



NORTH SOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ORGANIZATION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS VIRTUAL MEETING MINUTES

December 10,
2020

Board of Directors Members present:

- Jill Johnson, County Commissioner; Island County, Board Chair
- Bill Watson, Council Member; San Juan County
- Cammy Hart-Anderson, Human Services; designated alternate for Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive
- Satpal Sidhu, County Executive; Whatcom County
- Ken Dahlstedt, Commissioner; Skagit County
- Nicole Gorle, Legislative Analyst, Snohomish County; designated alternate for Stephanie Wright, County Council
- Rud Browne, County Council Member; Whatcom County
- Anne Deacon, Human Services Manager, Whatcom County; designated alternate for Satpal Sidhu
- Darcy Cheesman, Legislative Aid; designated alternate for Sam Low, Snohomish County Council Member
- Jackie Henderson, Administrative Director, Island County; designated alternate for Jill Johnson, Commissioner
- Heidi Beazizo, Sr. Legislative Analyst, Snohomish County; designated alternate for Jared Meade, Council Member
- Sarah Hinman, Skagit County Public Health, designated alternate for Ken Dahlstedt
- Pat O'Maley Lanphear, Advisory Board Chair

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

- Joe Valentine, Executive Director; North Sound BH-ASO
- Darrell Heiner, Accounting Specialist; North Sound BH-ASO
- Margaret Rojas, Assistant Director/Contracts Manager; North Sound BH-ASO
- Charles DeElena, Program Manager, Compliance Officer; North Sound BH-ASO
- Lisa Hudspeth, Administrative Assistant III; North Sound BH-ASO

Guests present:

Arlene Feld; North Sound BH-ASO Advisory Board
Duncan West; North Sound BH-ASO Advisory Board
Philip Buri; Buri Funston Mumford & Furlong, PLLC

Call to Order and Introductions – Chair

The Chair called the virtual meeting to order and initiated introductions

Revisions to the Agenda – Chair

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

Approval of the November 12, 2020, Minutes, Motion #20-57 – Chair

Bill Watson moved the motion for approval, Cammy Hart-Anderson seconded, all in favor, Motion #20-57 carried

Comments & Announcements from the Chair

The Chair shared that a ribbon cutting ceremony occurred for the new stabilization facility in Oak Harbor.

The Chair recognized Commissioner Ken Dahlstedt's 19 years of Board Membership and opened the floor for other attendees to share their appreciation for Commissioner Dahlstedt.

Reports from Members

Cammy Hart-Anderson (Snohomish County) shared an update on the work Representative Lauren Davis has initiated around HB 2545. In addition, Cammy noted that National Homeless Memorial Day is on December 21, 2020; Snohomish County will be recognizing virtually this year.

Anne Deacon (Whatcom County) shared that the new Whatcom crisis stabilization facility will be opening first week of January 2021; there will be narrated virtual tour that will be presented.

Commissioner Ken Dahlstedt (Skagit County) shared that construction has begun for new evaluation and treatment center in Skagit County.

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public.

Report from the Advisory Board

Pat O'Maley Lanphear gave the report from the Advisory Board for December and answered questions from Board Members.

Report from the Executive Director

- Quality Management Annual Review

Charles DeElena provided an overview of the North Sound BH-ASO Quality Management Annual Review and answered questions.

Joe Valentine gave the report from the Executive Director and covered the following topics:

- Update on behavioral health organization (BHO) close out liability
 - December 8, 2020 call with Health Care Authority (HCA)
 - The Chair shared their thoughts about the call
 - Philip Buri shared his thoughts on three (3) possible next steps
 - Walk away
 - Submit request for mediation and arbitration under contract with HCA
 - Request governor's office to mediate (this is discretionary)
 - Accountability Payment
 - Philip Buri: possible recommendation is to present as a dispute between BHO and HCA (counties and state)
 - Waiting for a revised draft audit report
- Crisis Services
- Behavioral Health Impact of COVID-19
- Quality Management Annual Review
- State Auditor Preliminary Draft of BHO close-out payments

Joe answered questions from board members.

