



Annual Advisory Board Holiday Potluck

December 7, 2010

12:00



MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 2, 2010
TO: NSMHA Advisory Board
FROM: Chuck Benjamin, Executive Director
RE: December 9, 2010, Board of Director's Agenda

For your information, the following motions went before the Board of Directors for approval at a "special" meeting held November 18, 2010.

State Mental Health Funding

Motion #10-121

To approve NSMHA-COMPASS HEALTH-SMHC-09-11 Amendment 5 for the provision of removing all language regarding the operation of the North Sound Evaluation and Treatment Center (E&T) and the removal of the December 2010 capacity payment for the North Sound E&T, which is now closed. This reduces funding by \$139,380 for the remainder of the contract period. This reduction is effective December 1, 2010.

Motion #10-123 To approve NSMHA-LAKE WHATCOM-SMHC-09-11 Amendment 3 for the provision of reducing the Expanded Community Service program by 9.43%. This restores ECS funding by \$60,460 for the remainder of the contract period. This reduction was effective November 1, 2010.

Motion #10-124 To approve NSMHA-COMPASS HEALTH-SMHC-09-11 Amendment 4 for the provision of reducing the Expanded Community Service program by 9.43%. This restores ECS funding by \$52,848 for the remainder of the contract period. This reduction was effective November 1, 2010.

Jail Services:

Motion #10-125 To approve NSMHA-ISLAND COUNTY-JAIL SERVICES-09-11 Amendment 1 for the provision of reducing Jail Service funding by 9.43%. This reduces the maximum consideration on the Jail Service funding to \$161,276 for the remainder of the contract period. This reduction was effective November 1, 2010.

Motion #10-126 To approve NSMHA-SKAGIT COUNTY-JAIL SERVICES-09-11 Amendment 1 for the provision of reducing Jail Service funding by 9.43%. This reduces the maximum consideration on the Jail Service funding to \$174,342 for the remainder of the contract period. This reduction was effective November 1, 2010.

Motion #10-127 To approve NSMHA-SNOHOMISH COUNTY-JAIL SERVICES-09-11 Amendment 1 for the provision of reducing Jail Service funding by 9.43%. This reduces the maximum consideration on the Jail Service funding to \$756,041 for the remainder of the contract period. This reduction was effective November 1, 2010.

Motion #10-128 To approve NSMHA-WHATCOM COUNTY-JAIL SERVICES-09-11 Amendment 1 for the provision of reducing Jail Service funding by 9.43%. This reduces the maximum consideration on the Jail Service funding to \$260,764 for the remainder of the contract period. This reduction was effective November 1, 2010.

County Contracts

Motion #10-129 To approve NSMHA-ISLAND COUNTY-ADMINISTRATION-10 Amendment 1 for the provision of reducing administrative funding by 5.63%. This reduces funding by \$482 for the remainder of the contract period. This reduction is effective November 1, 2010.

Motion #10-130 To approve NSMHA-SAN JUAN COUNTY-ADMINISTRATION-10 Amendment 1 for the provision of reducing administrative funding by 5.63%. This reduces funding by \$522 for the remainder of the contract period. This reduction is effective November 1, 2010.

Motion #10-131 To approve NSMHA-SKAGIT COUNTY-ADMINISTRATION-10 Amendment 1 for the provision of reducing administrative funding by 5.63%. This reduces funding by \$518 for the remainder of the contract period. This reduction is effective November 1, 2010.

Motion #10-143 To approve NSMHA-WHATCOM COUNTY-ADMINISTRATION-10 Amendment 1 for the provision of reducing funding by 5.63%. This reduces funding by \$591 for the remainder of the contract period. This reduction is effective November 1, 2010.

Motion #10-132 To approve NSMHA-SNOHOMISH COUNTY-SMHC-09-11 Amendment 3 for the provision of reducing administrative funding by 5.63%. This reduces funding by \$3,694 for the remainder of the contract period. This reduction is effective November 1, 2010.

