



Board of Directors

Hybrid Meeting Agenda

August 11th, 2022

Board of Directors Members Present:

- **Peter Browning Chair**, Commissioner, Skagit County; Chair
- **Jackie Mitchell**, Behavioral Health Program Specialist, Whatcom County, designated alternate for Satpal Sidhu
- **Cindy Wolf**, Council Member, San Juan County; Vice Chair
- **Cammy Hart-Anderson**, Snohomish County Human Services; designated alternate for Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive
- **Nicole Gorle**, Legislative Analyst, Snohomish County; designated alternate for Nate Nehring, Snohomish County Council
- **Pat O'Maley Lanphear**, North Sound BH-ASO Advisory Board, Vice Chair
- **Jill Johnson**, Commissioner, Island County
- **Barbara LaBrash**, Human Services Manager, San Juan County; designated alternate for Cindy Wolf, County Council Member
- **Heidi Beazizo**, Sr. Legislative Analyst, Snohomish County; designated alternate for Jared Mead, County Council
- **Sam Low**, 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 Director, North Sound BH-ASO
- **Darrell Heiner**, Senior Accountant, North Sound BH-ASO
- **Charles DeElena, Business Improvement Manager, Compliance Officer**, North Sound BH-ASO
- **Joanie Wenzl**, Clerk of the Board, North Sound BH-ASO

Guests Present:

Cyndi Wyrick, Angela Ewert, Carol Greer
Compensation Works

Call to Order and Introductions – Chair

The Chair called the hybrid meeting to order and initiated introductions

Revisions to the Agenda – Chair

Chair Browning asked if there were any revisions to the agenda, there were none

Approval of the June 9th, 2022, Minutes, Motion #22-38 – Chair..... Attachment

- *Note: There was no meeting in July, so no minutes are available*

Jill Johnson moved the motion for approval, Cammy Hart-Anderson seconded, all in favor, motion #22-38 carried

Comments & Announcements from the Chair

Chair Browning commented that COVID has not yet left and that many more cases are being reported

Reports from Members

Updates given from each of the counties regarding the behavioral health programs and respective happenings; (Island, Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, and San Juan)

Comments from the Public

There were no comments from the public

Compensation Works Assessment Presentation

A presentation was given from the Compensation Works guests regarding the results from the analysis performed on ASO staff compensation (Cyndi Wyrick and Angela Ewert). Carol Greer spoke about the analysis she performed regarding the ASO’s staff benefits.

A question-and-answer session followed

Report from the Advisory Board

The Report from the Advisory Board was given by Pat O’Maley Lanphear, Advisory Board Chair

Report from the Finance Officer

Joe Valentine gave the Report from the Finance Officer

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 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.

- To review and approve the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization claims paid from June 1st, 2022, through June 30th, 2022, in the amount of \$2,445,222.15.
- Payroll for the month of June in the amount of \$168,666.30 and associated employer benefits in the amount of \$72,846.21.
- To review and approve the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization claims paid from July 1st, 2022, through July 31st, 2022, in the amount of \$3,948,649.08.
- Payroll for the month of July in the amount of \$168,150.42 and associated employer benefits in the amount of \$91,024.19.

Jill Johnson moved the motion for approval, Cammy Hart-Anderson seconded, all in favor, motion # 22-39 carried

Action Items

For Board Approval

Summary:

Department of Commerce-Community Behavioral Health Rental Assistance

The funding for rental assistance is provided by the Department of Commerce. All five counties have received CBRA funds for individuals discharging from inpatient/residential/corrections facilities. The rental assistance is intended to stabilize the individual in permanent supportive housing; however, short term housing can be accessed with these funds until a long-term housing solution is found. Three providers requested additional funds for case management funded through our federal block grant. The CBRA and FBG funding is renewable and is provided in six-month allocations. The providers and funding for each county are listed below.

- Island County-Pioneer Human Services \$140,182
- San Juan County-Compass Health \$68,227
- Skagit County-Lifeline Connections (HARPS provider) \$88,523
- Snohomish County-Compass Health \$674,685 and Bridgeways \$122,187
- Whatcom County-Lifeline Connections (HARPS provider) \$188,249 and Lake Whatcom Center \$209,724

Motion #22-40

- North Sound BH-ASO-PHS-CBRA-22-23 to provide the CBRA rental assistance and case management services in Island County in the amount of \$140,182.00. The contract term is March 1, 2022, through

February 28, 2023, with an automatic one-year renewal on March 1, 2023, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

- NS BH-ASO-Bridgeways-CBRA ICN-21-23 to provide the CBRA rental assistance and case management services in Snohomish County in the amount of \$122,187.00. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Lifeline Connections-MHBG-21-23 Amendment 4 to provide the CBRA rental assistance in Skagit County and Whatcom County in the amount of \$88,523.00 and \$188,249.00, respectively. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Compass Health-CBRA ICN-21-23 to provide the CBRA rental assistance in San Juan and Snohomish Counties and case management services in San Juan County in the amount of \$674,685.00 and \$68,227.00, respectively. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Lake Whatcom-CBRA ICN-21-23 to provide the CBRA rental assistance in Whatcom County in the amount of \$209,724.00. 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.

Jill Johnson moved the motion for approval, Cindy Wolfe seconded, all in favor, Motion #22-40 carried

Summary:

Lake Whatcom Center (LWC)

Lake Whatcom is the provider for the COVID behavioral health services, serving Whatcom County. This funding is from Health Care Authority contract K7455.

Motion #22-41

- North Sound BH-ASO-LWC-COVID PSC-20-23 to provide behavioral health services to individuals experiencing behavioral health challenges due to the pandemic. The maximum consideration on this amendment is \$94,000. The contract term is December 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract

Jill Johnson moved the motion for approval, Sam Low seconded, all were in favor, motion #22-41 carried

For Board of Directors Ratification

Summary:

Health Care Authority

HCA is renewing the COVID mental health and substance use grant for individuals affected by COVID-19 and struggling with their mental health wellness and/or experiencing problematic substance use.

Motion #22-42

Health Care Authority-North Sound BH-ASO-K7455 Amendment 2 for the provision of behavioral health services. The term of this amendment is July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. The maximum amount on this amendment is \$94,000.

Sam Low moved the motion for approval, Jackie Mitchell seconded, all were in favor, motion # 22-42 carried

Summary:

Tulalip Tribes-Family Haven

Family Haven receives Federal Block Grants funds for an at-risk youth program focusing on reengaging the youth in behavioral health services, school, and family connections. (\$74,850)

Motion #22-43

- North Sound BH-ASO-Family Haven-MHBG-19-23 Amendment 4 to provide intervention and support to at-risk youth. The contract term is September 12, 2019, through June 30, 2023, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2023, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

Cindy Wolfe moved the motion for approval, Sam Low seconded, all were in favor, motion #22-43 carried

Summary:

Recovery Navigator Program (RNP)

Recovery Navigator Program is a legislative proviso delineated in the Blake Bill (ESB 5476), the funding is to establish a RNP in all five counties. The RNP is an outreach and engagement service to individuals with substance use disorders, co-occurring disorders who are risk of arrest and/or have frequent contact with law enforcement. Services include, but are not limited to, facilitation and coordination of community resources, coordination and communication with law enforcement, prosecutors, program staff and other partners. Intensive case management and care coordination are the cornerstones of the services.

- Snohomish County's contract has been approved previously with the full annual funding.

Motion #22-44

- North Sound BH-ASO-Island County-RNP-22-23 for the provision of RNP services in Island County. The annual funding for this contract is \$528,855. The contract term is March 1, 2022, through February 28, 2023, with an automatic one-year renewal on March 1, 2023, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.
- North Sound BH-ASO-Community Action of Skagit County-RNP-22-23 for the provision of RNP services in Skagit County. The annual funding for this contract is \$528,855. The contract term is March 1, 2022, through February 28, 2023, with an automatic one-year renewal on March 1, 2023, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.
- North Sound BH-ASO-Compass Health-RNP-22-23 for the provision of RNP services in San Juan County. The annual funding for this contract is \$528,855. The contract term is March 1, 2022, through February 28, 2023, with an automatic one-year renewal on March 1, 2023, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.
- North Sound BH-ASO-Whatcom County-RNP-22-23 for the provision of RNP services in Whatcom County. The annual funding for this contract is \$512,455. The contract term is March 1, 2022, through

February 28, 2023, with an automatic one-year renewal on March 1, 2023, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract

Jackie Mitchell moved the motion for approval, Cindy Wolfe seconded, all in favor, motion 22-44 carried

Introduction Items

Personnel

Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) Coordinator

- Health Care Authority has funded a Full Time Equivalent (FTE) to coordinate the AOT program in the North Sound region. Assisted Outpatient Treatment is an order for Less Restrictive Alternative Treatment, this position will coordinate with local courts, behavioral health providers and Health Care Authority. The funding available for this position is \$140,000 annually.

Accountant

- During our succession planning process, we decided it would be prudent to add an accounting position to the 2023 ASO budget. With increases in funding, the complexity of the funding and frequent reporting it is a high priority for the organization. We anticipate recruitment will begin in early 2023.

This positions above were reviewed and discussed with the Board members. It was noted they will be brought back to the Board in September for action.

Child/Youth Mobile Crisis Team

- We have concluded the Child/Youth Mobile Crisis Team Request for Qualifications. The evaluation team met on August 4th and is recommending the Compass Health as the successful bidder for serving Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom counties.

There was a brief discussion regarding the Child/Youth Mobile Crisis Team; questions were answered

Report from the Executive Director

Joe Valentine gave a brief overview of the items listed on the Executive Director's Report which included the following topics:

- ACTIVATION OF STATE-WIDE 988 LINE
- ASO/COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES FOR 2023
- CRISIS SERVICES UPDATE
- TRANSITION OF THE OMBUDS SERVICES CONTRACT
- SUCCESSION PLANNING
- FACILITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT
- UPDATE ON RFP FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH MOBILE CRISIS TEAMS
- UPDATE ON RECOVERY NAVIGATOR PROGRAM [RNP]
- MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE BLOCK GRANT PLANS
- TEAMonitor Review

Adjourn: The meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 8th, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanie Wenzl
Clerk of the Board

APPROVED