Report from the Finance Officer

Joe gave the report from the Finance Officer and answered questions

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**Motion #20-58**

- To review and approve the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization claims paid from November 1st, 2020 through November 30th, 2020 in the amount of **\$1,044,822.38** (amended from Draft Agenda sent out last week).
Payroll for the month of November in the amount of **\$144,617.46** and associated employer benefits in the amount of **\$56,786.15**.

Rud Brown moved the motion for approval, Cammy Hart-Anderson seconded, all in favor, motion #20-58 carried

Action Items***For Ratification*****COVID-19 Emergency Grant****Summary:**

- Lake Whatcom Treatment & Residential Center has been chosen to provide the COVID-19 Emergency Grant services in Whatcom County.

Motion #20-59

- North Sound BH-ASO-LWC-COVID-19 PSC-20-21 providing the funding and statement of work for the COVID-19 Emergency Grant in the amount of **\$33,500** The contract term of the contract is July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 based on continued compliance with the terms and conditions of the contract.

Rud Brown moved the motion for approval, Bill Watson seconded, all in favor, motion #20-59 carried

Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)**Summary:**

Health Care Authority (HCA) is contracting with North Sound for a federal program "Projects for Assistance in Transitioning from Homelessness" (PATH) in Snohomish and Whatcom Counties. This is a long-standing contract we have had for outreach and engagement to individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness with a mental illness. This contract requires a **33.33%** match, which the provider Compass Health will cover.

Motion #20-60

- HCA-North Sound BH-ASO-PATH-20-21 for providing homeless outreach and engagement in Snohomish County. The grant amount is **\$167,265** with a term of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.
- HCA-North Sound BH-ASO-PATH-20-21 for providing homeless outreach and engagement in Whatcom County. The grant amount is **\$51,761** with a term of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

Cammy Hart-Anderson moved the motion for approval, Bill Watson seconded, all in favor, motion #20-60 carried

Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)**Summary:**

Compass Health is the provider of PATH services in both Snohomish and Whatcom counties. This contract includes the federal funding for both counties.

Motion #20-61

- North Sound BH-ASO-Compass Health-PATH-20-21 for providing homeless outreach and engagement in Snohomish and Whatcom County. The grant amount for this contract is \$219,026 with a term of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

Bill Watson moved the motion for approval, Cammy Hart-Anderson seconded, all in favor, motion #20-61 carried

HARPS Subsidies**Summary:**

We had three interested parties, with one agency applying to manage and distribute the Snohomish County HARPS subsidies. The subsidy funding for this period is \$163,852.

Motion #20-62

- North Sound BH-ASO-The Hand Up Project-HARPS PSC-20-21 to provide the HARPS subsidies to individuals needing housing assistance in Snohomish County. The term is November 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract

Satpal Sidhu moved the motion for approval, Bill Watson seconded, all in favor, motion #20-62 carried

<i>For Executive Committee Approval</i>
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Integrated Care Network (ICN) - County Contracts**Summary:**

The contract amendments will provide funding for the period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. The budgets include the following funding types:

- Jail Transition Services
- Designated Marijuana Account Services
- Housing and Recovery through Peer Services (HARPS) housing subsidies
 - Island and San Juan counties
- Substance Abuse Block Grant Opiate Outreach Services

Motion #20-63

- North Sound BH-ASO-Island County-ICN-19-20 Amendment 6 providing funding for the services listed above for the period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. The contract term of the contract is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2021 based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

- North Sound BH-ASO-San Juan County-ICN-19-20 Amendment 3 providing funding for the period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. The contract term of the contract is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2021 based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.
- North Sound BH-ASO-Skagit County-Interlocal-19-20 Amendment 3 providing funding for the period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. The Interlocal effective date is January 1, 2020.
- North Sound BH-ASO-Whatcom County-ICN-19-20 Amendment 6 providing funding for the period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. The contract term of the contract is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2021 based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

Ken Dahlstedt moved the motion for approval, Bill Watson seconded, all in favor, motion #20-63 carried

Integrated Crisis Care Network (ICCN) Contacts

Summary:

The contract amendments listed below add funding for the period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021.