Motion # 10-133 To approve NSMHA-SNOHOMISH COUNTY-MEDICAID-09-11 Amendment 2 for the provision of reducing administrative funding by 5.63%. This reduces funding by \$5,352 for the remainder of the contract period. This reduction is effective November 1, 2010.

Medicaid Funding

Motion #10-122

To approve NSMHA-COMPASS HEALTH-MEDICAID-09-11 Amendment 5 for the provision of removing all language regarding the operation of the North Sound Evaluation and Treatment Center (E&T) and the removal of the December 2010 capacity payment for the North Sound E&T, which is now closed. This reduces funding by \$139,380 for the remainder of the contract period. This reduction is effective December 1, 2010.

Motion #10-134 To approve NSMHA-BRIDGWAYS-MEDICAID-09-11 Amendment 4 for the provision of fund reallocations based on the fee for service utilization model implemented in 2007. This amendment will increase funding by \$38,784 through June 30, 2011. The term of this Agreement ends on September 30, 2010.

Motion #10-135 To approve NSMHA-CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES-MEDICAID-09-11 Amendment 4 for the provision of fund reallocations based on the fee for service utilization model implemented in 2007. This amendment will increase funding by \$19,919 through June 30, 2011. The term of this Agreement ends on September 30, 2010.

Motion #10-136 To approve NSMHA-COMPASS HEALTH-MEDICAID-09-11 Amendment 4 for the provision of fund reallocations based on the fee for service utilization model implemented in 2007. This amendment will reduce funding by \$24,830 through June 30, 2011. The term of this Agreement ends on September 30, 2010.

Motion #10-137 To approve NSMHA-IINTERFAITH-MEDICAID-09-11 Amendment 3 for the provision of fund reallocations based on the fee for service utilization model implemented in 2007. This amendment will reduce funding by \$5,000 through June 30, 2011. The term of this Agreement ends on September 30, 2010.

Motion #10-138 To approve NSMHA-LAKE WHATCOM-MEDICAID-09-11 Amendment 3 for the provision of fund reallocations based on the fee for service utilization model implemented in 2007. This amendment will increase funding by \$2,914 through June 30, 2011. The term of this Agreement ends on September 30, 2010.

Motion #10-139 To approve NSMHA-SEA MAR-MEDICAID-09-11 Amendment 3 for the provision of fund reallocations based on the fee for service utilization model implemented in 2007. This amendment will increase funding by \$18,381 through June 30, 2011. The term of this Agreement ends on September 30, 2010.

Motion #10-140 To approve NSMHA-SUNRISE SERVICES-MEDICAID-09-11 Amendment 4 for the provision of fund reallocations based on the fee for service utilization model implemented in 2007. This amendment will decrease funding by \$25,170 through June 30, 2011. The term of this Agreement ends on September 30, 2010.

Motion #10-141 To approve NSMHA-WCPC-MEDICAID-09-11 Amendment 4 for the provision of fund reallocations based on the fee for service utilization model implemented in 2007. This amendment will increase funding by \$3,750 through June 30, 2011. The term of this Agreement ends on September 30, 2010.

County Administration Contracts:

To approve NSMHA-ISLAND COUNTY-ADMINISTRATION-11 for the provision of county participation on the coordination of and input regarding public mental health services within their county. The term of this Agreement is January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. The maximum consideration on this Agreement is \$48,432.

To approve NSMHA-SAN JUAN COUNTY-ADMINISTRATION-11 for the provision of county participation on the coordination of and input regarding public mental health services within their county. The term of this Agreement is January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. The maximum consideration on this Agreement is \$47,916.

To approve NSMHA-SKAGIT COUNTY-ADMINISTRATION-11 for the provision of county participation on the coordination of and input regarding public mental health services within their county. The term of this Agreement is January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. The maximum consideration on this Agreement is \$52,056.

