



Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

June 11th, 2026

Board of Directors Members Present in Person:

- Justin Paulsen, Board Chair; County Council; San Juan County
- Jill Johnson, Commissioner; Island County
- Peter Browning, Commissioner; Skagit County
- Sam Low, County Council; Snohomish County

Members Present via MS Teams:

- Amanda Franke, Human Services, designated alternate for Dave Somers, County Executive; Snohomish County
- Barry Buchanan, County Council; Whatcom County
- Jami Mitchell, Human Services, Designated Alternate for Justin Paulsen, County Council; San Juan County
- Nicole Gorle, Legislative Analyst, Designated Alternate for Nate Nehring, County Council; Snohomish County
- Cynthia Foley: Senior Legislative Analyst, designated alternate for Strom Peterson, County Council; Snohomish County
- Malora Christensen, Response Systems Division Manager, Designated Alternate for Satpal Sidhu, County Executive; Whatcom County

North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (North Sound BH-ASO) Staff Present:

- JanRose Ottaway Martin, Executive Director
- Lindsay Lopes, Deputy Director
- Lisa Hudspeth, Provider Relations & Contracts Manager
- Michael McAuley, Clinical Director
- Kimberly Nakatani, Fiscal Director
- Amy Glunt Administrative Assistant
- Joanie Wenzl, Clerk of the Board

Call to Order and Introductions – Chair

The Chair called the meeting to order and asked the Board Members to introduce themselves

Tribal Acknowledgement – Chair

[Tribal Behavioral Health | North Sound BH-ASO \(nsbhaso.org\)](https://nsbhaso.org)

The Chair read the Tribal Acknowledgement

Revisions to the Agenda – Chair

There were no revisions requested

Approval of the May 14th, 2026, Minutes, Motion #26-22 – Chair.... Attachment

Peter Browning moved the motion for approval, Sam Low seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion #26-22 carried

Comments & Announcements from the Chair – Chair

The Governance and Operations Committee made a recommendation for the May Warrants to be moved to the full board for review and action

Reports from Members – Chair

Members gave reports regarding the behavioral health happenings in their respective counties

Comments from the Public – Chair

There were no comments from the public, as none were in attendance

Report from the Advisory Board

Kara Allen, Advisory Board Chair

The Advisory Board Chair was attending the Behavioral Health Conference, so JanRose gave the June 2nd Advisory Board Brief

Report from the Finance Officer

Kim Nakatani, Senior Accountant

The Report from the Finance Officer was given. There were no questions.

Report from the Governance Operations Committee - Chair

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 Board of Directors 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 - Chair

Motion #26-23

- To review and approve the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization claims paid from May 1st, 2026, through May 31st, 2026, in the amount of \$5,929,155.45.
- Payroll for the month of May in the amount of \$252,610.18 and associated employer benefits in the amount of \$135,441.71.

Jill Johnson moved the motion for approval, Peter Browning seconded, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion #26-23 carried

Action Items – Lisa Hudspeth, Contracts Manager

For Board Approval

North Sound BH-ASO Budget Amendment

- This amendment is to increase North Sound BH-ASO's annual budget revenue.
- North Sound BH-ASO is receiving the following additional funding:
 - Managed Care Organization's for Crisis Stabilization for Medicaid individuals, as mandated by Health Care Authority implementation of House Bill (HB) 1813 in the amount of \$ 8,531,504.00 (six-month)
 - Snohomish County Lynnwood Crisis Care Facilities Operation Grant in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 (one-time)
 - Health Care Authority proviso funds for crisis stabilization:
 - Jan – June 2026: \$2,960,280.00
 - July – Dec 2026: \$1,495,596.00
 - Total: \$4,445,876.00

Motion # 26-24

To authorize an increase of the revenue budget in the amount of \$15,987,380.00.

Jill Johnson moved the motion for approval, Sam Low seconded, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion 26-24 carried

Pioneer Human Services Amendment

- North Sound BH-ASO has unused Community Behavioral Health Rental Assistance (CBRA) funds for the period of January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026 (note: unused funds do not carry over).
- All CBRA providers were offered additional funds, with the requirement that funds must be spent in the current billing cycle.
- Pioneer Human Services has requested \$13,993.91 in CBRA funding.

Motion # 26-25

NS BH-ASO-PHS-ICN-26_AMD 1 in the amount of \$13,993.91 to provide additional CBRA funding from January 1, 2026

It was noted that "Pioneer Human Services" should be replaced with "Lake Whatcom Center" in both the motion narrative and contract reference.

Corrected motion reads as the following: NS BH-ASO-LWC-ICN-26_AMD 1 in the amount of \$13,993.91 to provide additional Community Behavioral Health Rental Assistance (CBRA) funding from January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026.

Peter Browning moved the motion for approval, Jill Johnson seconded, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion #26-25 carried

The contracts fall into five distinct categories:

- Health Care Authority (HCA) contracts.
- Department of Commerce (DOC) contract.
- Downstream contracts for General Fund-State (GF-S) Mandatory Services
- Downstream contracts for Substance Use Prevention Treatment and Recovery Support Services (SUPTRS) Priority Services
- Downstream contracts for GF-S/SUPTRS/Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) Services within Available Resources (Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Outpatient, SUD Residential, Triage Services), HARPS services, and Community Behavioral Health Rental Assistance (CBRA) services.

Downstream contracts align with and are funded through the HCA and DOC contracts. As a result, the same contract may appear under multiple funding categories.

Health Care Authority (HCA) – K8347 AMD 5

- HCA-NS BH-ASO-K8347 AMD 5 is providing the GF-S funding for the period of July 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, and Federal Block Grant funds for the period of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.
 - GF-S/Proviso 6-month allocation: \$22,107,595.00
 - SUPTRS 12-month allocation - \$3,071,498.00
 - MHBG 12-month allocation Includes MHBG, MHBG Co-Responder, MHBG FYSPRT, Peer Bridger) - \$1,393,818.00
 - Total: \$26,572,911.00

Motion # 26-26

HCA-NS BH-ASO-K8347 AMD 5 in the amount of \$26,475,876.00 to provide GF-S and Proviso funding for the period of July 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, and Federal Block Grant funding for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Jill Johnson moved the motion for approval, Peter Browning seconded, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion #26-26 carried

Health Care Authority (HCA) – K6914 AMD 6

- HCA-NS BH-ASO-K6914 AMD 6 is allocating the Housing and Recovery through Peer Services (HARPS) funding for the team serving Skagit & Whatcom Counties and the rental subsidies for all five counties for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. The estimated allocation is \$697,380.00.

Motion # 26-27

HCA-NS BH-ASO-K6914 AMD 6 to provide Housing and Recovery through Peer Services (HARPS) funding in the amount of \$697,380.00 for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Sam Low moved the motion for approval, Jill Johnson seconded, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion #26-27 carried

Department of Commerce – Community Behavioral Health Rental Assistance (CBRA) Program

- DOC-NS BH-ASO providing Community Behavioral Health Rental Assistance (CBRA) Program for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in all five counties. The 12-month allocation is \$1,512,508.96.

Motion # 26-28

DOC-NS BH-ASO in the amount of \$1,512,508.96 to provide CBRA funding for the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Peter Browning moved the motion for approval, Jill Johnson seconded, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion # 26-28 carried

GF-S Mandatory Services

- The following contracts provide **mandatory behavioral health services** within the North Sound region (Crisis Outreach, Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) Services, ITA inpatient, Secure Withdrawal Management and Proviso Funding). Crisis Services include Funding for General Fund-State (GF-S) services is allocated on a **six (6) month basis**.

Compass Health

- Crisis – Mobile Rapid Response Crisis Teams (MRRCT)
 - 6-month allocation: \$5,405,045.00
- Crisis – Endorsed MRRCT Adult
 - 6-month allocation: \$1,746,264.72
- Crisis – Child, Youth and Family Crisis Outreach Team (CYFCT)
 - 6-month allocation: \$1,199,838.00
- Crisis – Endorsed MRRCT CYFCT
 - 6-month allocation: \$2,251,014.37
- E&T Discharge Planners
 - 6-month allocation: \$71,529.00
- Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT)
 - 6-month allocation: \$384,159.60

Snohomish County

- Mobile Crisis Outreach
 - 6-month allocation: \$2,962,976.00
- Designated Cannabis Account (DCA)
 - 6-month allocation: \$142,459.00
- Jail Transition Services
 - 6-month allocation: \$90,460.00
- Trueblood Funds
 - 6-month allocation: \$72,971.08

