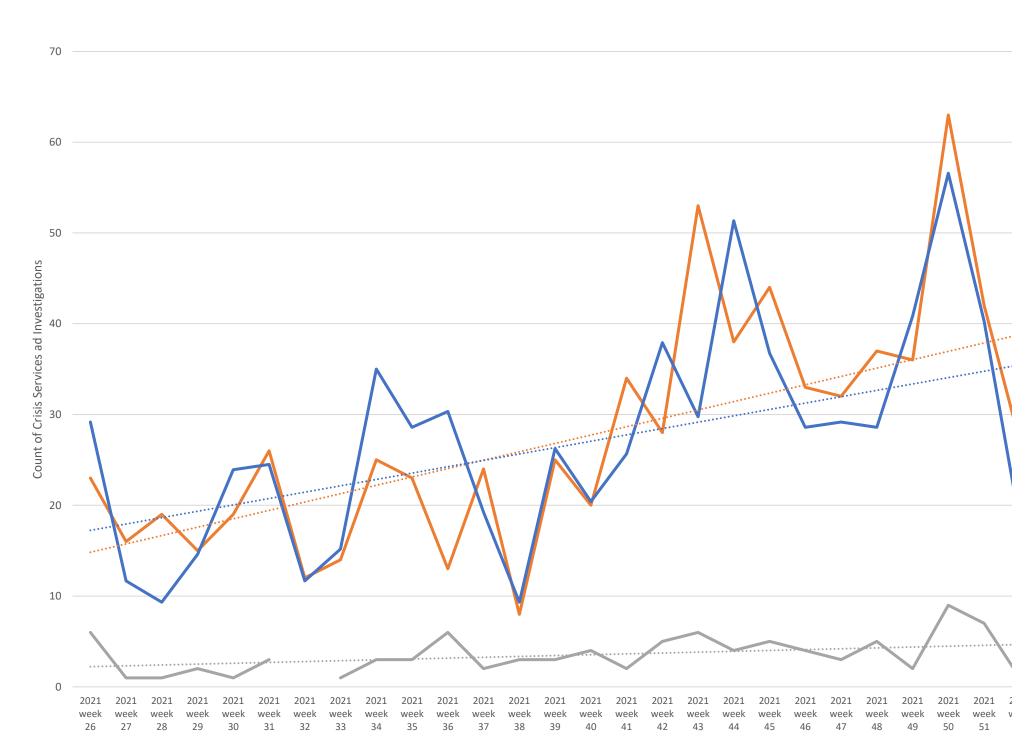


Weekly Crisis Capacity Indicator Snapshot

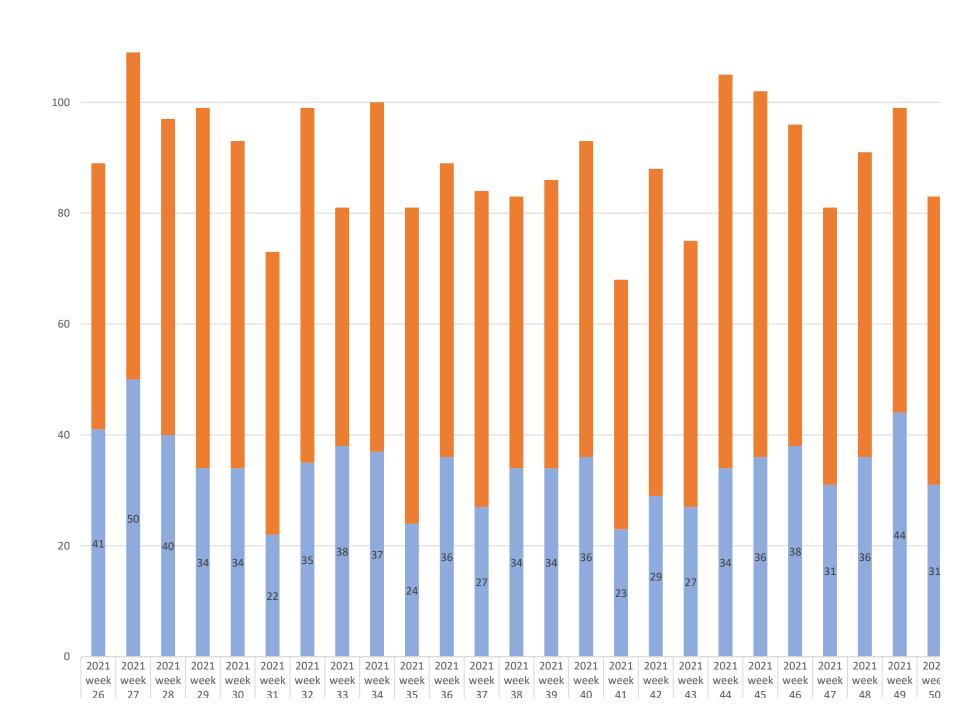
Crisis Data - dates 06/20/21 to 01/01/22
Crisis Data: Ages 0-17 - dates 06/20/21 to 01/01/22
All DCR Dispatches - dates 06/20/21 to 01/01/22
Weekly Staff Count - Staff providing Crisis or Investigaion services 06/20/21 to 01/01/22
Hospital placement locations (Invol and Vol) - No adjustment has been made for timely data - recent weeks likely low
Telehealth only, crisis and investigation services from 06/20/21 to 01/01/22
Crisis Service Unit Percent - Crisis Service units divided by Crisis units + Investigation units
Washington State Indicators of Anxiety or Depression Based on Reported Frequency of Symptoms During Last 7 Days
Place of Service -Crisis Services, percent of total by week
Place of Service -Investigations, percent of total by week
New COVID-19 Cases Reported Weekly per 100,000 population - 11/03/20 to 01/05/22
Total Hospitalized Adults - COVID-19 (confirmed or supected) 7 day average
HB 1310 Data collected with LE Declines 06/20/21 to 01/01/22
HB 1310 Data collected with LE Response or Other 06/20/21 to 01/01/22

