



## Board of Directors

### Hybrid Meeting Agenda

March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023

#### Board of Directors Members Present in Person:

- **Peter Browning**, Commissioner; Skagit County, Board Chair
- **Cammy Hart-Anderson**, Human Services, designated alternate for Dave Somers County Executive, Snohomish County
- **Jill Johnson**, Commissioner, Island County

#### Members Present via Zoom:

- **Barry Buchanan**, County Council; Whatcom County
- **Perry Mowery**, Behavioral Health Supervisor, designated alternate for Satpal Sidhu, County Executive Whatcom County
- **Malora Christensen**, designated alternate for Satpal Sidhu, County Executive, Whatcom County
- **Pat O'Maley Lanphear**, Advisory Board Chair
- **Nicole Gorle**, Legislative Analyst, Snohomish County; designated alternate for Nate Nehring, County Council
- **Jane Fuller**, County Council; San Juan County
- **George Kosovich**, Public Health, designated alternate for Peter Browning, Commissioner, Skagit County
- **Darcy Cheeseman**, Legislative Aid to Council Member, Sam Low, Snohomish County
- **Barbara LaBrash**, Human Services Manager, San Juan County, designated alternate for Jane Fuller

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

- **Joe Valentine**, Executive Director, North Sound BH-ASO
- **Michael McAuley**, Clinical Director, North Sound BH-ASO

- **Margaret Rojas**, Assistant Executive Director, North Sound BH-ASO
- **Charles DeElena**, Business Improvement Manager/Compliance Officer, North Sound BH-ASO
- **Maria Arreola**, Administrative Assistant II, Advisory Board Coordinator, NS BH-ASO
- **Joanie Wenzl**, Administrative Manager/Clerk of the Board, North Sound BH-ASO

**Guests Present:**

Pat Morris; Consultant

**Call to Order and Introductions** – Chair

The Chair called the meeting to order and initiated introductions of those present in person and via Zoom.

**Revisions to the Agenda** – Chair

The Chair asked if there were any revisions to the agenda. There were none.

**Approval of the February 9th, 2023, Minutes, Motion #23-12** – Chair.... Attachment

Jill Johnson moved the motion for approval, Nicole Gorle seconded, all in favor, none opposed, all in favor motion #23-12 carried.

**Comments & Announcements from the Chair**

The Chair stated that several legislative issues are underway, and he encouraged the Board members to stay involved in conversations to include the much-needed support of police involvement in Crisis Services.

**Reports from Members** – Chair

**Skagit:** Martha's Place, on track to open in mid-April.

**Snohomish:** The County has purchased two hotels, housing and behavioral health services will be provided. A church was purchased too. Conversations are taking place about purchasing a youth detox bed. The Health District is now a part of the county.

**Whatcom:** The Alternate Response Teams are now deployed. Bellingham is up and running (details were provided). The Co-Responder program is hoping to be launched next month.

**Island County:** no update

**San Juan County:** The Recovery Navigator Program is now operational. The Human Services Advisory Board (AB) is being worked on. Also working toward recruiting an AB member for the ASO.

**Comments from the Public** – Chair

None

**Crisis Services Key Findings and Key Opportunities** - Michael McAuley

Michael McAuley presented the Crisis Executive Summary highlights to include key findings and opportunities [North Sound BH-ASO Crisis Annual Assessment 2022.pdf \(nsbhaso.org\)](#)

He added that this is the ASO's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Report.

A question-and-answer session followed.

**Crisis System User Experience** - Pat Morris

Pat Morris gave a PowerPoint Presentation on the Crisis System User Experience.

She noted there will be community forums and input from the Advisory Board.

A question-and-answer session followed.

**Compliance Report** - Charles DeElena

Charles DeElena gave the Annual Compliance Report and followed up with questions and answers.

**Report from the Advisory Board** – Pat O'Maley-Lanphear

Pat O'Maley Lanphear gave the Report from the Advisory Board. There were no questions.

**Report from the Finance Officer-** Joe Valentine/Darrell Heiner

Joe gave the Report from the Finance Officer.

The Board members requested the ASO to bring an analysis to the board meeting next month reflecting program funding dollars.

**Report from the Governance Operations Committee-** Chair

- o Executive search firms are being identified to recruit candidates for the ASO's Executive Director position (replacing Joe Valentine upon his retirement, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023). The Diversity, Racial Equity, and Inclusion (DREI) consultants will be part of the screening process.

Jill Johnson, Cammy Hart-Anderson Barry Buchanan, and Peter Browning will assist in the screening and interview process of the search firms, as well as the candidates.

- o Kim Nakatani (the ASO’s new accountant) is in training.
- o Updates on the MOU re: the Opioid Abatement Council (OAC); signatures are still needed for most counties as well as the need to identify representatives for the council. The spreadsheet was reviewed and discussed regarding the status of each county and what is still needed.
  - The ASO’s IT Manager has developed a web portal for the OAC

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*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 #23-13**

- To review and approve the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization claims paid from February 1, 2023, through February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in the amount of **\$1,903,729.50**.
- Payroll for the month of February in the amount of **\$188,623.35** and associated employer benefits in the amount of **\$87,605.18**.

Cammy Hart-Anderson moved the motion for approval, Jill Johnson seconded, all favor, none opposed, motion #22-13 carried.

**Action Items-Chair and Joe Valentine**

**For Board Approval**

**Bridgeways**

**Summary:**

Bridgeways is a Snohomish County provider, currently providing PATH services and managing Department Of Commerce housing vouchers. This motion adds the HARPS vouchers to the contract in the amount of \$206,000 annually for individuals discharging from a state hospital, inpatient psychiatric hospital and/or behavioral health residential services.

### **Motion # 23-14**

- North Sound BH-ASO-Bridgeways-PATH-23 to include HARPS short term housing subsidies in the amount of \$206,000 annually with a term of September 29, 2022, through September 30, 2023, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

Barry Buchanan moved the motion for approval, Jill Johnson seconded, all in favor, motion #23-14 carried.

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### **Introduction Item- Joe Valentine**

#### **Island County**

Island County has requested funding for the implementation of JULOTA care coordination software in the amount of \$22,900. This portion of funding is a one-time implementation fee. Our portion of the funding will support ASO contracted Opioid Outreach, Recovery Navigator and Co-Responder teams.

Joe Valentine spoke about the Introduction Item regarding Island County and the implementation of Julota software. There will be a vote on this during the April meeting.

### **Report from the Executive Director (ED)- Joe Valentine**

Joe gave the Report from the Executive Director.

He mentioned the HCA Quarterly Check-in Meeting that is upcoming.

The Governance and Operations Committee asked that the two agenda items be included on the agenda:

- Competency Restoration (5440)
- Update on the Procurement Process and County Involvement

Regarding the Behavioral Health Needs Assessment, Joe will bring back a draft letter of recommendations for submittal to the Governor's Office.

Adjourn 2:50 p.m.

*Next Meeting: April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023*

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanie Wenzl  
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED