



Board of Directors

Hybrid Meeting Agenda

April 13th, 2023

Board of Directors Members Present in Person:

- **Cammy Hart-Anderson**, Human Services, designated alternate for Dave Somers County Executive, Snohomish County
- **Barry Buchanan**, County Council; Whatcom County
- **George Kosovich**, Public Health, designated alternate for Peter Browning, Commissioner, Skagit County

Members Present via Zoom:

- **Jill Johnson**, Commissioner, Island County
- **Darcy Cheeseman**, Legislative Aid to Council Member Sam Low, Snohomish County
- **Malora Christensen**, designated alternate for Satpal Sidhu County Executive, Whatcom County
- **Perry Mowery**, Behavioral Health Supervisor, 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
- **Lynda Austin**, Human Services, designated alternate for Jill Johnson Commissioner, Island County
- **Heidi Beazizo**, Sr. Legislative Analyst, designated alternate for Strom Peterson County Council, Snohomish County

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

- **Joe Valentine**, Executive Director, North Sound BH-ASO
- **Margaret Rojas**, Assistant Executive Director, North Sound BH-ASO
- **Darrell Heiner**, Sr. Accountant, North Sound BH-ASO
- **Charles DeElena**, Business Improvement Manager/Compliance Officer, North Sound BH-ASO
- **Mandy Iverson**, Project Coordinator, 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:

- Michelle Osborne, Consultant, Diversity, Racial Equity, and Inclusion (DREI)
- Nora Korena, Consultant, Diversity, Racial Equity, and Inclusion (DREI)
- John Mack, Homeless Outreach Stabilization and Transition Program (HOST)

Call to Order and Introductions – Chair

The Chair was out today, so Barry Buchanan, Vice-Chair, facilitated the Board Meeting.

Revisions to the Agenda – Chair

No revisions to the agenda were requested.

Approval of the March 9th, 2023, Minutes, Motion #23-15 – Chair..... Attachment Cammy Hart-Anderson moved the motion for approval, George Kosovich seconded, no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, Motion #23-15 carried.

Comments & Announcements from the Chair

Barry noted that he is happy to be here, looking forward to a successful year.

Reports from Members

Board members gave updates on the behavioral health happenings in their respective counties.

Comments from the Public

Clint Jordan attended the meeting and spoke to the letter he had sent to the ASO regarding the financial needs of Pioneer Human Services.

Discussion followed.

Diversity, Racial Equity, Inclusion (DREI) Strategic Plan Presentation

- Michelle Osborne, Nora Karena, Toni Belcher

Michelle and Nora gave the presentation on DREI's Strategic Plan.

Some of the workgroup members were in attendance as well.

Homeless Outreach Stabilization and Transition Program (HOST) Evergreen Update

- John Mack

John gave a presentation on Evergreen's Homeless Outreach Stabilization and Transition Program (HOST) program.

There was a comment, question and answer session.

Report from the Advisory Board (AB)

- Pat O'Maley Lanphear, AB Chair

Pat gave the Brief from the Advisory Board's April meeting.

Report from the Finance Officer

- Joe Valentine and Darrell Heiner

Joe gave the Report from the Finance Officer. A question-and-answer session followed.

Report from the Governance Operations Committee -Chair

Items discussed:

- Personnel Items
- Opioid Abatement Council/MOU signatures
- Interlocal Agreement Amendment/signatures
- Tribal Acknowledgement

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.

Motion #23-16

- To review and approve the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization claims paid from March 1st, 2023, through March 31st, 2023, in the amount of \$4,449,229.49.
- Payroll for the month of March in the amount of \$191,519.41 and associated employer benefits in the amount of \$87,459.27.

Cammy Hart-Anderson moved the motion for approval, George Kosovich seconded, no discussion, no abstentions, all in favor, motion #23-16 carried.

Action Items

For Board Approval

North Sound Behavioral Health Needs Assessment(Attachment)

Motion #23-17

- Approve the letter from the Board of Directors and Advisory Board to Governor Jay Inslee and the North Sound legislative delegation forwarding our recommendations to strengthen behavioral health capacity in the region using a more targeted approach.