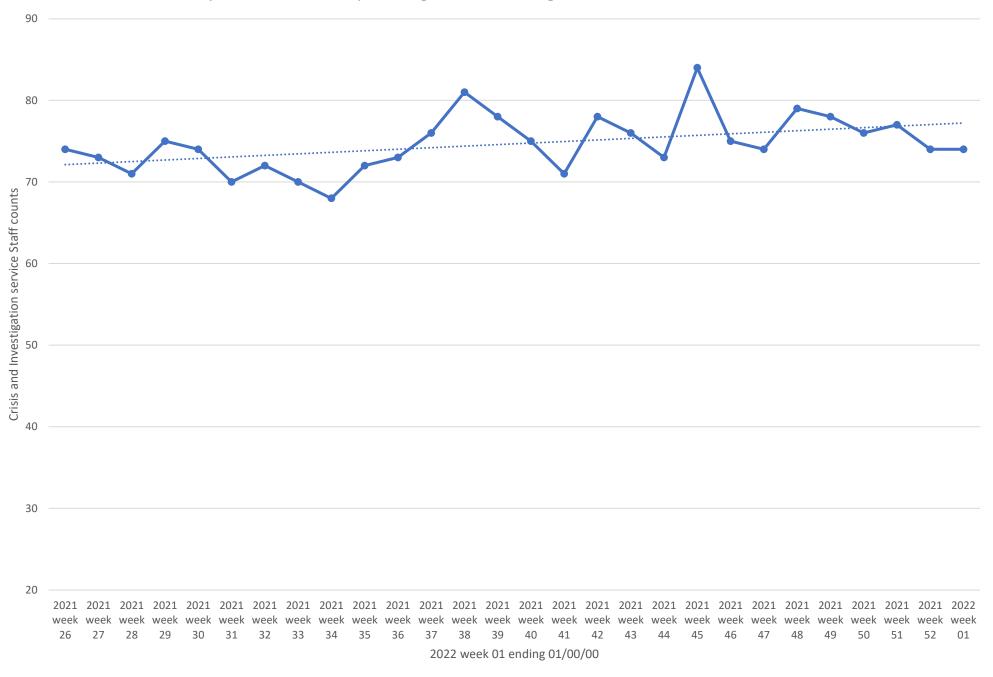
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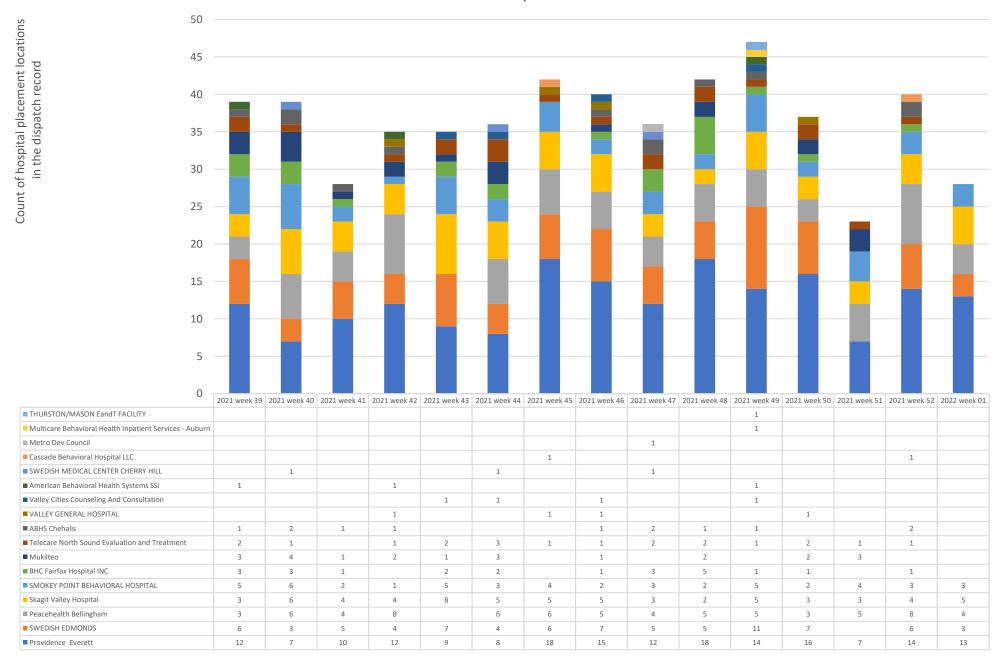