To approve NSMHA-WHATCOM COUNTY-ADMINISTRATION-11 for the provision of county participation on the coordination of and input regarding public mental health services within their county. The term of this Agreement is January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. The maximum consideration on this Agreement is \$59,436.

The following will go before the Board of Directors for approval at their December 9th meeting:

Professional Service Agreements

To approve NSMHA-TURNER HR SERVICES-PSC-11 for the provision of Human Resource Consultation. The term of this Agreement is January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 for a maximum consideration of \$15,000.

To approve NSMHA-BROWN M.D.-PSC-11 for the provision of Medical Director Consultation. The term of this Agreement is January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 for a maximum consideration of \$36,000.

To approve NSMAH-LWC-PSC-11 for the provision of janitorial services. The term of this Agreement is January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 for a maximum consideration of \$14,097.42.

Compass Health (removal of Mobile Outreach Funding)

To approve NSMHA-COMPASS HEALTH-SMHC-09-11 AMENDMENT 6 for the provision of removing the mobile outreach funding from this Agreement. This will reduce the funding by \$12,280 through June 30, 2010.

To approve NSMHA-COMPASS HEALTH-MEDICAID-09-11 AMENDMENT 6 for the provision of removing the mobile outreach funding from this Agreement. This will reduce the funding by \$64,470 through June 30, 2010.

NORTH SOUND MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Agenda

December 7, 2010

1:00 PM

1. Call to Order - Introductions, Chair – 5 minutes
2. Revisions to the Agenda, Chair – 5 minutes
3. Approval of the October 2010 Meeting Minutes, Chair – 5 minutes (November meeting was canceled)
4. Ombuds Report
5. Brief Announcements – 3 minutes
 - a. Letter from Karen Sykes with news article
6. Correspondence and Comments from the Chair – 5 minutes
7. New Business:
 - a. Pre-meeting presentations
 - b. QMOC Roster
 - c. Asset Allocation
8. Old Business:
9. Monthly Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Director's Report – Chuck Benjamin – 5 minutes
 - b. Finance Committee – Mary Good – 5 minutes
 - c. Executive Committee/Agenda Committee – Charles Albertson – 5 minutes
 - d. QMOC Report – 5 minutes
10. Items To Be Brought Forward To The Board of Directors – Chuck Benjamin, Executive Director
 - a. Consent Agenda
 - b. Action Items
 - c. Introduction Items
11. Comments from County Advisory Board Representatives – 15 minutes
 - a. Island
 - b. San Juan
 - c. Skagit
 - d. Snohomish
 - e. Whatcom
12. Comments from Public – 5 minutes
 - a. Seeds of Change – Peer to Peer Mental Health Support Network
(www.nwseedsofchange.org)
13. Other Business
14. Adjournment

NOTE: The next Advisory Board meeting will be February 1, 2011, in the NSMHA Conference Room.

**North Sound Mental Health Administration (NSMHA)
MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD
October 12, 2010
1:00 – 3:00**

Present:	Island: <i>Candace Trautman and Terry Ann Gallagher</i> Skagit: <i>Mary Good and Susan Ramaglia</i> Snohomish: <i>Marie Jubie, Otis Gulley, Arthur Jackson and Fred Plappert (via phone)</i> Whatcom: <i>Russ Sapienza, Larry Richardson, Mark McDonald and Darcy Hocker</i> San Juan: <i>Mary Ann Slabaugh</i>
Excused Absence:	
Absent:	Whatcom: <i>Howard "Hill" Cummings</i> Skagit: <i>Joan Lubbe</i>
Staff:	<i>Chuck Benjamin and Rebecca Pate</i>
Guests:	<i>Laurel Britt, Chuck Davis and Carol Ann Sullivan</i>