Perry Mowery moved the motion and George Kosovich seconded, no discussion, all in favor, no abstentions, motion #23-17 carried.

Herd Freed Hartz (HFH) Executive Search Partners

The Board of Directors Search Committee met with three (3) recruitment firms and have chosen to engage with HFH.

- The payment methodology is industry standard and invoiced in the following manner:
 - 30% of the estimated compensation, estimated range is \$128,000-\$143,000.
 - Split into three (3) equal payment-
 - Initial retainer to get started.
 - Second retainer on initial candidate traction (3+ candidates to 2nd stage)
 - Final payment on offer acceptance
 - No additional charges
 - One-year replacement guarantee

Motion #23-18

- HFH-North Sound BH-ASO-Letter of Engagement for the purpose of engaging HFH services for the North Sound BH-ASO Executive Director search.

Cammy Hart-Anderson moved the motion for approval, Jane Fuller seconded, no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion #23-18 carried.

Summary:

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. This software will support our Opioid Outreach, Recovery Navigator and Co-Responder teams along with other county services.

The motion includes \$10,000 in HARPS funds for housing assistance to individuals discharged from state hospital and psychiatric/residential inpatient stays. Island County has depleted their allocation and inquired whether there were funds available. This is one-time funding that must be expended by June 30, 2023.

Motion #23-19

- North Sound BH-ASO-ICN-23 Amendment 1 for the provision of adding \$32,900 in one-time funding to support the implementation of JULOTA and HARPS subsidies. The contract term is January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2025, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2024, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

Barry Buchanan moved the motion for approval, Cammy Hart-Anderson seconded, no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion #23-19 carried.

Summary:

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

DOC reached out and inquired whether our CBRA providers could use additional one-time funding for CBRA program expenses. Our CBRA providers indicated they could use additional funds. We are receiving more than was requested, the additional funds are a contingency if providers go over budget. The funds must be expended by June 30, 2023.

Motion #23-20

- Department of Commerce-North Sound BH-ASO-CBRA-23 46409-002 Amendments A for the provision of additional rental assistance funds for CBRA eligible individuals. The maximum amount on this amendment is \$210,000 with a term of November 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023
- Department of Commerce-North Sound BH-ASO-CBRA-23 46409-002 Amendments B for the provision of additional rental assistance funds for CBRA eligible individuals. The

maximum amount on this amendment is \$300,000 with a term of February 1, 2023, through June 30, 2023.

Cammy Hart-Anderson moved the motion for approval, George Kosovich seconded, no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion #23-20 carried.

Summary:

The next motions are downstream contracts appropriating the requested funds from the providers. Lake Whatcom Center and Lifeline Connections are also receiving funds from HCA for the Governor's Housing/Homeless Initiative-Rental Voucher Program, at \$25,000 each.

- o Bridgeways \$17,000 (Snohomish) \$10,000 Amendment A and \$7,000 Amendment B
- o Compass Health \$40,000 (Snohomish) Amendment A
- o Lifeline Connections \$110,000 (Skagit & Whatcom) \$60,000 Amendment A and \$50,000 Amendment B
- o Lake Whatcom Center \$151,000 (Whatcom) \$110,000 Amendment A and \$40,000 Amendment B
- o Pioneer Human Services \$35,000 (Island) \$14,000 Amendment A and \$21,000 Amendment B

Motion #23-21

- North Sound BH-ASO-Bridgeways-CBRA-21-23 Amendment 1 for the provision of adding \$17,000 for CBRA program expenses. The contract term is November 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2023, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.
- North Sound BH-ASO-Compass Health-CBRA-21-23 Amendment 2 for the provision of adding \$40,000 for CBRA program expenses. The contract term is November 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2023, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.
- North Sound BH-ASO-Lifeline Connections-CBRA-21-23 Amendment 2 for the provision of adding \$110,000 for CBRA program expenses. The contract term is November 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2023, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.
- North Sound BH-ASO-Lake Whatcom Center-CBRA-21-23 Amendment 2 for the provision of adding \$151,000 for CBRA program expenses. The contract term is November 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2023, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.
- North Sound BH-ASO-Pioneer Human Services-CBRA-21-23 Amendment 2 for the provision of adding \$35,000 for CBRA program expenses. The contract term is November 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2023, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

Barry Buchanan moved the motion for approval, Cammy Hart -Anderson seconded, no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions, motion #23-21 carried.

