

Executive Committee (EC) Members Present:

- Jill Johnson, Chair, Island County Commissioner
- David Kincheloe, Chair, North Sound Behavioral Health Organization Advisory Board
- Ken Mann, Whatcom County Council
- Jamie Stephens, County Council Member, San Juan County Council
- Regina Delahunt, Whatcom County Health Department Director, Designated Alternate for County Executive Jack Louws
- Ken Dahlstedt, Skagit County Commissioner
- Cammy Hart Anderson, Snohomish County Human Services, Designated Alternate for County Executive Dave Somers
- Geoffrey Thomas Snohomish County; Designated Alternate for Snohomish County Council Member Stephanie Wright
- Darcy Cheesman, Snohomish County; Designated Alternate for Snohomish County Council Member Sam Low
- Robert Knoll, Snohomish County; Designated Alternate for Snohomish County Council Member Brian Sullivan

North Sound Behavioral Health Organization (BHO) Staff Present:

- Joe Valentine, Executive Director
- Betsy Kruse, Deputy Director
- Bill Whitlock, Fiscal Officer
- Joanie Williams, Administrative Manager

Guests:

- Brad Furlong, North Sound BHO Counsel
- Jackie Henderson, Island County Human Services
- Barbara LaBrash, San Juan County Health and Human Services
- Lynda Richards, Island County
- Mark Tompkins, San Juan County Human Services
- Julie DeLosada, Skagit County Public Health
- Rebecca Clark, Skagit County Public Health
- Anji Jorstad, Snohomish County Human Services

Call to Order and Introductions – Chair Johnson

The Chair called the meeting to order and initiated introductions.

Revisions to the Agenda – Chair

The Chair asked if there were any revisions to the Agenda, and there were none.

Approval of August 2017, Minutes, Motion #17-67 – Chair Johnson

Chair Johnson asked if there was a motion to approve the August Minutes, Geoffrey Thomas moved the motion for approval, Ken Mann seconded the motion, all in favor, Motion #17-67 approved.

Comments & Announcements from the Chair

Chair said she had no comments or announcements to allow enough time for decisions on motions.

Reports from Members

Chair stated that Reports from Members would be skipped in lieu of time.

Comments from the Public

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

Report from the Advisory Board

The Chair noted the Advisory Board Report was available for members to read and asked David if he had comments, he did not. There was discussion regarding the Advisory Board's decision to advise counties to vote in favor of mid-adopter.

Committee Report

▪ QMOC

The Chair referenced the QMOC Report that was available in each member's binder for review

Report from the Executive Director

The North Sound BHO Executive Director gave the Executive Director's Report and covered the following topics:

- Integration Planning Update
- Behavioral Health Parity
- Behavioral Health Facilities Update
- San Juan County Update Plan
- Opioid Summit
- HIPPA Security Risk Assessment
- Crisis Line Assistance with Hurricane Harvey

Report from the Finance Officer

The Finance Officer gave his report and answered questions from the Committee Members.

Report from the Governance Operations Committee

Joe Valentine spoke about a 360 Evaluation that will be administered by North Sound BHO's Human Resource Consultant, Kara Turner. He noted his last evaluation was 3 years ago. The evaluation will be sent to the Executive Committee Members, Advisory Board Members, Behavioral Health CEOs and North Sound BHO staff. A self-evaluation will also be taking place, as well as a session with Chair/Commissioner Jill Johnson to review the evaluation results. In addition, the results of the survey will be shared with the Executive Committee for review. An internal survey for North Sound BHO's Leadership Team will also be taking place.

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 August 1st, 2017 through August 31st, 2017 in the amount of \$12,092,508.98. Payroll for the month of August in the amount of \$272,520.74 and associated employer benefits in the amount of \$193,859.17.

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Ken Mann moved the motion for approval, Jamie Stephens seconded, all in favor, motion approved.

Action Items

For Executive Committee Approval

- Compass Health is expanding its current WISE teams in Island and Snohomish Counties. Island County is receiving 9 additional slots for a total of 27 and Snohomish is receiving 8 additional slots for a total of 130.
- Center for Human Services (CHS) is receiving 10 slots for a new team in South Snohomish County, CHS provides WISE services in King County.

Motion #17-69

- NORTH SOUND BHO-COMPASS HEALTH-WISE-16-18 for the purpose of increasing the number of slots in Island and Snohomish County. The increase to this contract is \$346,800 for a new maximum consideration of \$11,403,600 with the term remaining the same April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2018.

- NORTH SOUND BHO-CHS-WISE-17-18 for the purpose of allocating 10 slots in South Snohomish County. The maximum consideration on this contract is \$306,000 with a term of October 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Cammy Hart-Anderson moved the motion for approval, Regina Delahunt seconded, all in favor, motion approved.

Behavioral Health State Contract (BHSC) and Medicaid

- Compass Health is developing an Outreach Team in San Juan County. This team will be available in the community and at local resource centers on San Juan, Lopez and Orcas Islands. The team will conduct outreach, engagement and crisis prevention/intervention. State funding is being reduced slightly and Medicaid funding increased, for an overall increase of \$190,998.

Motion #17-70

- NORTH SOUND BHO-COMPASS HEALTH-MEDICAID-16-18 Amendment 9 for the purpose of establishing an outreach team. The increase to this contract is \$234,582 for a new maximum consideration of \$54,402,126 with the term remaining the same April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2018.

- NORTH SOUND BHO-COMPASS HEALTH-BHSC-16-18 Amendment 10 for the purpose of establishing an outreach team. The decrease to this contract is \$43,584 for a new maximum consideration of \$11,791,487.98 with the term remaining the same April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2018.

Geoffrey Thomas moved the motion for approval, Jamie Stephens seconded, all in favor, motion approved.

Pioneer Human Services (PHS)-Skagit Crisis Center

- Skagit Crisis Center is adding three (3) additional staff to have the capacity to accept walk-ins 24/7.

Motion #17-71

- NORTH SOUND BHO-PHS-SKAGIT CRISIS CENTER-16-18 Amendment 2 for the purpose of three (3) additional staff. The increase to this contract is \$96,000 for a new maximum consideration of \$7,655,536 with the term remaining the same April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2018

Ken Mann moved the motion for approval, Jamie Stephens seconded, all in favor, motion approved

Professional Service Contract

- Kurt Iverson is a web design consultant. He will be working with staff and stakeholders to develop a new *dynamic and user-friendly* website for the BHO.

Motion #17-72

- NORTH SOUND BHO-IVERSON-PSC-17-18 for the purpose of design consultation on the new BHO website. The maximum consideration on this contract is up to \$27,500 for a term of September 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Geoffrey Thomas moved the motion for approval, Cammy Hart-Anderson seconded, all in favor, motion approved.

Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney

- Skagit County PA Office has provided the requested information to formulate their new case rate for ITA services. This rate is a reduction of \$36 from the 2016 rate of \$950.

Motion #17-73

- Approve the new ITA case rate, effective January 1, 2017, the ITA rate reimbursement for Skagit County is \$914 per case.

Cammy Hart-Anderson moved the motion for approval, Jamie Stephens seconded, all in favor, motion approved.

Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney

- The PA's office is asking the BHO to cover the costs of temporary staffing costs due to an Assistant PA out on maternity leave. North Sound reimburses the counties on a case rate basis, not on an hourly rate for ITA court services. This ask is in addition to the case rate we pay for ITA court services.

Motion #17-74

- Approve payment in the amount of \$4,859.44 for the temporary staffing costs to cover leave for the ITA court services personnel.

Motion #17-74 was discussed. Geoffrey Thomas moved the motion to be tabled until the next meeting in October, Darcy Cheesman seconded, all in favor, motion approved to be tabled until the October meeting. Brad Furlong, North Sound BHO Counsel, spoke and noted he felt more comfortable having conversation in the Executive Session for confidentiality purposes. This topic will be added to the October Meeting's Agenda.

Mid Adopter

- The State has offered financial incentives to Regions who choose to move to an integrated care model in January 2019, rather than 2020 – the “mid-adopter” option. Those regions in which the County Authorities choose the mid-adopter option must submit a “binding letter of intent” to the Health Care Authority [HCA] by September 15. HCA has agreed to extend the deadline for the North Sound's letter to September 22. All counties in a multi-county region must agree. This motion would approve sending a recommendation from the BHO County Authorities Executive Committee to each of the five County Councils/Commissions that the County Authorities agree to the mid-adopter option.

On September 5, the North Sound BHO Advisory Committee voted to recommend to the North Sound County Authorities Executive Committee that they recommend approval of the mid-adopter option.

Motion #17-75

- Recommend to the North Sound County Councils and Commissions that they approve the North Sound BHO County Authorities Executive Committee sending a “binding Letter of Intent” to the Washington State Health Care Authority [HCA] indicating that the North Sound Region wishes to become a “mid-adopter” of Fully Integrated Managed Care in January 2019.

The Chair asked the counties if they would like to discuss the pros and cons of being a mid-adopter. Dialogue followed as the counties deliberated on their thoughts pertaining to the knowns and unknowns provided by Health Care Authority's answers to their questions.

Ken Mann moved the motion for approval.

Regina Delahunt made a motion to amend the current motion on the table which will reflect the conditions below:

- 1) Condition to allow Managed Care Organizations (MCO)s to contract back with the Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (BH-ASO) for some of the services and functions the Behavioral Health Organization (BHO) now provides
- 2) Adequate ASO with dedicated funding, including the option of allowing the BHO to use unspent money to support the operation of the BH-ASO
- 3) Formalization of the Inter-Local Leadership Structure in statute

Cammy Hart-Anderson seconded the motion.

The motion continued, noting there would be 3 conditions, as expressed, to become a mid-adopter with the transition year, 7 approved, 2 disapproved, motion carried.

Joe noted the North Sound BHO will attempt to find a date the first week in October in case the additional special session is needed. He also offered to draft language describing the above conditions for consideration by the County Councils and Commissions.

Motion #17-78 (*motions #17-76 and #17-77 are below*)

- Send a letter to the HCA requesting an extension for the North Sound to submit a letter of intent to become a "Mid-Adopter" until October 6th.

Geoffrey Thomas moved the motion for approval, Ken Mann seconded all in favor, motion approved

For Executive Committee Ratification

PathFinder

- PathFinder funding is a Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Grant for the specific purpose of a State Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis (STR-CFDA 98.788). The payment methodology on this contract is performance based.
- The DBHR PathFinder Grant is a new stream of funding to add capacity to our current PATH contracts. This funding is specifically for adding Substance Use Disorder Peers to the teams, two Peers in Snohomish County and two Peers in Whatcom County.
- Compass Health is the PATH provider in Snohomish and Whatcom County, the PathFinder funds are being allocated to the PATH teams in Snohomish and Whatcom Counties.

Motion #17-76

- DSHS-DBHR-PATHFINDER-17-18 for the purpose of providing the funding for the PathFinder SUD peers in Snohomish County. The maximum consideration on this contract is \$115,844 with a term of July 15, 2017 through April 30, 2018.
- DSHS-DBHR-PATHFINDER-17-18 for the purpose of providing the funding for the PathFinder SUD peers in Whatcom County. The maximum consideration on this contract is \$115,844 with a term of July 15, 2017 through April 30, 2018.
- NORTH SOUND BHO-COMPASS HEALTH-PATHFINDER-17-18 for the purpose of providing the SUD Peers embedded the Snohomish and Whatcom County PATH programs. The maximum consideration on this contract is \$231,688 with a term of July 15, 2017 through April 30, 2018.

Geoffrey Thomas moved the motion for approval, Jamie Stephens seconded, all in favor, motion approved.

Pioneer Human Services/Pioneer Center North (PCN) Residential Treatment Facility

- PCN received an increased rate in their SUD residential beds, from \$145 to \$170 and additional funds for a new 16 bed co-occurring treatment unit with a bed rate of \$302.20.

Motion #17-77

- Approve the new bed rates for PCN at \$170 for SUD treatment and \$302.20 for the co-occurring bed rate, effective July 1st, 2017.

Cammy Hart Anderson moved the motion for approval, Ken Mann seconded, all in favor, motion approved.

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Recommend to the North Sound County Councils and Commissions that they approve the North Sound BHO County Authorities Executive Committee sending a Letter of Intent to the Washington State Health Care Authority [HCA] indicating that the North Sound Counties wishes to become the Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (BH-ASO) upon implementation of Fully Integrated Managed Care in the North Sound region.

On September 5th, the North Sound Behavioral Health Organization's Advisory Board voted to recommend that the North Sound BHO transition to the Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (BH-ASO).

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted;
Joanie Williams


Administrative Manager

Next meeting: October 12th, 2017