MINUTES

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
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CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS		
Chair Jackson	The Chair convened the meeting at 1:00 pm. There was a pre-meeting presentation by Mardelle Moore from Bridgeways regarding Federal Block Grant services they provide.	Informational
REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA		
Chair Jackson	The Chair asked for any revisions to the agenda and none were made.	Informational
APPROVAL OF MINUTES		
Chair Jackson	The Chair asked for any revisions to the September minutes. A motion was made to approve, seconded and discussion followed. The vote was called to approve as amended and motion carried with one abstention.	Informational Motion carried
OMBUDS REPORT		
Chuck Davis	Chuck gave the April through September 2010 PowerPoint presentation included in members' folders along with supporting documentation.	Informational
BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS		
Chair Jackson	The Chair stated this would be passed over and done during comments from the public.	Informational
COMMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE CHAIR		
Chair Jackson	The Chair had no comments.	Informational
NEW BUSINESS		
Chair Jackson	<p>Nominating Committee This committee is to discuss and provide recommended nominees to the full Board for Chair and Vice Chair. Marie, Susan and Darcy volunteered to serve on this committee.</p> <p>2011 Meeting Schedule The November meeting was mentioned and Chuck B. said the Board of Directors (BOD) will not be meeting in November. He added the BOD will be meeting every other month beginning December. Chuck said the recommendations for BOD meetings coordinates well with</p>	Informational

	<p>events that occur within the region. Arthur asked if the Advisory Board wished to coordinate their meetings with the BOD. Discussion followed. It was emphasized the cuts must be enacted November 1st and decisions will be made at Thursday's BOD meeting.</p> <p>Larry made a motion to conform Advisory Board meetings to BOD meetings, including no meeting in November, Otis seconded and discussion followed. Mark expressed concern about information being distributed in a timely manner. Chuck assured Mark that information would be distributed as needed and, if necessary, an ad hoc meeting could be called to handle pertinent information. Candy called the question and motion carried with two oppositions.</p> <p>Quality Management Oversight Committee (QMOC) Alternates Quality Management Oversight Committee (QMOC) alternates were mentioned. Marie expressed Charles Albertson has voiced an interest in serving on QMOC and Planning. Chuck said the priority should be for Advisory Board members to serve. Mark expressed an interest to serve on QMOC to replace Marie when she leaves in 2011. Terry Ann will be an alternate.</p>	<p>Motion carried</p>
OLD BUSINESS		
Chair Jackson	The Chair asked for any old business and nothing was mentioned.	Informational
MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORTS		
Executive Director's Report		
<p>Chuck Benjamin</p>	<p>Chuck informed the Advisory Board via PowerPoint of the pending budget cuts that would be presented to the BOD on Thursday, October 14th.</p> <p>As a summary, the reductions by program/service are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Develop a NSMHA regional rate for Residential Crisis Stabilization rate and let counties pick up their respective costs. 2. Close the Sedro-Woolley E&T <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o \$1M in savings o Increase inpatient cost by \$2M that was all ready decreased by 1.3 M o Create mobile outreach teams in Skagit and Whatcom 3. Eliminate all state only funds going to Fidelity Supported Employment 4. Eliminate Wage Earner funds 5. Eliminate annual housing fund 6. Reduce: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o All crisis related services of all providers by 3.37%. o WSH Liaisons funding (minor furlough impact) o Information Svc Subsidy o County Admin o NSMHA Operation budget (including furlough days - 12 o Flex Funds 	<p>Informational</p>