- Volunteers of America (VOA) for the Toll-Free Crisis Hotline.
- Compass Health for Mobile Crisis Outreach and Involuntary Treatment Act Services in Island, San Juan, Skagit and Whatcom Counties and the regional Evaluation and Treatment Services in Snohomish County.
- Snohomish County Human Services for Mobile Crisis Outreach and Involuntary Treatment Act Services in Snohomish County. Funding is also provided for Jail Transition Services, Designated Marijuana Account and Opiate Outreach.
- Telecare Corporation for regional Evaluation and Treatment Services in Sedro Woolley

Motion #20-64

- North Sound BH-ASO-VOA-ICCN-19-20 Amendment 3 providing funding for the period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. The contract term of the contract is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2021 based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.
- North Sound BH-ASO-Compass Health-ICCN-19-20 Amendment 5 providing funding for the period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. The contract term of the contract is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2021 based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.
- North Sound BH-ASO-Snohomish County-ICCN-19-20 Amendment 2 providing funding for the period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. The contract term of the contract is January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021 based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.
- North Sound BH-ASO-Telecare-ICCN-19-20 Amendment 2 providing funding for the period of January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. The contract term of the contract is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021 with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2021 based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

Bill Watson moved the motion for approval, Rud Brown seconded, all in favor, motion #20-56 carried

North Sound BH-ASO Operating Budget Public HearingAttachments

Chair: "The Public Hearing for the North Sound BH-ASO 2021 Operating Budget Presentation is now open".

- Chair: "The Public Hearing Session commencement time is 2:45 p.m."

Summary and Presentation:

The North Sound BH-ASO has prepared the attached budget for calendar year 2021 which is attached, and the link is here: https://nsbhaso.org/who-we-are/boards-and-committees/board-of-directors/2021_Proposed_Budget.pdf

Chair: Are there any questions from the public?

- The Chair made three (3) calls for questions from the public; no questions noted
- The chair closed the public comment

North Sound BH-ASO 2021 Annual Budget

Summary:

- The 2021 annual budget is being presented for approval. There is one slight modification to the budget. It was determined after discussions with Western State Hospital (WSH) that our WSH Liaison's half-time position did not provide adequate coverage needed to ensure expeditious discharges from WSH. The change is to move the WSH Liaison from .5 FTE to 1 FTE. This is an increase to our staff salaries by \$48,933.69 annually, well within our \$200,000 administrative reserve.

Motion #20-65

- To approve the North Sound BH-ASO annual budget with the modification to the WSH Liaison position FTE.

Ken Dahlstedt moved the motion for approval, Bill Watson seconded, all in favor, motion #20-65 carried

Chair: "The Public Hearing for the North Sound BH-ASO 2021 Budget presentation is now adjourned".

- Chair: "The Public Hearing Session Adjourned at 2:48 p.m."

North Sound BH-ASO Strategic Goals Attachment

Summary:

With input from the Advisory Board and Board of Directors the 2021 Strategic Goals are presented for approval.

Motion #20-66

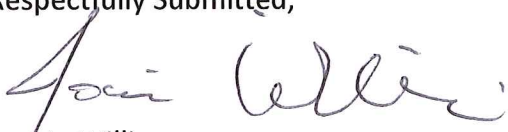
- Approve North Sound BH-ASO 2021 Strategic Goals are presented.

Bill Watson moved the motion for approval, Rud Brown seconded, all in favor, motion #20-66 carried

Adjourn: 2:52 p.m.

Next meeting: January 14, 2021

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Joanie Williams", written in a cursive style.

Joanie Williams
Clerk of the Board

Approved