



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA**

**August 12,  
2021**

**Board of Directors Members present:**

**North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (ASO) staff present:**

**Guests present:**

1. **Call to Order and Introductions – Chair Johnson**
2. **Revisions to the Agenda – Chair**
3. **Approval of the June 10, 2021, Minutes, Motion #21-33 – Chair Johnson.....Attachment**
4. **Comments & Announcements from the Chair**
5. **Reports from Members**
6. **Comments from the Public**
7. **Report from the Advisory Board.....(Available at Meeting).....Attachment**
8. **Report from the Executive Director .....Attachment**
  - Update on Recovery Navigator Program [James Dixon]
9. **Report from the Finance Officer .....(Available at Meeting).....Attachment**
10. **Report from the Governance Operations Committee**

*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.*

**Consent Agenda.....(Available at Meeting).....Attachment**

**Motion #21-34**

- To review and approve the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization claims paid from June 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021 in the amount of **\$1,344,746.19**. Payroll for the month of June in the amount of **\$151,890.76** and associated employer benefits in the amount of **\$60,363.24**.

- To review and approve the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization claims paid from July 1, 2021 through July, 31 2021 in the amount of **\$3,884,636.04**. Payroll for the month of June in the amount of **\$147,764.60** and associated employer benefits in the amount of **\$70,615.93**.
- Review and approve budget adjustment.

## 11. Action Items

### *For Board Approval*

#### For Approval by the BOD

#### Michele Osborne & Associates

- In April 2021 the ASO released a Request for Qualifications for a consultant to work with the ASO on Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI). Only one bid was submitted, however, this consulting firm has worked with the ASO previously on a Family Youth System Partner Round table (FYSPRT) project.
- The scope of the work will be an examination of internal policies, practices, and culture. The consultant will also work with the ASO to develop a process and the tools to review our external provider network to ensure their policies, practices and culture are non-discriminatory and anti-racist as well. The project is fluid, working at a pace for individual and organization reflection and action over an 18-month period.

#### Motion #21-35

- NS BH-ASO-Osborne & Assoc.-PSC-21 for the provision of DEI consultation work. The effective date of the contract is October 1, 2021, with a maximum consideration of **\$147,000**.

#### North Sound BH-ASO FTE

- The 2021 legislative session has recognized the growing need for additional behavioral health programs by bringing innovative programs to our communities. One such program is the regional Community Behavioral Rental Assistance (CBRA) grant from Department of Commerce; this program requires coordination and oversight of the rental assistance program. Additionally, with the expansion of Federal Block Grant funds and several proviso services, we see a need to create this position. Ideally the position would be filled by October 1, 2021.
- North Sound BH-ASO is requesting approval one FTE to coordinate and oversee the CBRA program, FBG expansion and proviso services.

#### Motion #21-36

- Approve one FTE position to develop and oversee the CBRA, FBG and proviso programs in the North Sound Region.

### *For Ratification*

#### Consejo Counseling and Referral Services

- Consejo is a Behavioral Health Agency located in King County. They reached out to the ASO about providing telehealth services in our region. With the workforce shortages and limited access to services, engaging Consejo as a telehealth provider will provide additional access to services in the region. Eventually Consejo will have a physical presence in the region. This is a Fee for Service (FFS) contract.

**Motion #21-37**

- NS BH-ASO-Consejo-ICN-21 for the provision of telehealth services in the North Sound Region. This contract is encounter based; payments are made on services submitted through an electronic record. The contract term is July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2022 based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

**Department of Commerce-Community Behavioral Health Rental Assistance (CBRA)**

- An allocation of \$1,366,830.00 is provided for rental assistance to eligible households who meet criteria. Criteria is-
  - Have a documented behavioral health condition,
  - Eligible for a long-term supports program, i.e., HARPS, Foundation Community Supports, DSHS Aging & long-term supports, etc. and,
  - Have a need for long-term housing support with no other payment alternative
- The downstream contracts will be with Lifeline Connections our HARPS provider and housing agencies in the region. We will be reaching out to the housing agencies identified by Department of Commerce.

**Motion #21-38**

- Department of Commerce-North Sound BH-ASO-CBRA-21 for the provision of funding in the amount of \$1,366,830 for behavioral health rental assistance. The term of the Grant Agreement is July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

**12. Introduction Items** .....(Available at Meeting).....Attachment

- 2021 – 2022 Federal Block Grant Plan
- 2021 – 2023 COVID Federal Block Grant Plan

**13. Adjourn**

*Next meeting: September 9, 2021*