	<p>The real problem is all of the directions that NSMHA is receiving budget reductions from, as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="365 289 1247 856"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="365 289 711 359">Issue</th> <th data-bbox="711 289 987 359">Funding Source</th> <th data-bbox="987 289 1247 359">2010-2011 Impact</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="365 359 711 447">NSMHA 2010 Backfill</td> <td data-bbox="711 359 987 447">Reserves of \$ 500,000</td> <td data-bbox="987 359 1247 447">\$ -987,575</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="365 447 711 535">13% State Reduction (not 6.287%)</td> <td data-bbox="711 447 987 535">State Only Funds</td> <td data-bbox="987 447 1247 535">\$ -2,944,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="365 535 711 623">WMIP Enrollment Increase</td> <td data-bbox="711 535 987 623">Medicaid</td> <td data-bbox="987 535 1247 623">\$ -1,024,948</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="365 623 711 711">Rate Reduction by DBHR (Aug 2010)</td> <td data-bbox="711 623 987 711">Medicaid</td> <td data-bbox="987 623 1247 711">\$ - 521,517</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="365 711 711 800">Medicaid Eligibility Decrease 0.6%</td> <td data-bbox="711 711 987 800">Medicaid</td> <td data-bbox="987 711 1247 800">\$ -2,971,031</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="365 800 711 856" style="text-align: center;">TOTAL</td> <td data-bbox="711 800 987 856">REDUCTION:</td> <td data-bbox="987 800 1247 856">\$ -8,499,071</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>We obviously will have to discuss the implications and impacts on these proposed reductions. However, most of these reductions commence November 1, 2010 and the others on January 1, 2011. So, while we must be as thorough as we can be with the time constraints, we must make a decision this Thursday.</p>	Issue	Funding Source	2010-2011 Impact	NSMHA 2010 Backfill	Reserves of \$ 500,000	\$ -987,575	13% State Reduction (not 6.287%)	State Only Funds	\$ -2,944,000	WMIP Enrollment Increase	Medicaid	\$ -1,024,948	Rate Reduction by DBHR (Aug 2010)	Medicaid	\$ - 521,517	Medicaid Eligibility Decrease 0.6%	Medicaid	\$ -2,971,031	TOTAL	REDUCTION:	\$ -8,499,071	
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Mary Good	Mary said the committee met and discussed the expenditures. She said the expenditures were straightforward and the committee brings forth a recommendation/motion to present to the full Board to forward to the Board of Directors for approval. The full Board accepted the recommendation/motion.	Informational																					
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Marie Jubie	Marie said the committee met but there were no issues on the agenda to discuss. She added they discussed appointing Charles Albertson to serve on Quality Management Oversight Committee and possibly Planning Committee. However, as previously discussed, the new members will be Mark McDonald and Terry Ann Gallagher.	Informational																					
	Quality Management Oversight Committee (QMOC) Report																						
	<p>This was passed over but the following was accomplished at the meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The meeting was held September 22, 2010, and the August summary was approved as amended 2. The following announcements were made: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Stacey Alles mentioned a conflict may exist regarding children and adult access to care standards. b. Greg mention National Council of Behavioral Health sent an email stating the Denver Community Mental Health Center has a pretty sophisticated recovery oriented quality 	Informational																					

	<p>measurement system with the following quality measures in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A level of care system ii. Tied the level of care system to how they are ensuring people get the appropriate intensity of care iii. Providers rating consumers on progress towards recovery iv. Consumers rating their progress towards recovery v. Consumers rating clinical staff <p>3. The following Quality Issues were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Update on QMOC meeting practices b. Second Opinion Process c. Out-of-network services d. Performance Improvement Project (PIP) update e. QMOC Policy Subcommittee report <p>4. NSMHA/Provider Policy Coordination</p> <p>5. NSMHA Re-organization</p> <p>6. The next meeting will be October 27, 2010, from 1-3.</p>	
ITEMS BROUGHT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
	Introduction and Action Items	
<p>Chuck Benjamin</p>	<p>Chuck reviewed the action/introductory items going before the Board of Directors (BOD), Thursday, October 14th, included in the revised memorandum.</p> <p>Chuck said the first four (4) contracts mentioned are for PATH contracts and will go before the BOD. Two are for the incoming funds and two are for the funds funneling out to providers in effect 10/14/10 to 6/30/12. Fred made a motion to recommend approval of these contracts, seconded and motion carried with one abstention.</p> <p>He said the next was for legal services to update the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) policy/language to come in compliance. Otis made a motion to approve this legal consult contract, seconded and discussion followed. The vote was called and motion carried.</p> <p>He said the Human Resources Professional Services agreement is next but not included. NSMHA would like to increase that \$5,000 so the consultant can continue her work through the end of the year. This is part of the re-organization of NSMHA and is a one-time increase. Next year's contract will be for the same amount, excluding increase. A motion was made to recommend approval, seconded and motion carried.</p>	<p>Informational</p> <p>Motion carried w/one abstention</p> <p>Motion carried</p> <p>Motion carried</p>