Volunteers of America

- Toll-Free Crisis Hotline
 - 6-month allocation: \$1,301,810.66

Telecare

- Peer Bridger
 - 6-month allocation: \$136,628.50
- E&T Discharge Planners
 - 6-month allocation: \$43,368.00

Lifeline Connections

- Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT)
 - 6-month allocation: \$204,855.00

Snohomish County Superior Court

- Juvenile Treatment Services
 - 6-month allocation: \$69,900.00
- Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) / Recovery Support Court Coordinator
 - 6-month allocation: \$56,720.00

Island County

- Designated Cannabis Account
 - 6-month allocation: \$35,489.00
- Jail Transition Services
 - 6-month allocation: \$16,018.00
- Trueblood Funds
 - 6-month allocation: \$7,592.65

San Juan County

- Designated Cannabis Account
 - 6-month allocation: \$35,489.00

Sea Mar Community Health Centers

- New Journeys First Episode Psychosis Program
 - 6-month allocation: \$24,984.00

Skagit County

- Designated Cannabis Account
 - 6-month allocation: \$35,490.00
- Jail Transition Services
 - 6-month allocation: \$20,583.00
- Trueblood Funds

- 6-month allocation: \$11,415.37

Whatcom County

- Designated Cannabis Account
 - 6-month allocation: \$41,719.00
- Jail Transition Services
 - 6-month allocation: \$38,329.00
- Trueblood Funds
 - 6-month allocation: \$19,992.91

Motion # 26-29

Move to approve the following contract amendments to provide funding to continue mandatory behavioral health services, as described above. All contracts listed below have a term of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2027, contingent upon continued compliance with contract terms. Funding is allocated on a six (6) month basis.

- NS BH-ASO-Compass Health-ICCN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO-Snohomish County-ICCN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO-Volunteers of America-ICCN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO-Telecare-ICCN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO-Lifeline Connections-ICN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO-Snohomish County Superior Court-ICN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO-Island County-ICN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO-San Juan County-ICN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO-Sea Mar-ICN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO-Skagit County-Interlocal-26-27
- NS BH-ASO-Whatcom County-ICN-26-27

Sam Low moved the motion for approval, Peter Browning seconded, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion #26-29 carried

Substance Use Prevention, Treatment & Recovery Support Services (SUPTRS) & Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) Priority Services

- The following contracts provide **SUPTRS and Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) priority services**, focused on targeted populations and required service priorities (Pregnant & Parenting Women Housing Services (PPW), Individuals using Intravenous Drugs (IUID) and Opiate Outreach).

Brigid Collins

- Pregnant and Parenting Women (PPW) Housing Support Services
 - 6-month allocation: \$76,260.00

Evergreen Recovery Centers

- PPW Housing Support Services
 - 6-month allocation: \$128,850.00

Catholic Community Services Northwest

- PPW Housing Support Services
 - 6-month allocation: \$75,000.00

Community Action of Skagit County

- Opiate Outreach
 - 6-month allocation: \$123,000.00

Island County

- Opiate Outreach
 - 6-month allocation: \$150,000.00
- HARPS Subsidies
 - 6-month allocation: \$8,561.00

Mount Baker Presbyterian Church (MBPC)

- Opiate Outreach
 - 6-month allocation: \$117,500.00

Snohomish County

- Opiate Outreach
 - 6-month allocation: \$77,500.00

Whatcom County

- Opiate Outreach
 - 6-month allocation: \$203,114.00

Telecare Corporation

- Peer Bridger Program
 - 6-month allocation: \$136,628.50
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Motion #26-30

Move to approve the following contract amendments to provide funding to continue SUPTRS and MHBG priority services, as described above. All contracts listed below have a term of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2027, contingent upon continued compliance with contract terms. Funding is allocated on a six (6) month basis.

- NS BH-ASO–Brigid Collins–ICN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO–Evergreen Recovery Centers–ICN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO–Catholic Community Services NW–ICN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO–Community Action of Skagit County–ICN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO–Island County–ICN-26 AMD 1
- NS BH-ASO–Mount Baker Presbyterian Church–ICN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO–Snohomish County–ICCN-26 AMD 1
- NS BH-ASO–Whatcom County–ICN-26-271
- NS BH-ASO–Telecare–ICN-26-27

Jill Johnson moved the motion for approval, Sam Low seconded, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion #26-30 carried

GF-S / SUPTRS / MHBG SERVICES WITHIN AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- The following contracts provide behavioral health services **within available resources**, supporting system capacity and local service needs.

