



County Authorities Executive Committee (CAEC) members present:

- Jill Johnson, Chair, Island County Commissioner; Board of Island County Commissioners (Chair of the CAEC)
- Cammy Hart–Anderson, Snohomish County Human Services; designated alternate for County Executive Dave Somers
- Regina Delahunt, Whatcom County Health Department, Director, Whatcom County; designated alternate for Jack Louws, Whatcom County Executive
- Pat O’Maley Lanphear, Chair; North Sound Behavioral Health Organization Advisory Board
- Brandi Vena, Snohomish County Council; designated alternate for Sam Low, Snohomish County Council
- Russell Wiita, Snohomish County Council Legislative Aid; designated alternate for Snohomish County Council Nate Nehring
- Rebecca Clark, Skagit County Health Services; designated alternate for Skagit County Commissioner Ken Dahlstedt
- Barbara Labrash, San Juan County Coordinator, designated alternate for San Juan County Commissioner Jamie Stephens

North Sound Behavioral Health Organization (BHO) staff present:

- Joe Valentine, Executive Director; North Sound BHO
- Betsy Kruse, Deputy Director; North Sound BHO
- Bill Whitlock, Fiscal Officer; North Sound BHO
- Joanie Williams, Administrative Manager, Clerk of the Board; North Sound BHO (recording)

Guests present:

None

Call to Order and Introductions – Chair Johnson

Chair Johnson opened the meeting and initiated introductions.

Revisions to the Agenda – Chair Johnson

Chair Johnson asked if there were any revisions to the May Agenda, there were none.

Approval of April 12th, 2018 Minutes, Motion #18-46 – Chair Johnson

Cammy Hart-Anderson moved the motion for approval, Regina Delahunt seconded, all in favor, except for Russell Wiita who abstained. Motion #18-46 carried by majority vote.

Comments & Announcements from the Chair

Chair Johnson noted she spoke with the Advisory Board Chair regarding the upcoming Visual Art and Poetry Contest topic.



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Reports from Members

ammy Hart-Anderson spoke regarding the concerns with one of the region hospital's care and coordination issues.

Comments from the Public

No comments from the public.

Report from the Advisory Board

The Advisory Board Chair gave a Report from the May Advisory Board meeting and noted the following topics:

- The topic for the Visual Art and Poetry Contest is "Hope is in Bloom"
- Pat Morris from Volunteers of America (VOA) gave the first of two presentations on suicide
- The Early Warning Signs Committee-will develop a matrix on suicide
- The Advisory Board will have their annual Retreat in July and discuss how the board can best advocate for the community

Committee Report

- Quality Management Oversight Committee (QMOC)
There was no meeting in May; no report was available.

Report from the Executive Director

Joe Valentine gave the Report from the Executive Director on the following topics:

- Integration Update
- Behavioral Health Facilities Update
- Behavioral Health Enhancement Funds
- State General Fund Reductions
 - There was group discussion pertaining to the State General Fund Reductions

Correspondence

- Transfer of Behavioral Health Facilities Funds
 - Rebecca Clark noted the check has been processed

Report from the Finance Officer

Bill Whitlock gave the report from the Finance Officer

Report from the Governance Operations Committee

Chair Johnson noted there was discussion in the Governance and Operations Committee regarding the finances, Ratification of Motion #18-48 (Proteus Consulting) and the April tabled Motion #18-41 regarding the rate payments to Skagit and Snohomish Counties for involuntary treatment work.

The Chair continued, stating there was conversation around counties asking for capacity and others requesting direct payment. She added that the BHO could offer more clarity, moving forward, regarding the definition of services regarding counties filling out the BHO's requested form.



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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 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.

To review and approve the North Sound Behavioral Health claims paid from April 1, 2018 through April 30, 2018 in the amount of \$14,155,310.16.

Payroll for the month of April in the amount of \$245,449.37 and associated employer benefits in the amount of \$167,669.12.

Consent Agenda – Jill Johnson – Motion # 18-47

Russell Wiita moved the motion for approval, Cammy Hart-Anderson seconded, all in favor, Motion #18-47 carried.

Action Items

For Executive Committee Approval

- *Motion #18-41 below was tabled during the April 12th meeting, giving opportunity for information to be gathered and individual counties to review and re-evaluate their per case fee request.*

Involuntary Treatment Act

The new Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) judicial rate is based on updated cost information provided by the county, using criteria for allowable costs provided by DSHS-DBHR.

Motion #18-41

- Effective January 1, 2018, the ITA rate reimbursement for Snohomish County is increased to \$882.27 per case from \$764 per case in 2017.
- Effective January 1, 2018, the ITA rate reimbursement for Skagit County is increased to \$1,026.78 per case from \$914 per case in 2017.

Barbara La Brash moved the motion, Regina Delahunt seconded, discussion followed.

It was determined that the BHO will ask their attorney for additional guidance regarding the law.

The attorney will be invited to the June CAEC meeting and the conversation may take place during an Executive Session due to the potential for litigation.

All counties were in favor of the motion except all of Snohomish County, (Cammy Hart-Anderson, Brandi Vena, and Russell Wiita, who opposed).

Motion #18-41 carried by majority vote.

For Executive Committee Ratification

Proteus Consulting will be working with our IS/IT team to update policies and procedures to align with the HIPAA Network Security Rule. Proteus has extensive experience in network security and is very familiar with North Sound BHO and its provider network. Proteus will work with each North Sound BHO provider and their HIPAA security officer to oversee the creation of an electronic protected health information (ePHI) program. Proteus and the security officer will collaborate to create organization-specific training modules. Proteus will provide onsite support such as developing organization-specific ePHI policy and procedure documentation, reviewing identified risks, and providing ad-hoc security officer training.

Motion #18-48

- North Sound BHO-Proteus Consulting-PSC-18 for the purpose of HIPAA Network Security consulting with the North Sound BHO and network providers. The maximum consideration on this contract is \$30,000 with a term of April 2, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

Russell Wiitta moved the motion for approval, Barbara LaBrash seconded, all in favor, Motion # 18-48 carried.

Discussion Item

Proposed Plan for ESSD 6032 Funding

Behavioral Health Enhancement Funds

- The new Senate bill ESSB 6032 provides an opportunity for additional funding for Behavioral Health Organizations (BHOs) for the enhancement of community-based behavioral health services. While the bill's language calls out BHOs, the BHOs must coordinate the development of proposals with the Apple Health MCOs in each region.
- In order to receive these funds, each region must submit a plan addressing the following issues:
 - 1) Reduction in the use of long-term commitment beds through community alternatives;
 - 2) Compliance with [RCW 71.05.365](#) requirements for transition of state hospital patients into community settings within 14 days of the determination that they no longer require active psychiatric treatment at an inpatient level of care;
 - 3) Improvement of staff recruitment and retention in community behavioral health facilities;
 - 4) Diversion of individuals with behavioral health issues from the criminal justice system; and
 - 5) Efforts to improve recovery-oriented services, including, but not limited to, expansion of clubhouse models.
- Approximately \$70 million will be available statewide – about \$10.2 million for the North Sound. Of the \$10.2 million, \$992,088 is General Fund and will be allocated directly to BHOs. The remainder of the funding is Medicaid and will be incorporated into the Medicaid Per Member Per Month [PMPMs].
- Plans are due to DBHR by June 1.
- We've sent a survey to solicit suggestions from the County Coordinators, and our contracted Behavioral Health Agencies.

.AEC Summer Break Determination - Chair Johnson

Joe Valentine and Chair Johnson asked the Board which month they would like to take off for summer break (July 12th or August 9th).

The Committee agreed to take the July 12th meeting off. The Clerk of the Board will send out notification to the Committee.

Adjourn 3:03 p.m.

Next meeting: June 14th, 2018

Respectfully Submitted:

Joanie Williams



Clerk of the Board

APPROVED