	<p>Chuck stated page 2 and the top three items on page 3 are for amendments to Medicaid contracts passed down from the State regarding pass through language requiring providers to increase frequency of excluded provider checks through the Office of the Inspector General’s database. Marie made a motion to recommend approval, Otis seconded and motion carried.</p> <p>Chuck said Intensive Wraparound contracts/amendments were next on the agenda. Otis made a motion to recommend approval, Susan seconded and discussion followed. Otis made a motion to change one of the aforementioned to Island County, Susan seconded and motion carried.</p> <p>Chuck set the next series is to do away with Jail Services and Expanded Community Services. Otis made a motion to recommend approval, Susan seconded and motion carried.</p> <p>Chuck stated the next series regarded the budget reductions previously discussed in the Executive Director’s report. Otis made a motion to recommend approval, Susan seconded and discussion followed. The vote was called and motion carried.</p> <p>Introduction items</p> <p>Chuck stated this regarded closing the Sedro-Woolley Evaluation and Treatment Center and creation of crisis mobile outreach in Skagit and Whatcom Counties. Otis made a motion to recommend approval, Susan seconded and motion carried.</p> <p>Chuck mentioned contract amendments regarding respite rates. Otis made a motion to recommend approval, Susan seconded and discussion followed. The vote was called and motion carried.</p> <p>Chuck mentioned contract amendments regarding fee schedule changes. Otis made a motion to recommend approval, Susan seconded and motion carried.</p>	<p>Motion carried</p> <p>Motion carried</p> <p>Motion carried</p> <p>Motion carried</p> <p>Motion carried</p> <p>Motion carried</p> <p>Motion carried</p>
COMMENTS FROM COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS		
Island	Candace mentioned no one attended the meeting so they did not have a report.	Informational
San Juan	<p>State budget – Please see attached from Rashi Gupta, Policy Director for the Washington State Association of Counties and Susan Dreyfus, Secretary of the Department of Social and Health Services. Everyone is still sorting things out but here are some things that we know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Sound Mental Health Administration has to reduce its budget by \$8.4 million (14%). Attended an emergency meeting on 10/8 with RSN, county, and provider staff. Attached are the proposed reductions that are moving forward to the Board of Directors for their meeting this Thursday October 14th. Included in the proposal is closure of the North Sound 	Informational

