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North Sound BH-ASO Memorandum 2021-03

DATE: April 2nd, 2021

TO: Provider Network, County Courts

FROM: Michael McAuley, Clinical Manager

RE: Behavioral Health Services for Court Ordered Treatment: Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT)/Less Restrictive Alternatives (LRA) and Conditional Releases (CR)

North Sound BH-ASO has dedicated proviso funding and has implemented a comprehensive case rate for any individual who is ineligible for Medicaid that covers all required services and supports for court ordered outpatient treatment under RCW 71.05.320 and 71.05.340. In addition, North Sound BH-ASO has available funding for ongoing behavioral health outpatient services following the expiration of any court order.

Local courts ordering a person to outpatient treatment are encouraged to coordinate in agreement with a North Sound BH-ASO contracted provider and follow all notification procedures outlined in RCW 71.05.

North Sound BH-ASO clinical staff are available to coordinate with local courts and facilities attempting to discharge individuals on AOT/LR/CR orders and can be reached at (360) 416-7013.

North Sound BH-ASO is aware of significant COVID-19 impacts to program capacity and is working diligently with our partners to support our region's network. We encourage any provider that is certified and licensed to provide or coordinate less restrictive court orders to contact Michael McAuley (michael_mcauley@nsbhaso.org) or Margaret Rojas (margaret_rojas@nsbhaso.org).

Thank You.

Cc: North Sound BH-ASO Staff