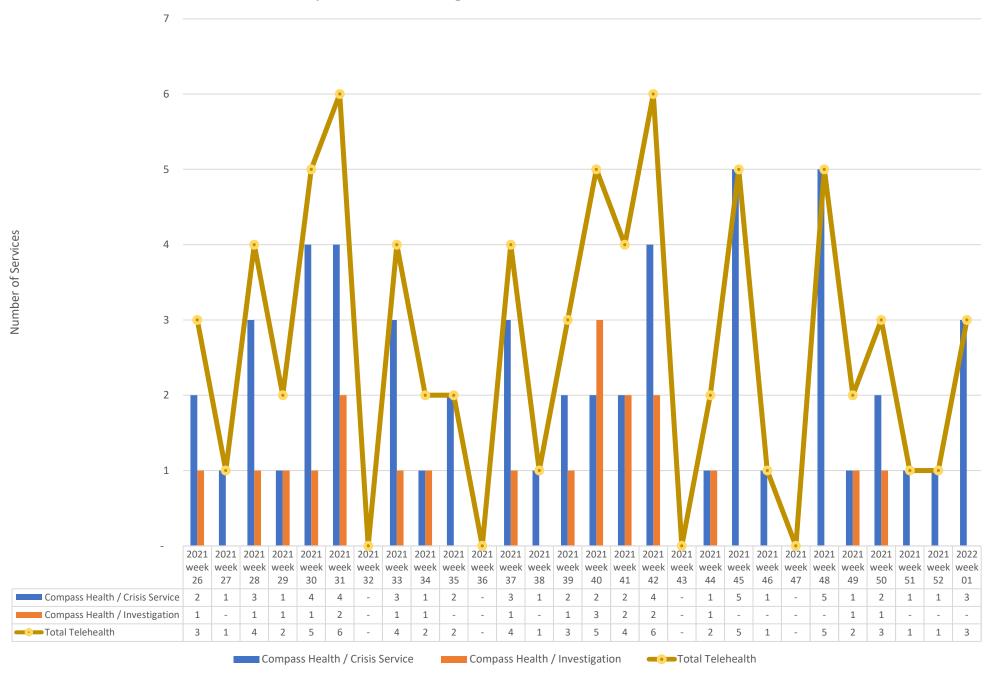


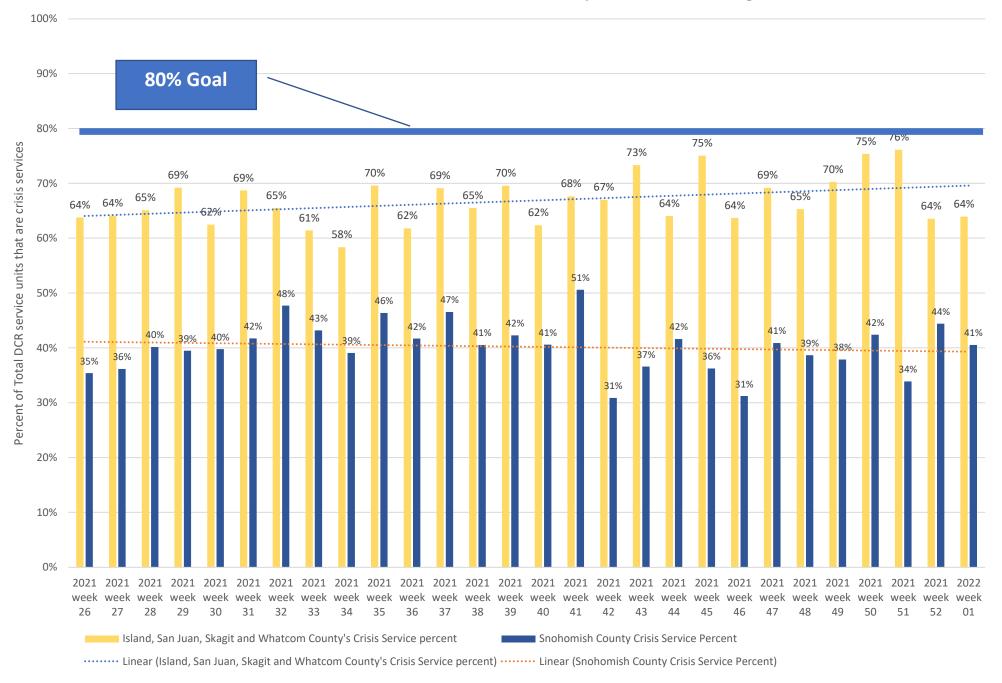




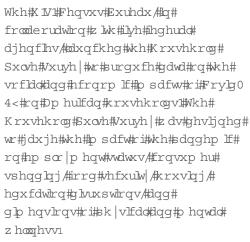
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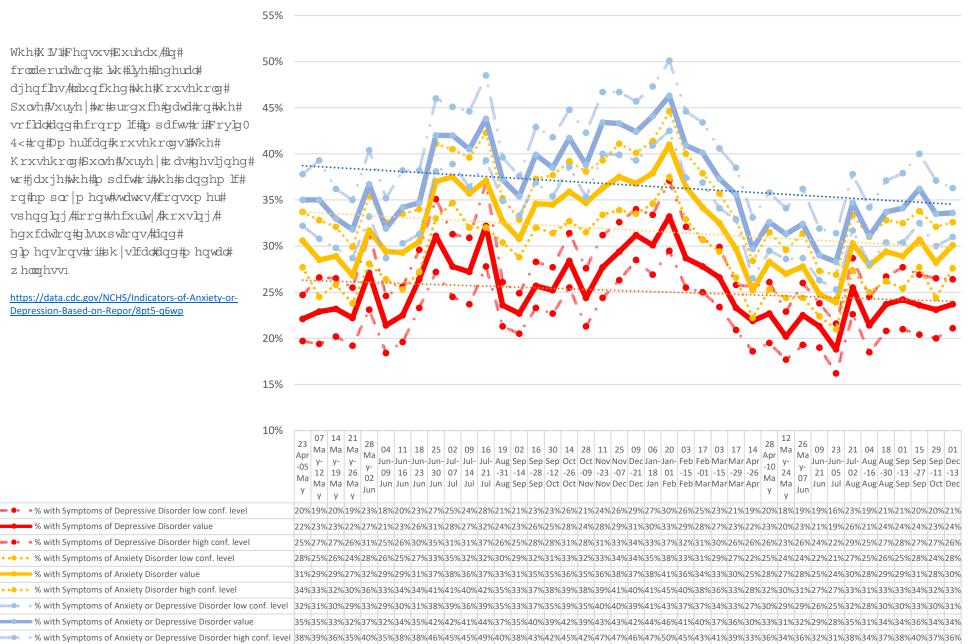




Washington State Indicators of Anxiety or Depression Based on Reported Frequency of Symptoms During Last 7 Days



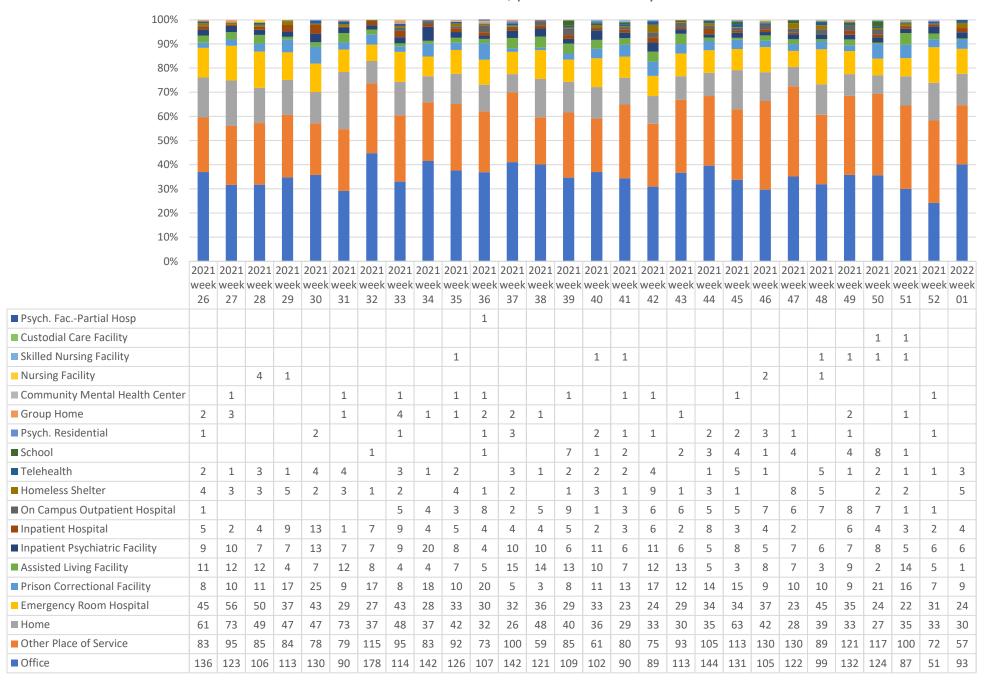
https://data.cdc.gov/NCHS/Indicators-of-Anxiety-or-Depression-Based-on-Repor/8pt5-q6wp



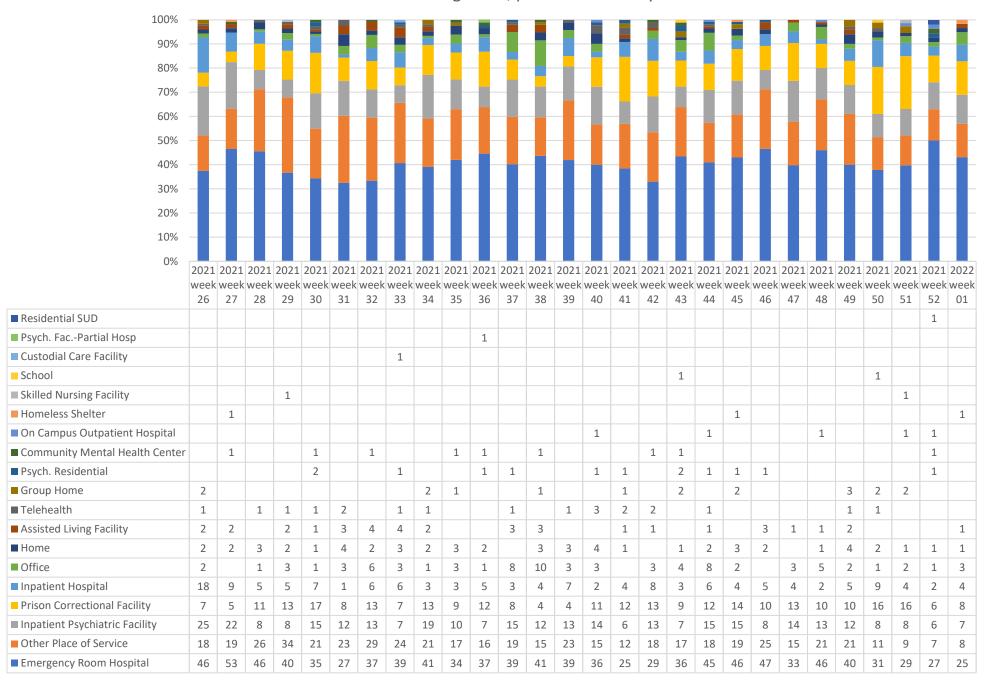
% with Symptoms of Depressive Disorder value

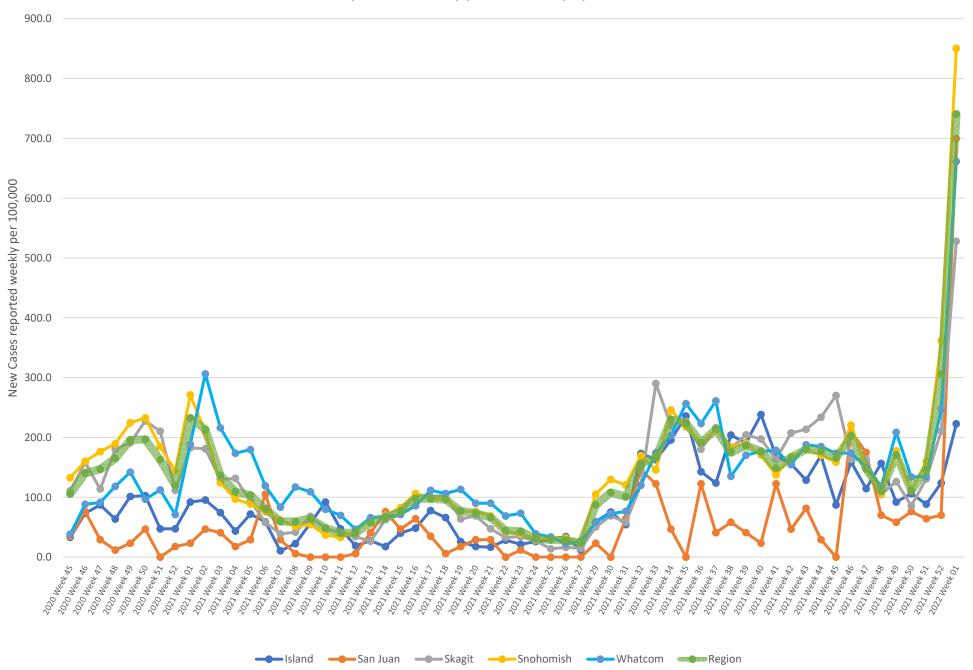
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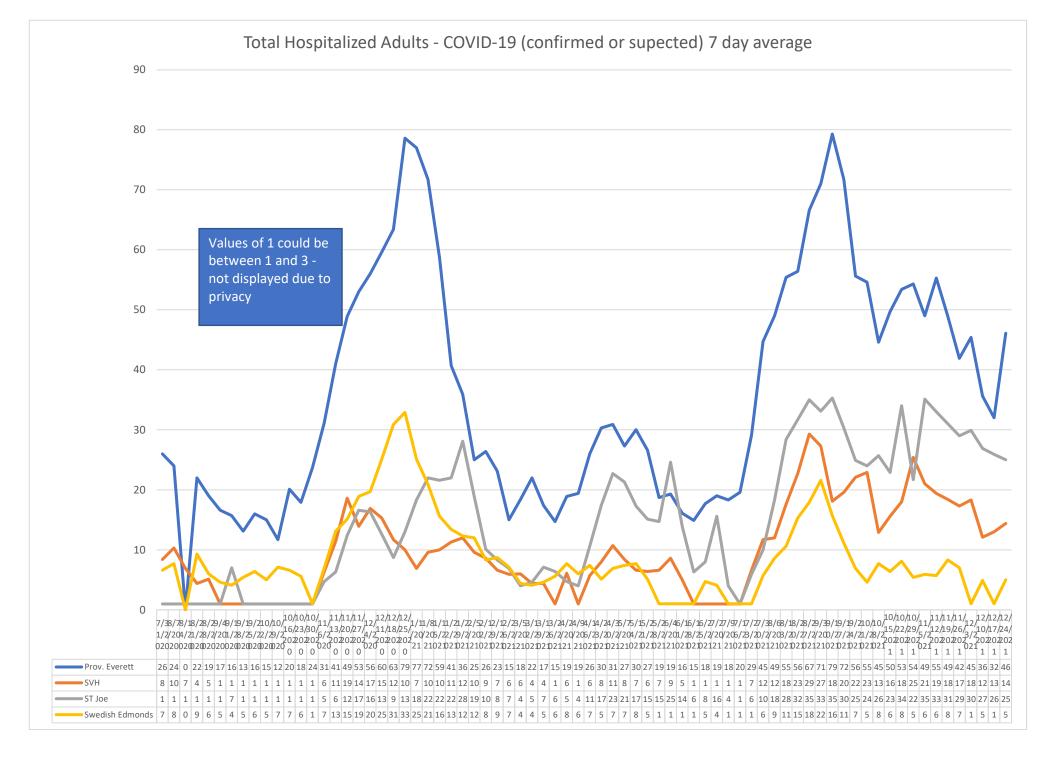
Place of Service - Crisis Services, percent of total by week

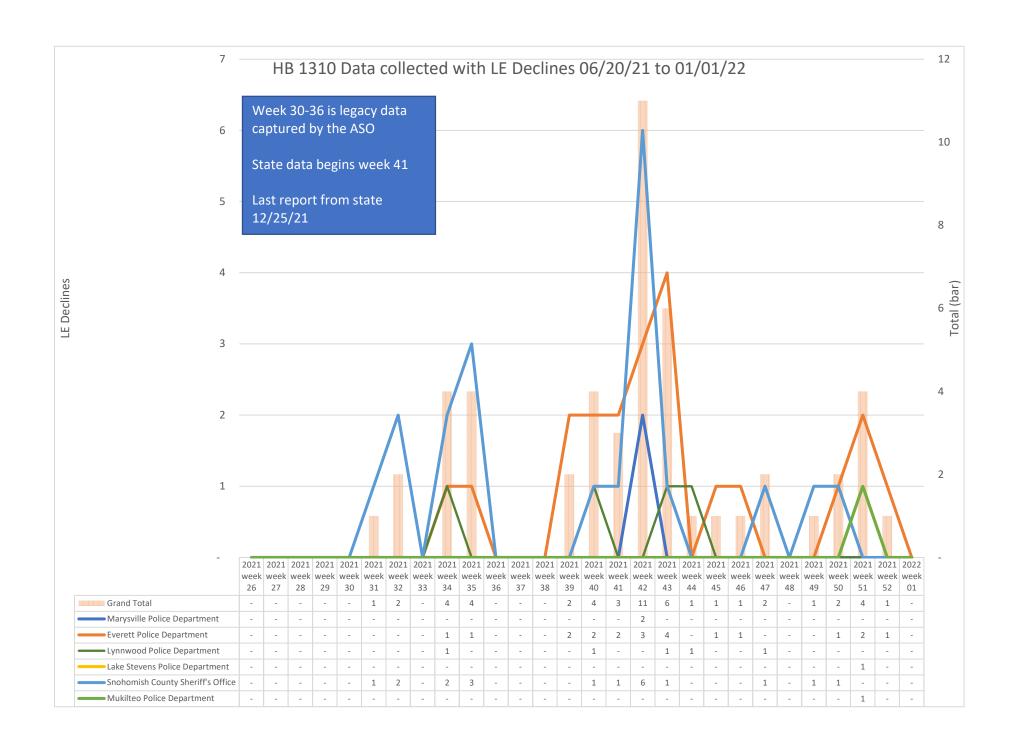


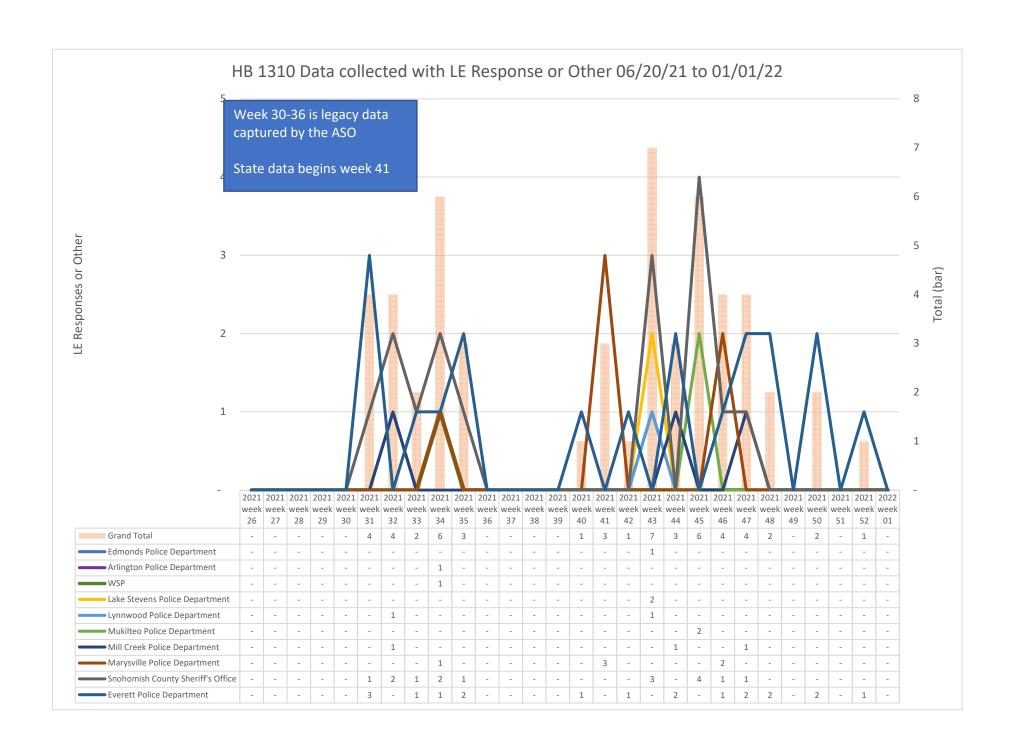
Place of Service -Investigations, percent of total by week