	<p>Evaluation and Treatment Center in Sedro Woolley. We are looking at the impacts of closure for San Juan County and the issues will be discussed tomorrow with the County Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for the Jail Transition Services program is eliminated statewide. Many of larger counties already had mental health services in their jails, prior to this funding, but we did not. This means that our program provided through Island County Jail is done. Lisa Hensley, Jail Transition Services Coordinator in Island County has been given her lay-off notice. This is a huge loss for both Island and San Juan Counties. • Developmental Disabilities Day Programs are being cut 12%. Funding for state only funded individuals is being eliminated. • Drugs and Alcohol. Inpatient programs and youth detox are being cut. <p>More MENTAL HEALTH: We have a meeting with Maile Keli'ipio Acoba and staff from the Family Resource Centers tomorrow to review draft statements of work for the community based mental health program.</p> <p>I have been working with Superior Court and the Prosecuting Attorney's Office re: clarifying role of public mental health system in court ordered mental health evaluations. There has been some confusion re: these evaluations and we are meeting to October 25th to discuss further.</p> <p>We are meeting with the Lopez Island School District on October 27th to go over their billings in for the school based mental health program.</p> <p>DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES</p> <p>Our request for technical assistance from DDD has been approved. We are working with consultant David Black to design a workshop for families, provider, state and county staff to focus on how we can work together more effectively given our geographic and economic challenges.</p> <p>We conducted a site visit to monitor Washington Vocational Services on October 7th. Sharon Robinson-Holmes will be providing us with a written report.</p> <p>SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AND PREVENTION</p> <p>We have submitted a revised Criminal Justice Innovative Plan to DBHR per their request during our site visit. We'd like to thank Lynn Retzer from Compass Health for her assistance. The plan is attached here.</p>	
<p>Skagit</p>	<p>Susan said Community Services staff met with Embracing Differences organizers regarding a community summit organized by Kathleen Jo and John Ryan to be held in November to address issues of disability and diversity. Community Services will co-sponsor the event.</p>	<p>Informational</p>

	<p>Community Services held a day long staff retreat on September 17th to learn about services our department offers and to work towards a more integrated identify as a department.</p> <p>To date 79 individuals have been referred to the Skagit Treatment Engagement Program (STEP) which just completed its first year on September 30, 2010. The program has served 68 clients and helped 34 transition into ongoing mental health care.</p> <p>Skagit County received a grant from Department of Behavioral Health and Recovery for a Jail based Chemical Dependency (CD) treatment program. Services will be provided by Skagit Recovery Center and 0.1% funds will help fund a corrections officer for this program whose duties will include interfacing with both CD and mental health treatment programs for the jail.</p>	
<p>Snohomish</p>	<p>Snohomish County Human Services Department has undergone a restructuring process. Cammy Hart-Anderson has been appointed the Division Manager for the Alcohol and Other Drugs, Mental Health and Veterans Services programs.</p> <p>The Mental Health Programs had a successful audit by NSMHA in September.</p> <p>We are in the midst of auditing subcontractors for our Federal Block Grant (FBG) and Jail Services Programs.</p> <p>Marie mentioned their Jail Services Program will be terminated due to budget cuts.</p>	<p>Informational</p>
<p>Whatcom</p>	<p>Russ stated they had a combined meeting with substance abuse and discussed programs that will be affected with budget cuts. They discussed renovations changes proposed for the Triage Center/Crisis Stabilization Unit. They are looking for partners for this project and a Federal Block Grant for \$1 million is available but \$2.5 million is needed. They have mental health prevention services available in each district outside Bellingham. They have a DUI impact panel at the Whatcom County court house. Their operating budget is short and they are cutting \$500,000 - \$600,000 out of their budget and this will include some domestic services programs. They have a need of an accountant and full-time contracts coordinator for health services at the high school. There will be two vacancies on the County Advisory Board as of January. Millage funds were discussed with \$330,000 earmarked for mental health services coming out of any property tax funding should taxes be raised. They discussed increasing extra treatment beds.</p> <p>Russ mentioned the passing of Lisa Lafferty and two clinicians Bob Poole and Warren Angel (Kaufman). He said in spite of these losses they are working hard to keep things going.</p>	<p>Informational</p>

	He said the candidate's forum will be this Thursday, October 14 th , from 7-9 pm at St. Luke's Educational Center. They are hoping to have candidates present to discuss mental health issues. Their next meeting is October 8 th .	
COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC		
Chair Jackson	The Chair asked for any comments from the public and Otis showed and briefly discussed a PowerPoint regarding persons with disabilities that he has been showing throughout the community.	Informational
OTHER BUSINESS		
Chair Jackson	The Chair asked for any other business and Fred thanked everyone for their care and concern during his recent medical procedure.	Informational
ADJOURNMENT		
Chair Jackson	The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 pm and the next meeting will be December 7, 2010.	Informational