Summary:

Federal Block Grant

Bridgeways has requested funding for a housing case manager to support individuals being placed in housing with CBRA and HARPS rental assistance subsidies. We have provided case management funds to all our rental/housing assistance programs.

Motion #23-22

- North Sound BH-ASO-Bridgeways-CBRA-21-23 Amendment 2 for the provision of allocating funds for housing case management in the amount of **\$133,558**. The contract term is November 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2023, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

Cammy Hart-Anderson moved the motion for approval, Nicole Gorle seconded, no discussion, all in favor, none opposed, no abstentions motion #23-22 carried.

Introduction Items

Health Care Authority (HCA)-Department of Behavioral Health Recovery-Housing and Recovery (DBHR) through Peer Services (HARPS) Expansion Grant

This expansion funds are provided to support the Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Peer on the HARPS team.

- Health Care Authority-North Sound BH-ASO-K6751 for the provision of adding **\$109,996** to the contract for the SUD Peer program expenses. The term of the contract is March 15, 2023, through March 14, 2024.

The next motion is the downstream HARPS contract with Lifeline Connections, the provider of the HARPS team services.

- North Sound BH-ASO-Lifeline Connections-FBG-HARPS-23 Amendment 1 for the provision of adding **\$109,996** to the contract for SUD Peer program expenses. The contract term is January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2024, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

Health Care Authority - Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)

This contract adds supplemental funds in the amount of **\$10,769.23** to the PATH contract for outreach goods and services. The provider must submit a plan describing the method and intended outcome for allocating support service funding by February 29, 2024.

- Health Care Authority-North Sound BH-ASO-K6742 for the provision of adding funds to PATH services in the amount of **\$10,769.23** for outreach goods and services. The term of the contract is March 1, 2023, through February 29, 2024.

The next motion is the downstream contract with Bridgeways adding the \$10,769.23 to their PATH contract.

- North Sound BH-ASO-Bridgeways-PATH-21-23 Amendment 1 for the provision of adding the supplemental funds for outreach goods and services in the amount of \$10,769.23. The contract term is May 1, 2021, through September 30, 2023, with an automatic one-year renewal on October 1, 2023, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

Compass Health – Crisis System Expansion

This contract amendment is adding staff to the Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams (MCOT) in Island, Skagit, San Juan, and Whatcom counties. The six (6) month amount is \$1,235,569.50, annually the increase is \$1,471,139.00.

The increase in FTEs is as follows:

- Island County – 3.5 FTE
- San Juan County - .5 FTE
- Skagit County – 5.5 FTE
- Whatcom – 8.77 FTE
- North Sound BH-ASO-Compass Health-ICCN-23 Amendment 1 for the provision of adding funds for the MCOT in Island, San Juan, Skagit, and Whatcom Counties. The contract term is January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2024, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

Joe Valentine and Margaret Rojas gave an overview of the Introduction Items. There were no questions.

They noted that the Introduction Items will be voted on during next month's meeting.

Report from the Executive Director

- Joe Valentine

In interest of time, Joe briefly referenced the Executive Director Report which included the following topics:

- LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – as of April 12, 2023
- QUARTERLY CHECK IN MEETING WITH HCA LEADERSHIP
- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM COORDINATION COMMITTEE-NETWORK ADEQUACY WORKGROUP
- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM COORDINATION COMMITTEE [BHSCC]
- INTEGRATED MANAGED CARE PERFORMANCE METRICS
- CRISIS SERVICES UPDATE
- CLOSURE OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY TRIAGE CENTER
- PROJECTED OPERATING DEFICIT FOR THE NORTH SOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT CENTER IN EVERETT
- EXPANSION OF FUNDING FOR CO-RESPONDER PROGRAMS
- APPLE HEALTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

- NORTH SOUND BH-ASO 2023 STRATEGIC GOALS
- NORTH SOUND BH-ASO BANKING PROFILE

Adjourn 2:59 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 11th, 2023

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanie Wenzl
Clerk of the Board

Approved