City of Mount Vernon

- Co-Responder Program
 - 6-month allocation: \$130,000.00

Compass Health

- Crisis Stabilization
 - Marc Healing Center
 - 6-month allocation: \$856,125.00 (non-Medicaid)
 - 6-month allocation: \$1,997,625.00 (Medicaid)
 - Whatcom County Triage
 - 6-month allocation: \$500,000.00 (non-Medicaid)
 - 6-month allocation: \$2,103,612.24 (Medicaid)
- Community Outreach and Recovery Support (CORS) - Whatcom County
 - 6-month allocation: \$92,606.50

Conquer Addiction

- Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) and Least Restrictive Alternatives (LRA) – Snohomish County
 - 6-month allocation: \$237,547.20

Evergreen Recovery Centers

- Homeless Outreach and Stabilization Team (HOST) – Snohomish County
 - 6-month allocation: \$619,983.00
- HOST – Skagit/Island (SKIL)
 - 6-month allocation: \$522,508.78
- Co-Responder Services – San Juan County
 - 6-month allocation: \$111,327.73

Island County

- Co-Responder Program
 - 6-month allocation: \$151,500.00

Lake Whatcom Center

- Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT)
 - 6-month allocation: \$112,127.00

Pioneer Human Services

- Ituha (Island County)
 - Crisis Stabilization/Withdrawal Management (non-Medicaid)
 - 6-month allocation: \$470,925.00
 - Crisis Stabilization (Medicaid)
 - 6-month allocation: \$386,306.57 (Medicaid)
- STAR Facility (Skagit County)
 - Crisis Stabilization
 - 6-month allocation: \$222,266.77 (non-Medicaid)
 - 6-month allocation: \$1,522,997.12 (Medicaid)
 - Withdrawal Management
 - 6-month allocation: \$237,825.00
- Whatcom County Triage

- Withdrawal Management
 - 6-month allocation: \$548,100.00

Sea Mar Community Health Centers

- Lynnwood Crisis Care Facility
 - Crisis Relief Center (23-hour)
 - 6-month allocation: \$1,392,717.04 (non-Medicaid)
 - 6-month allocation: \$2,089,075.56 (Medicaid)
 - Crisis Stabilization
 - 6-month allocation: \$76,215.44 (non-Medicaid)
 - 6-month allocation: \$1,977,625.00 (Medicaid)

Skagit County

- Co-Responder Program
 - 6-month allocation: \$295,453.90

Snohomish County

- Co-Responder Program
 - 6-month allocation: \$60,446.00

Snohomish County – AOT Support

- Court Clerk Office – AOT Expenses
 - 6-month allocation: \$4,833.00
- Prosecutor's Office – AOT Expenses
 - 6-month allocation: \$16,542.00
- Public Defender Association – AOT Expenses
 - 6-month allocation: \$57,013.50

Tulalip Tribes – Family Haven

- At-Risk Youth Services
 - 6-month allocation: \$47,425.00

Whatcom County

- Alternative Response Team
 - 6-month allocation: \$166,379.00

Motion #26-31

Move to approve the following contract amendments to provide funding to continue behavioral health services within available resources, as described above. All contracts listed below have a term of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2027, contingent upon continued compliance with contract terms. Funding is allocated on a six (6) month basis.

- NS BH-ASO–City of Mount Vernon–ICN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO–Compass Health–ICCN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO–Conquer Addiction–ICN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO–Evergreen Recovery Centers–ICN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO–Island County–ICN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO–Lake Whatcom Center–ICN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO–Pioneer Human Services–ICN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO–Sea Mar–ICN-26-27

- NS BH-ASO–Snohomish County–ICCN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO–Snohomish County Court Clerk–AOT-26-27
- NS BH-ASO–Snohomish County Prosecutor’s Office–AOT-26-27
- NS BH-ASO–Snohomish County Public Defender Association–AOT-26-27
- NS BH-ASO–Snohomish County Superior Court–ICN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO–Tulalip Tribes–ICN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO–Whatcom County–ICN-26-27

Jill Johnson moved the motion for approval, Sam Low seconded, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion #26-31 carried

Recovery Navigator Program (RNP)

- The following contracts provide **Recovery Navigator Program (RNP) services** across the North Sound region.

Island County

6-month allocation: \$264,427.50

Compass Health (San Juan County)

- 6-month allocation: \$264,427.50

Community Action of Skagit County

- 6-month allocation: \$264,427.50

Snohomish County

- 6-month allocation: \$411,826.00

Whatcom County

- 6-month allocation: \$256,227.50

Motion #26-32

Move to approve the following contract amendments to provide funding to continue Recovery Navigator Program services, as described above. All contracts listed below have a term of July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2027, contingent upon continued compliance with contract terms. Funding is allocated on a six (6) month basis.

- North Sound BH-ASO–Island County–ICN-26-27
- North Sound BH-ASO–Compass Health–ICN-26-27
- North Sound BH-ASO–Community Action of Skagit County–26-27
- North Sound BH-ASO–Snohomish County–26-27
- North Sound BH-ASO–Whatcom County–ICN-26-27

Peter Browning moved the motion for approval, Jill Johnson seconded, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion #26-32 carried

Community Behavioral Health Rental Assistance (CBRA)

- These contracts provide **housing assistance and related services** for individuals transitioning from inpatient or residential care, with the goal of achieving long-term housing stability.
- Funding sources include:
 - Community Behavioral Health Rental Assistance (CBRA)
 - Governor's Housing Initiative
 - Proviso 86 Housing Assistance
 - HARPS subsidies (as applicable)

Bridgeways (Snohomish County)

- CBRA
 - 6-month allocation: \$48,593.50
- HARPS Subsidies
 - 6-month allocation: \$139,279.00
- Proviso 86 – Behavioral Health Housing
 - 6-month allocation: \$65,897.00

Compass Health

- HARPS Subsidies (San Juan County)
 - 6-month allocation: \$3,430.00
- CBRA (San Juan County)
 - 6-month allocation: \$9,138.50
- CBRA (Snohomish County)
 - 6-month allocation: \$337,342.50
- Proviso 86 – Behavioral Health Housing
 - 6-month allocation: \$97,500.00

Lifeline Connections (Skagit & Whatcom Counties)

- HARPS Team and Rental Subsidies
 - 6-month allocation: \$230,689.90
- CBRA
 - 6-month allocation: \$138,386.00
- Governor's Housing Initiative
 - 6-month allocation: \$6,250.00
- Proviso 86 – Behavioral Health Housing
 - 6-month allocation: \$113,967.50

Lake Whatcom Center (Whatcom County)

- CBRA
 - 6-month allocation: \$104,862.00
- Governor's Housing Initiative
 - 6-month allocation: \$6,250.00
- Proviso 86 – Behavioral Health Housing
 - 6-month allocation: \$135,000.00

Pioneer Human Services (Island County)

- CBRA
 - 6-month allocation: \$45,091.00

- Proviso 86
 - 6-month allocation: \$151,467.50

Opportunity Council (Whatcom County)

- CBRA
 - 6-month allocation: \$67,500.00
- Proviso 86 – Behavioral Health Housing
 - 6-month allocation: \$138,000.00

Motion #26-33

Move to approve the following contract amendments to provide funding to continue housing and rental assistance services, as described above. All contracts listed below have a term of July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2027, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2027, contingent upon continued compliance with contract terms. Funding is allocated on a six (6) month basis:

- NS BH-ASO-Bridgeways-ICN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO-Compass Health-ICN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO-Lifeline Connections-ICN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO-LWC-ICN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO-PHS-ICN-26-27
- NS BH-ASO-Opportunity Council-ICN-26-27

Jill Johnson moved the motion for approval, Sam Low seconded, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion #26-33 carried

Report from the Executive Director

JanRose Ottaway Martin, Executive Director

- Board of Directors Retreat Topic
 - ASO's In-house and Compliance Accountability Efforts
 1. Clinical and Fiscal
 2. Public dollars stewardship
- House Bill 1813 and facilities impacted
 - Budget increase
 - Internal Staff/New Org Chart
- Rural Health Transformation Dollars
- Island County Update
- Ribbon Cutting at the Lynnwood Crisis Care Facility

Crisis Metrics Report

The report was made available to members for individual review

Adjourn – 2:49 p.m.

*Next Meeting: August 13th, 2026 (Board Retreat)
No meeting in July (Summer break)*

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanie Wenzl

Joanie Wenzl
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED