

1. FACILITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

- A survey has been distributed to Counties, providers, and the MCOs to gather information on gaps and need for both inpatient and outpatient services.

2. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES COORDINATING COMMITTEE

- In 2020, Health Care Authority [HCA] worked with WSAC to form a “Behavioral Health Services Coordinating Committee” [BHSCC]. The committee was to provide an opportunity for Counties and the State to improve communication and problem solving around behavioral health system issues. Both Jill Johnson and myself have represented the North Sound region.
- A recent meeting of the BHSCC identified “network adequacy” as one of the top county concerns. Consequently, a “network adequacy” sub-group was formed to provide input to the state on how to better define, measure and monitor network adequacy.
- At the first meeting of the workgroup, HCA presented a technical overview of how it currently measures MCO network adequacy [[attachment 1](#)]
- However, the counties stressed that the real focus should be on “access to care”. Subsequent meetings will include discussion on how to define and measure adequate access to care.

3. NORTH SOUND E&T RIBBON CUTTING

- On August 25, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held for the new North Sound Evaluation & Treatment facility in Sedro Wooley.
- Residents are scheduled to be moved in starting September 1.

4. CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILY MOBILE CRISIS TEAMS

- Approval of the contract with Compass Health to implement two Children, Youth, and Family Crisis teams is scheduled for the September Board meetings.
- HCA continues to refine its vision for all of the mobile outreach teams. [[Attachment 2](#)]
- Although we agree with the goals of the vision, ASOs have expressed concerns about the ability to establish 11 person teams in all counties and reduce response times from 2 hours to one hour without additional funding and addressing the continued workforce challenges.

5. CRISIS SERVICES UPDATE

- Weekly Crisis Capacity Indicator snapshot and Dashboard [[Attachments 3 and 4](#)].