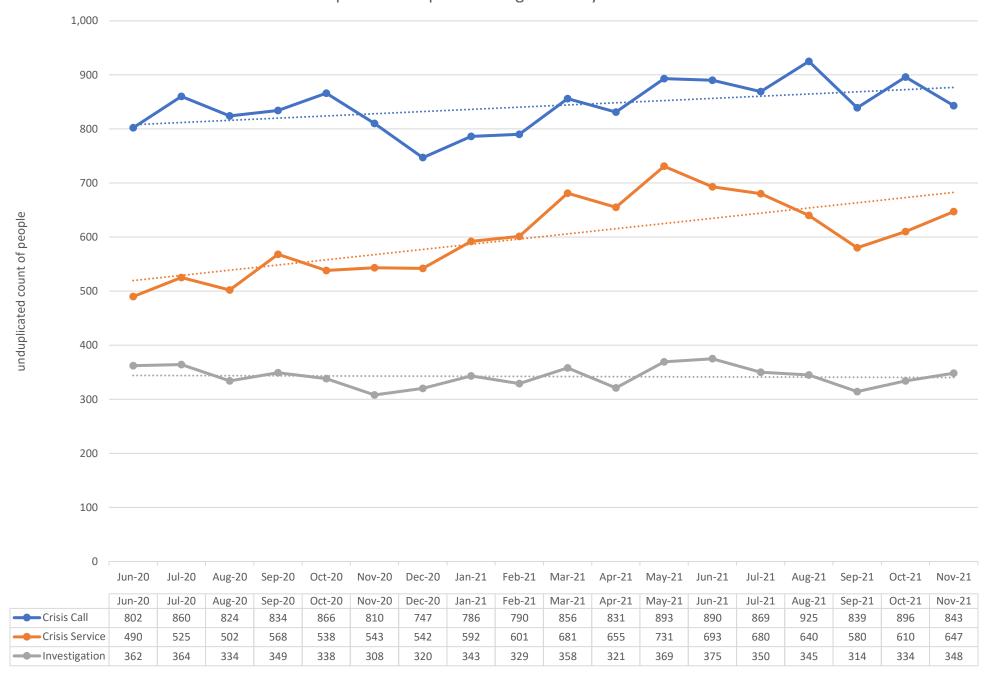


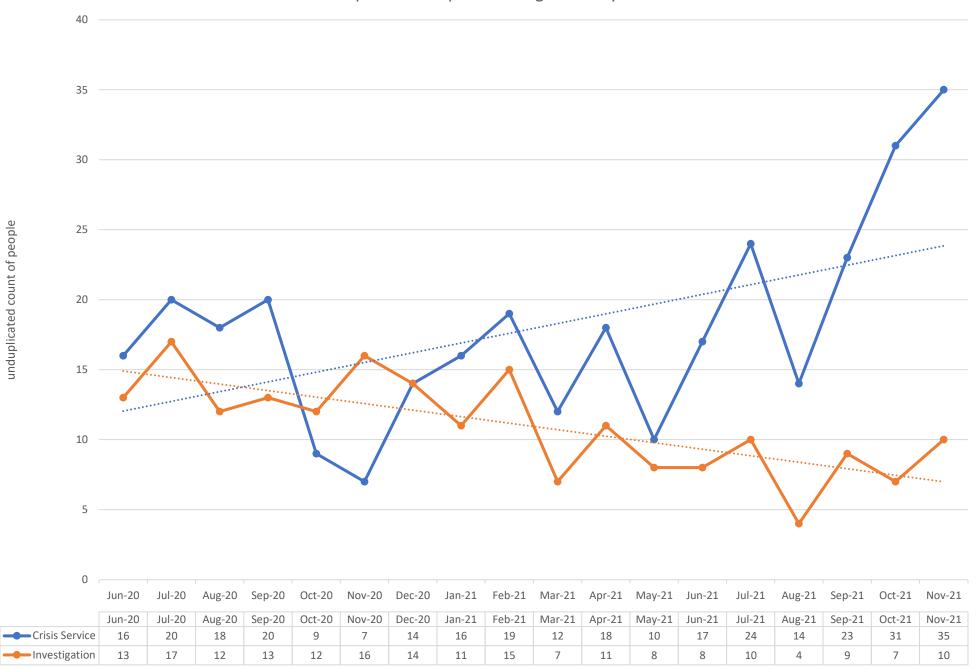


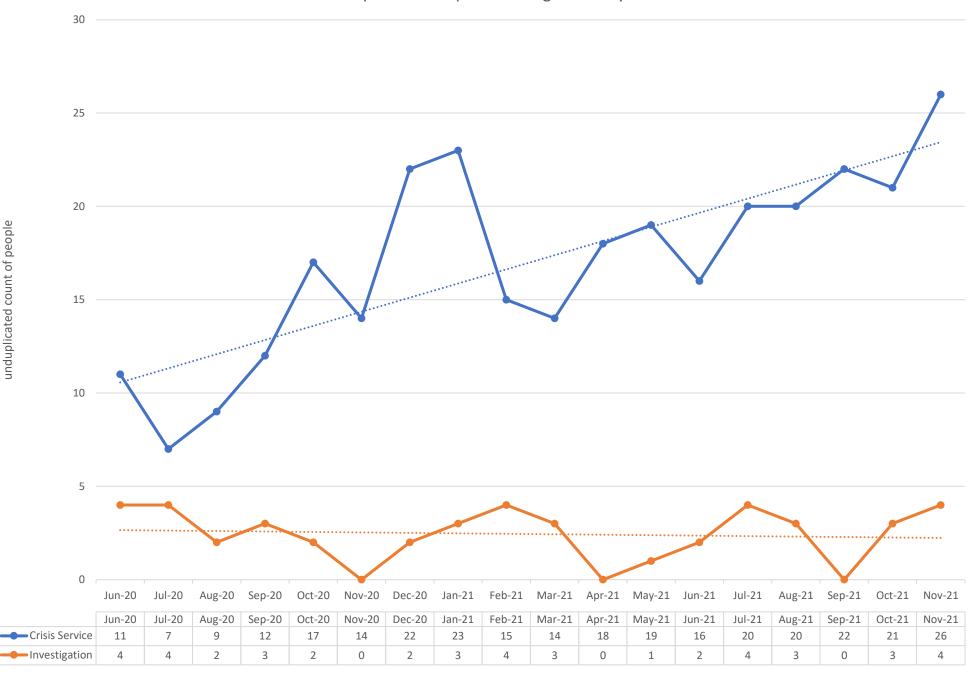
North Sound Crisis System Dashboard

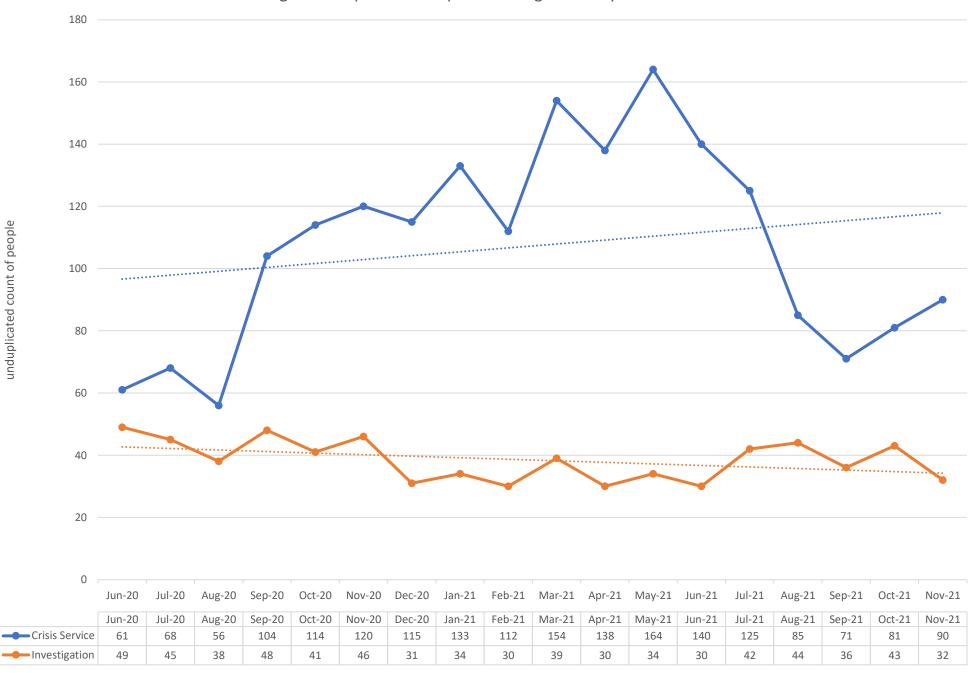
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Unduplicated People receiving a crisis system service
Island - Unduplicated People receiving a crisis system service
San Juan - Unduplicated People receiving a crisis system service
Skagit - Unduplicated People receiving a crisis system service
Snohomish - Unduplicated People receiving a crisis system service
Whatcom - Unduplicated People receiving a crisis system service
Region Designated Crisis Responder (DCR) Investigations
Region DCR Investigation Referral Sources
Region DCR Investigation Outcomes

Unduplicated People receiving a crisis system service

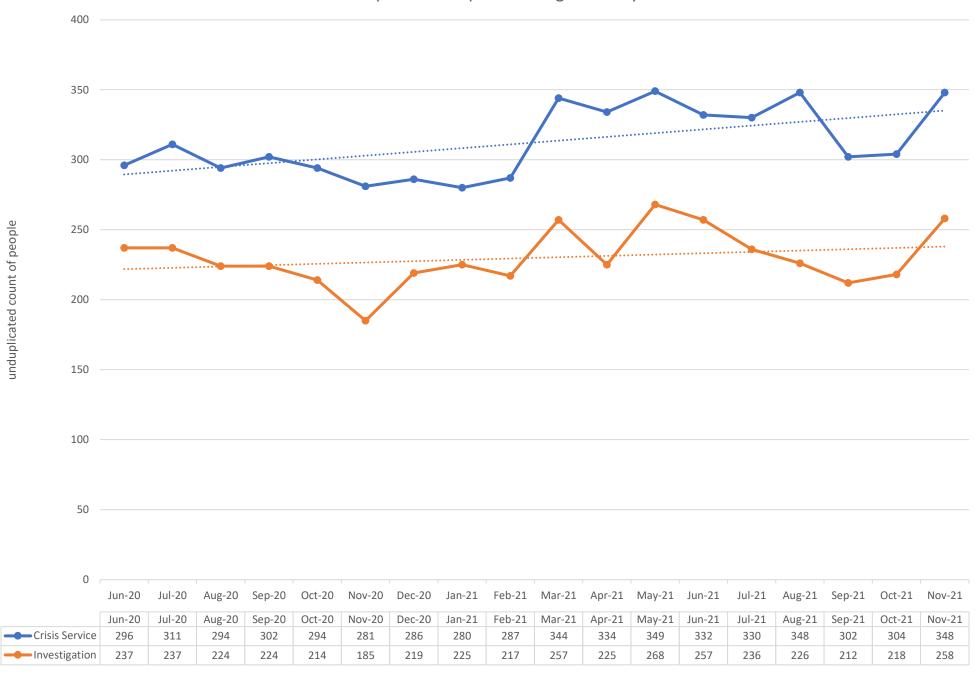


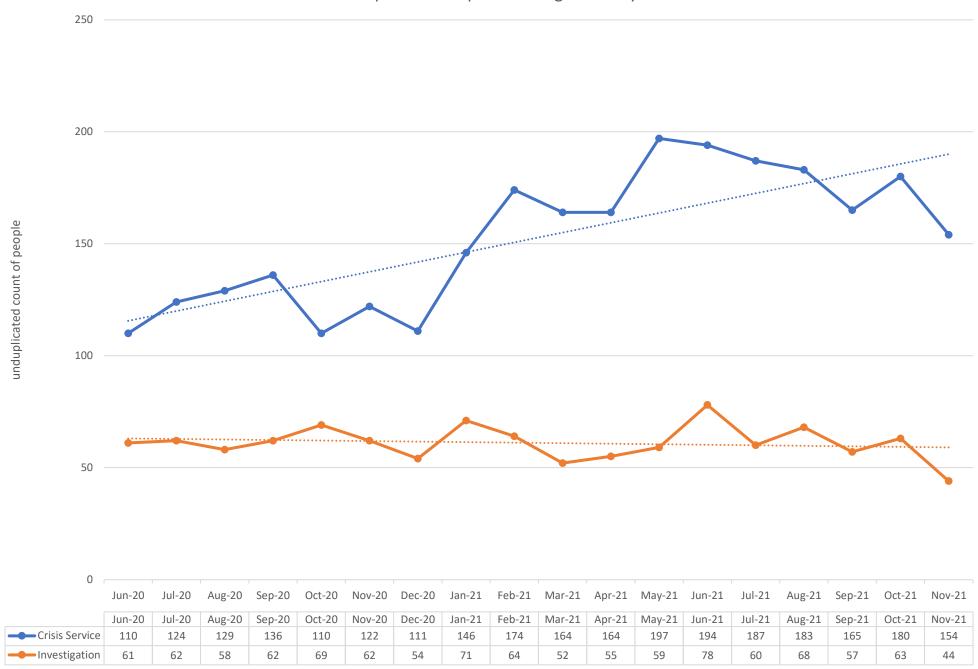


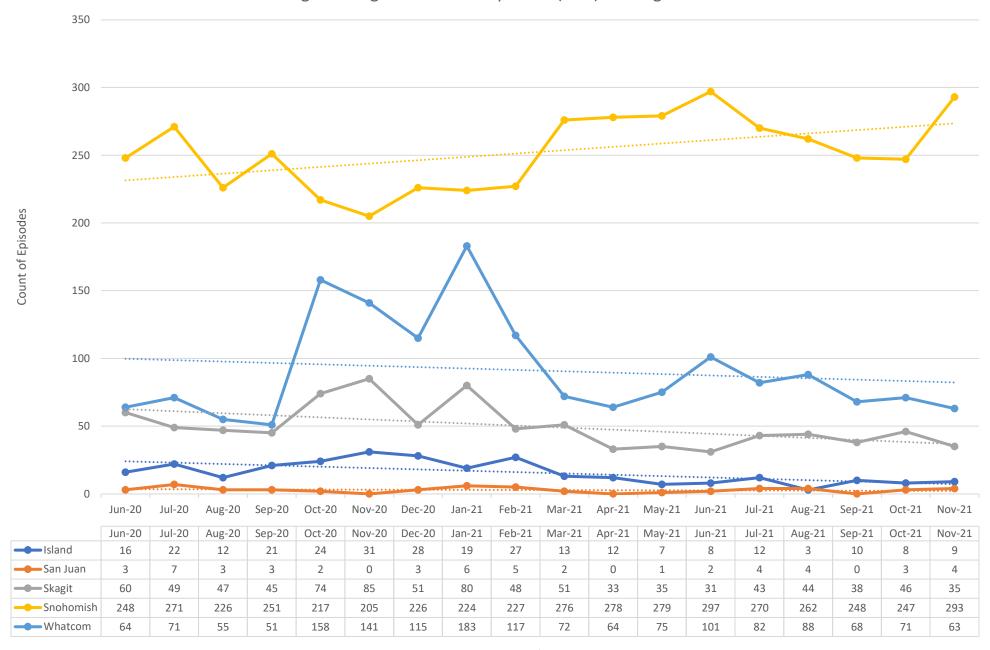




Snohomish - Unduplicated People receiving a crisis system service







Month of Dispatch

■ School

■ Community

■ Care Facility

Professional

■ Law Enforcement

Other

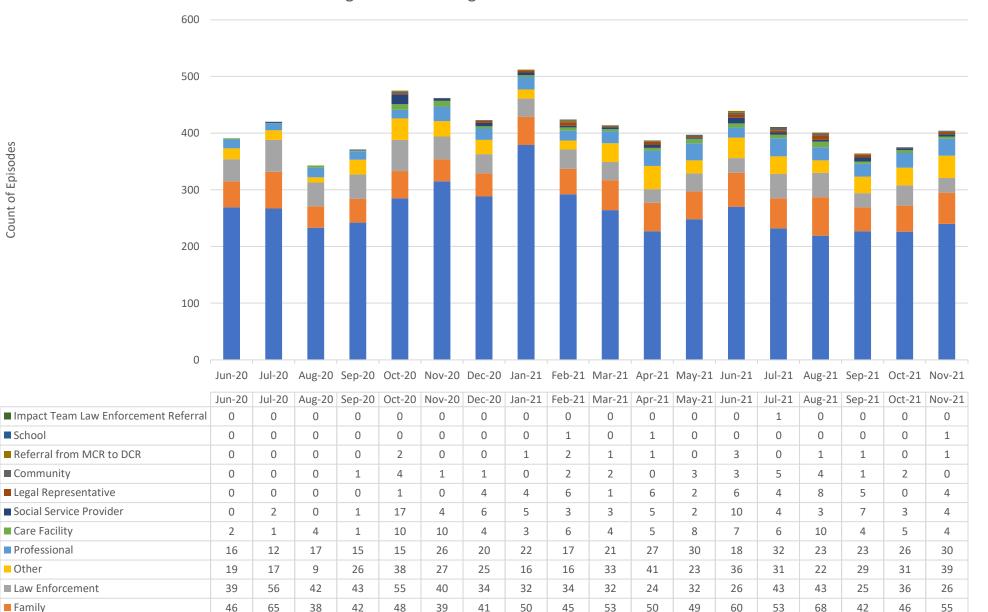
Family

■ Hospital

■ Referral from MCR to DCR

■ Legal Representative

■ Social Service Provider



Month of Dispatch

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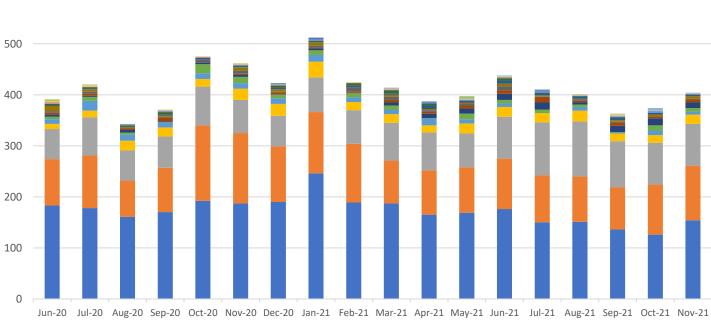
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	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21
■ Petition filed for outpatient evaluation	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
■ Referred to chemical dependency residential program	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Referred to chemical dependency inpatient program	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	3	1
■ Referred to chemical dependency intensive outpatient program	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	0
■ Referred to sub acute detox	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	3	0
■ Referred to acute detox	3	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1
Filed petition - recommending LRA extension.	1	0	2	2	1	2	2	4	0	1	4	1	2	5	0	1	3	1
■ No detention - E&T provisional acceptance did not occur within statutory timeframes	2	2	2	5	0	3	4	3	5	6	4	1	4	1	1	1	0	1
■ Referred to crisis triage	2	2	1	2	2	1	3	1	3	3	7	3	6	5	5	6	4	3
■ Detention to Secure Detox facility (72 hours as identified under 71.05)	10	5	2	2	0	5	5	6	0	4	2	2	5	2	1	3	3	5
■ No detention - Unresolved medical issues	3	4	1	1	7	7	1	4	8	6	3	4	8	1	3	1	0	1
■ Non-emergent detention petition filed	4	4	3	8	0	2	4	1	3	5	4	6	7	11	3	7	4	6
■ Did not require MH or CD services	4	2	5	2	3	4	1	4	1	6	9	10	12	14	4	12	14	11
■ Referred to non-mental health community resources.	5	8	4	1	18	12	7	9	8	8	1	11	7	7	5	1	10	7
Returned to inpatient facility/filed revocation petition.	9	19	12	9	11	11	11	13	9	9	13	8	7	0	7	2	9	6
Referred to voluntary inpatient mental health services.	10	13	19	18	15	22	23	31	16	17	14	20	19	18	21	15	15	18
■ Other	59	75	59	61	76	65	60	68	66	74	74	66	82	104	108	90	82	82
Referred to voluntary outpatient mental health services.	91	103	71	87	148	138	109	120	115	84	87	89	99	92	89	83	98	107
■ Detention (72 hours as identified under the Involuntary Treatment Act, RCW 71.05).	183	178	161	170	192	187	190	246	189	187	165	169	176	150	151	136	126	154

Month of Dispatch

Problem Statement:

Due to late Federal Block Grant billing by providers the ASO has historically used State General Funds to pay for services invoiced after the Federal Block Grant cycle ends, June 30th. Any invoices or Fee for Service data received after 30 days at the end of the fiscal year would be paid with State General Funds. Due to limited State General Funds and increased Federal Block Grant funds it is the best interest of the ASO to fully utilize Federal Block Grant Funds.

Background:

The Federal Block Grant funds are provided on a 12-month cycle, July-June. A directive from the Health Care Authority (HCA) limits the ability of the ASOs to bill outside of the grant cycle (July-June). ASO invoices must be received by HCA within 45-days after the service month. Invoices received after the 45-day window will be denied by HCA. In turn, our providers must bill the ASO within 30 days after the service month to be paid with Federal Block Grant funds. The caveat is during the grant period the ASO can bill late invoices through a supplemental billing process; however, this places an additional burden on our accounting staff to handle late invoices.

Draft Recommendations:

- 1. Limit payments to the Federal Block Grant cycle to keep from using GF-S.
 - a. Payments cannot cross grant periods, services occurring within grant period must be billed within 30 days, max of 60 days during the grant period, at the end of the grant year (June) invoices received after 30-days will be denied or go through a exception process.
 - b. End of year exception criteria will be presented next month.
 - All exceptions will be approved by ED and reported to BOD at their monthly G&O meeting

2. Limit retrospective authorizations

a. Reach out to providers who consistently submit retro-authorizations to set up individual meetings to inquire on barriers/circumstances that initiate late authorizations.

Based on feedback from providers:

- b. A timeframe will be developed on late (retro) authorizations, such as a 3/6-month lookback.
- c. Criteria will be developed to determine whether a retrospective authorization is warranted.

North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization January 13th, 2022 Board of Directors Financial Notes

HIGHLIGHTS

- 1. The Budget to Actuals has been updated with the budget amendment that was passed in September, this has had the effect of creating some variances since the new programs aren't up and running yet. I noted the lines that are affected by this. One main area of concern is Withdrawal Management, it is over budget by a significant amount and will require a more detailed analysis. The revenues and expenses are running almost equal before we recognize the BHO transfer.
- 2. The Revenue and Expense statement is currently showing a year-to-date loss of from operations of \$573,031, further analysis found that several SABG invoices did not get paid by HCA and taking those into consideration we would break even.
- 3. The one thing to note is the decrease in the Medicaid fund balance, this is due to a change in our method for calculating MCO expense for our crisis system and enables us to pull down the MCO revenue that was building up in the fund balance. Current MCO revenue is not covering current expense. We are planning to renegotiate our funding contracts with the MCOs and present data on the percentage of ITA investigations that are Medicaid billable.
- 4. The State auditors have finished their audit and are doing their exit conference this afternoon. We will have one finding relating to a billing error with SABG funds. The error was easily corrected but they have determined that it still calls for a finding. Our new billing procedures should prevent such an error in the future.
- 5. Next month we are planning to present a January to June projection of our revenues and expenditures to try and forecast possible areas of concern. We will be looking closer at areas such as Withdrawal Management and comparing projections to budgeted amounts.

