

# NORTH SOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION, LLC

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COUNTY AUTHORITIES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES 1:30-3:00 F

May 9, 2019

## County Authorities Executive Committee (CAEC) members present:

- Jill Johnson, North Sound Behavioral Health Organization (BHO) CAEC Chair; County Commissioner, Board of Island County
- Cammy Hart-Anderson, Snohomish County Human Services; designated alternate for County Executive Dave Somers
- Heidi Beazizo, Legislative Analyst, Snohomish County; designated alternate for Stephanie Wright
- Sam Low, County Council, Snohomish County
- Pat O'Maley Lanphear, North Sound BHO Advisory Board (AB) Chair
- Julie deLosada, Skagit County Public Health; designated alternate for Ken Dahlstedt, Commissioner
- Regina Delahunt, Whatcom County Health Department Director; designated alternate for Jack Louws, County Executive
- Bill Watson, San Juan County Council, designated alternate for Jamie Stephens, Council Member
- Russell Wiita, Snohomish County Council Legislative Aid, designated alternate for Nate Nehring, Council Member

# North Sound Behavioral Health Organization (BHO) staff present:

- Joe Valentine, Executive Director, North Sound BHO
- Bill Whitlock, Fiscal Officer, North Sound BHO
- Margaret Rojas, Human Resources Manager, Contracts Manager, North Sound BHO
- Charles DeElena, Project Manager, Compliance Officer, North Sound BHO
- Joanie Williams, Administrative Manager, Clerk of the Board, North Sound BHO

### **Guests present:**

Phil Buri, North Sound BHO Counsel

### Call to Order and Introductions - Chair Johnson

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order and initiated introductions.

### Revisions to the Agenda - Chair Johnson

The Chair noted there were revisions to the Agenda. Item 8 will be followed by item 11, and then 9.

The Chair stated that Item 11 will be discussed during an Executive Session due to potential litigation, per the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 42.30.110 (1) (i).

The Chair asked if anyone had concerns regarding the Agenda revision, there were no concerns mentioned.

# Approval of the April 11th, 2019, Minutes, Motion #19-28- Chair Johnson

Regina Delahunt moved the motion for approval, Sam Low seconded, all in favor, motion 19-28 carried

### Comments & Announcements from the Chair

There were no comments or announcements from the Chair

# Reports from Members

Snohomish County: Cammy Hart-Anderson said Snohomish County held its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Wellness Fair last
 Saturday, over 1200 people attended, and she noted the Fair was well received and very encouraging. She went on to say around 400 individuals are registered for the upcoming Community Care Conference.

- Whatcom County: Regina Delahunt said Whatcom County received a million dollars for the operation of the Crisis stabilization Center during the legislative session. Whatcom staff is moving forward cautiously until there is clarity on the current situation at hand.
- Sam Low said next week is National Suicide Prevention week. Collaborative work includes posting the information on social media.

#### Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public

### Report from the Advisory Board (AB)

Pat O'Maley Lanphear gave the Brief from the Advisory Board which included the following topics:

- Pre-Meeting; Skagit Jail Transition Program
- Approval of the revised AB Policies, By-laws and Guiding Principles
- Tribal Conference/Update from members as to the meaningfulness of the content
- 2019 AB July 9<sup>th</sup> Retreat Agenda; (focused support will be on the Managed Care Organizations and the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization)
- There will be an Opioid Epidemic Awareness Youth Video Challenge Contest in 2020, with North Sound region youth participants. Julie deLosada noted that Skagit County can assist with the contest. She offered staff time, as well as additional Skagit County youth participation.

# Correspondence:

Letter to the Governor

The Chair noted that the letter to the Governor will be referenced during the Executive Director's Report.

### Report from the Executive Director

Report from North Sound BHO's Attorney

The Board went into Executive Session at 2:08 p.m. and said they would be in session for 15 minutes. It was noted that reason for the Executive Session was pending litigation, per RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i).

The meeting reconvened at 2:22 p.m.