NOTES

- 1. We are presenting the financial statements for December 2021 for the Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (ASO).
- 2. These monthly statements are prepared for the Board's use only. They provide a snapshot of expenses and revenue for a single calendar month compared with a hypothetical "year to date" projection. However, neither revenues nor expenditures occur on an equal 1/12 amount each month.

- 3. The North Sound BH-ASO adopts "calendar year" budgets, but the allocations from the state are done on a state fiscal year basis [with adjustments every 6 months]. The exceptions are Federal Block Grant Funds which are allocated for the entire fiscal year.
- 4. Revenues and expenses are managed independently within each of the major fund categories: Medicaid, State General Fund, Mental Health Block Grant, Substance Abuse Block Grant, and SAMHSA [a direct grant we receive from the federal government for our rural Medication Assistance Treatment program].
- 5. Within 'State General Funds', allocations are further subdivided between general state funds, and the multiple "Proviso" funds allocated for specific services.
- 6. We have added two new lines at the bottom of the "Revenue and Expense" tab which shows the beginning and ending fund balance within each fund category for the state fiscal year. I also added some additional lines at the bottom to show the Net Income from Operations before the transfer of funds to the BHO.
- 7. The Budget to Actuals statement includes notes on areas where there is a variance between the hypothetical year to date budget and actual revenues and expenditures. I also added additional lines at the bottom to show the transfer of funds separate from the normal operations.

NORTH SOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE ORGANIZATION PRELIMINARY REVENUE and EXPENSE STATEMENT for DECEMBER 2021* BUDGET TO ACTUALS

			YTD		YTD		Variance		
<u>REVENUES</u>		2021	2021		2021]	Favorable		
Intergovernmental Revenues		Budget	Budget		Actual	(U	nfavorable)		
SAMHSA & HRSA	\$	691,630	691,630		703,895		12,265		
MHBG		1,650,097	1,650,097		1,266,119		(383,978)	Added new 1	
SABG		4,275,187	4,275,187		3,127,714		(1,147,473)	Added new 1	
State Funds		19,534,655	19,534,655		18,668,533		(866,122)	Added new 1	
Medicaid (MCO)		5,167,197	5,167,197		5,230,784		63,587		
Total Intergovernmental Revenues		31,318,766	31,318,766		28,997,045		(2,321,721)		
Misc. Revenue **		0	0		21,724		21,724		
Interest Revenue		20,000	20,000		3,166		(16,834)	Lower intere	
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	31,338,766	\$31,338,766	\$	29,021,935	\$	(2,316,831)		
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>									
Inpatient Treatment	\$	906,376	906,376	\$	926,925		(20,549)		
ITA Judicial		2,348,969	2,348,969		2,056,865		292,104		
Crisis Services		12,107,751	12,107,751		12,028,412		79,339		
MH Crisis Stabilization		1,790,858	1,790,858		1,609,220		181,638		
E&T Services		1,007,474	1,007,474		876,009		131,465		
E&T Discharge Planner		143,058	143,058		140,866		2,192		
Jail Services		364,560	364,560		320,570		43,990		
PACT Services		364,782	364,782		430,353			HCA added a	
MHBG Expenditures ***		722,031	722,031		455,651			Added new N	
HARPS & DOC Housing		1,341,693	1,341,693		599,850		741,843	Added new [
DMA County Contracts		581,292	581,292		563,781		17,511		
SABG Expenditures ****		2,360,358	2,360,358		1,974,778		385,580	Added new §	
Withdrawal Management		747,500	747,500		1,326,386		(578,886)	Expenses ru	
SAMHSA (PDOA-MAT) & HRSA		416,605	416,605		408,351		8,254		
Juvenile Drug Court		139,800	139,800		148,459		(8,659)		
Other MH Services *****		1,755,098	1,755,098		1,709,124		45,974		
Other SUD Services		0	0		472,978		(472,978)	These were	
Ombuds		179,460	179,460		172,618		6,842		
Advisory Board		20,000	20,000		2,148		17,852		
Subtotal - Services		27,297,665	27,297,665		26,223,344		1,074,322		
Administration		4,041,101	4,041,101		3,371,623			Well below t	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	31,338,766	\$31,338,766	\$	29,594,966	\$	1,743,800		
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Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Exp	endi	ture.		\$	(573,031)			This was a second	
Cash Transfer to BHO		\ T		\$ \$	5,741,571 (6,314,602)		-	This was a ca	
	Adjusted Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditure.								
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NORTH SOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE ORGANIZATION PRELIMINARY REVENUE and EXPENSE STATEMENT for DECEMBER 2021*

	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD
<u>REVENUES</u>	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021
Intergovernmental Revenues	Totals	Medicaid	State	MHBG	SABG	SAMHSA
SAMHSA \$ HRSA	703,895					703,895
MHBG	1,266,119			1,266,119		
SABG	3,127,714				3,127,714	
State Funds	18,668,533		18,668,533			
Medicaid (MCO)	5,230,784	5,230,784				
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	28,997,045	5,230,784	18,668,533	1,266,119	3,127,714	703,895
Misc. Revenue **	21,724		21,724			
Interest Revenue	3,166		3,166			
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 29,021,935	\$ 5,230,784	##########	\$ 1,266,119	\$ 3,127,714	\$ 703,895
EXPENDITURES						
Inpatient Treatment	\$ 926,925		\$ 926,925			
ITA Judicial	2,056,865		2,056,865			
Crisis Services	12,028,412	6,119,751	3,909,567	407,067	1,592,026	
MH Crisis Stabilization	1,609,220	0,112,731	1,449,249	159,971	1,372,020	
E&T Services	876,009		663,399	212,610		
E&T Discharge Planner	140,866		140,866	212,010		
Jail Services	320,570		320,570			
PACT Services	430,353		430,353			
MHBG Expenditures ***	455,651		.50,555	455,651		
HARPS & DOC Housing	599,850		599,850	,		
DMA County Contracts	563,781		563,781			
SABG Expenditures ****	1,974,778		,		1,974,778	
Withdrawal Management	1,326,386		1,042,226		284,160	
SAMHSA (PDOA-MAT) & HRSA	408,351					408,351
Juvenile Drug Court	148,459		148,459			
Other MH Services *****	1,709,124		1,709,124			
Other SUD Services	472,978		472,978			
Ombuds	172,618	127,618	45,000			
Advisory Board	2,148		2,148			
Subtotal - Services	26,223,344	6,247,369	14,481,359	1,235,300	3,850,965	408,351
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Administration	3,371,623	803,245	2,515,875	Ф.1.227.200	# 2 050 065	52,503
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 29,594,966	\$ 7,050,614	##########	\$ 1,235,300	\$ 3,850,965	\$ 460,854
Net Income From Operations	\$ (573,031)	\$(1,819,830)	\$ 1,696,189	\$ 30,819	\$ (723,250)	\$ 243,041
Cash Transfer to BHO	\$ 5,741,571		\$ 5,741,571			
Net Income after Transfer	\$ (6,314,602)	\$(1,819,830)	\$(4,045,382)	\$ 30,819	\$ (723,250)	\$ 243,041
Beginning Fund Balance 12/31/20	11,975,972	2,204,756	10,391,082	(127,731)	(248,891)	(243,243)
Ending Fund Balance	5,661,370	384,926	6,345,700	(96,912)	(972,141)	(202)

Note: State Fund Balance also includes Proviso Fund Balances which are designated for specific expenditures

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North Sound BH-ASO Warrants Paid December 2021

Туре	Date	Num	Name	Amount
Bill Pmt -Check	12/03/2021	538711	Bridgeways	-60,820.79
Bill Pmt -Check	12/03/2021	538720	CDW-G	-568.51
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