- The Executive Director gave his report and covered the following topics:
  - Transition to Managed Care
    - Readiness Review
    - Integrated Care Planning
    - Behavioral Health Legislation
    - BH ASO Restructuring
- Crisis Services
- Behavioral Health Facilities Capital Request

#### **Compliance Officer Report**

Charles DeElena gave the report from the Compliance Officer and answered questions from the committee members. He covered Quarter 4 of 2018 and Quarter 1 of 2019 and noted that Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) training is mandatory for Board Members.

# Report from the Finance Officer

Bill Whitlock gave the report from the Finance Officer and answered questions from the members.

# Report from the Governance Operations (G&O) Committee

The Chair noted that all topics discussed in the G&O Meeting were brought to the full board for additional discussion.

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All matters listed with the Consent Agenda have been distributed to each Member for reading and study, are considered to be routine, and will be enacted by one action of the Executive Committee with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, the item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda by request of a Member.

To review and approve the North Sound Behavioral Health claims paid from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 through April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 in the amount of \$17,967,527.77. Payroll for the month of April in the amount of \$249,313.54 and associated employer benefits in the amount of \$158,383.28.

### Consent Agenda - Jill Johnson - Motion #19-29

Russell Wiita moved the motion for approval and Cammy Hart-Anderson seconded, all in favor, motion 19-29 carried

#### **Action Items**

# For Executive Committee Approval

### **Behavioral Health State Funds**

#### Summary:

Lake Whatcom Center has asked for an increase in flexible funding in the amount of \$5,400 to cover medication, labs and other medical costs for two undocumented individuals who were discharged from Western State Hospital into their services.

### Motion #19-30

North Sound BHO-Lake Whatcom Center-BHSC-16-19 Amendment 4 to provide an increase in their funding by \$5,400 for a new maximum consideration of \$1,929,126 with a term of April 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019.

Regina Delahunt moved the motion for approval, Julie deLosada seconded, all in favor, motion #19-30 carried

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# **State Targeted Response Path Finder Grant**

### Summary:

This is a continuation of the State Targeted Response (STR) Path Finder Grant. The grant provides funding for two Peer Specialists to provide outreach to individuals who are struggling with substance abuse and are homeless. The Peers are part of the Projects in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Grant in Snohomish and Whatcom Counties. The motion below is approving the HCA contract with the BHO and the BHO contract with Compass Health.

### Motion #19-31

- HCA-North Sound BHO-STR Path Finder Snohomish-18-19 to increase funding by \$20,974 for a new maximum consideration of \$252,662 with a new term of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019.
- HCA-North Sound BHO-STR Path Finder Whatcom-18-19 to increase funding by \$20,974 for a new maximum consideration of \$252,662 with a new term of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019.
- North Sound BHO-Compass Health-STR Path Finder-17-19 Amendment 3 to increase funding by \$41,948 for a new maximum consideration of \$505,324 with a new term of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019.

Russell Wiita, moved the motion for approval, Regina Delahunt seconded, all in favor, motion #19-31 carried

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### **Discussion Items**

Protocol for Correspondence from the Board of Directors

There was discussion around the correspondence from the Board of Directors. Moving forward, prior circulation and communication with the committee was requested and emergency situations discussed.

Joe Valentine apologized for the hasty nature in which the letter was sent to the governor on behalf of the board. He explained the timing and urgency of the referenced situation and noted that in the future that board correspondence and language will only reflect the individual who is signing, or prior circulation will take place among members. It was also noted that standard board protocol is to not speak on behalf of the board, unless the Board collectively authorizes it.

Adjourn: 3:01 p.m.

- Next Regular meeting: June 13th, 2019
- Special meeting: Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:30-3:00. Topic: North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (BH-ASO) Overview

Russell asked for a call-in number for the Special Meeting, Joanie will send this to him

Farewell Ceremony for Departing BHO Staff following the June 13<sup>th</sup> CAEC Meeting
 Joe Valentine spoke about the farewell ceremony that will be taking place following the June meeting. Providers will be invited, as well as County Coordinators and Advisory Board Members.

Respectfully Submitted;

Joanie Williams Clerk of the Board