# **Board of Directors**

Meeting Agenda

November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Board of Directors Members Present in Person:
Members Present via MS Teams:
North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (North Sound BH-ASO) Staff Present:
Guests Present:
1. Call to Order and Introductions – Chair
2. Tribal Acknowledgement – Chair  Tribal Behavioral Health   North Sound BH-ASO (nsbhaso.org)
3. Revisions to the Agenda – Chair
4. <b>Compliance Training</b> -Charles DeElena, Compliance Officer Attachment (Available at Meeting)
5. <b>Annual Conflict of Interest Attestation</b> -JanRose Ottaway Martin Attachment (Available at Meeting)
6. Approval of the October 9th, 2025, Minutes, Motion #25-51- Chair Attachment
7. Comments & Announcements from the Chair - Chair
8. Reports from Members - Chair
9. Comments from the Public - Chair
<b>10. Report from the Advisory Board</b> (Available at Meeting) Attachment

# 12. Report from the Governance Operations Committee - Chair

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Consent Agenda - Chair (Available at Meeting) .......Attachment

## Motion #25-52

- To review and approve the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization claims paid from October 1st, 2025, through October 31st, 2025, in the amount of \$4,701,073.04.
- Payroll for the month of October in the amount of \$276,858.22 and associated employer benefits in the amount of \$122,838.91.
- 13. Action Items Lisa Hudspeth, Contracts Manager

# For Board Approval

#### Start-up Funding for Lynnwood Crisis Care Facility

- North Sound BH-ASO has designated start-up funds from Health Care Authority (HCA) for the Lynnwood Crisis Care Facility, which will offer 23-hour crisis services starting in early 2026.
- Sea Mar Community Health Centers was the successful bidder to operate this facility and is on track to open in early 2026.

#### Motion #25-53

North Sound BH-ASO-Sea Mar-ICN-26 to provide startup funding for the Lynnwood Crisis Care Facility in the amount of \$779,498.29.

# **14. Introduction Items-** Lisa Hudspeth, Contracts Manager

- Health Care Authority (HCA) contracts to include funding for the period of January 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026.
- Downstream contracts for General Fund-State (GF-S) Mandatory Services (Crisis Outreach, Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) Services, ITA inpatient, Secure Withdrawal Management and Proviso Funding).
- Downstream contracts for Substance Use Prevention Treatment and Recovery Support Services (SUPTRS) Priority Services (Pregnant & Parenting Women Housing Services (PPW), Individuals using Intravenous Drugs (IUID) and Opiate Outreach).

• Downstream contracts for GF-S/SUPTRS/Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) Services within Available Resources (Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Outpatient, SUD Residential, Triage Services) and Community Behavioral Health Rental Assistance (CBRA) services.

The downstream contracts follow the HCA contract. Funding for the downstream contracts is included in the same contract, which is why you will see the same numbered contract under a different category of funding.

#### **Health Care Authority (HCA)**

- HCA-NS BH-ASO-K8347 AMD 2 is providing the GF-S and Proviso funding for the period of January 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026.
  - o GF-S funding is stable from the previous contract period.
    - 6-month allocation \$

HCA-NS BH-ASO- K8347 AMD 2 providing the GF-S and Proviso funding for the period of January 1, 2026 to June 30, 2026.

#### **GF-S Mandatory Services**

The following contracts provide mandatory behavioral health services. Funding for GF-S services is allocated every six (6) months.

- Compass Health
  - o Mobile Rapid Response Crisis Teams (MRRCT), ITA services, Child Youth and Family Crisis Outreach Team, Evaluation and Treatment Services, E&T Discharge Planners
    - Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) services
      - 6-month allocation \$315,938.56
- Snohomish County
  - Mobile Crisis Outreach, ITA services
  - Proviso Funding
    - Designated Cannabis Account
      - 6-month allocation \$142,459.00
    - Jail Transition Services
      - 6-month allocation \$90,460.00
    - Trueblood Funds
      - 6-month allocation \$72,971.08
- Volunteers of America
  - o Toll- Free Crisis Hotline
- Telecare
  - Evaluation and Treatment Services
  - E&T Discharge Planners
    - 6-month allocation \$53,646.00
- Lifeline Connections
  - PACT services
    - 6-month allocation \$204,855.00
  - HARPS team and Skagit & Whatcom rental subsidies
    - 6-month allocation \$230,689.90
- Snohomish County Superior Court
  - Juvenile Treatment Services
    - 6-month allocation \$34,950.00
  - o AOT /Recovery Support Court Coordinator

- 6-month allocation \$56,720.00
- Island County
  - o Proviso Funding
    - Designated Cannabis Account
      - 6-month allocation \$35,489.00
    - Jail Transition Services
      - 6-month allocation \$16,018.00
    - Trueblood Funds
      - 6-month allocation \$7,592.65
- San Juan County
  - o Proviso Funding
    - Designated Cannabis Account
      - 6-month allocation \$35,489.00
- Skagit County
  - Proviso Funding
    - Designated Cannabis Account
      - 6-month allocation \$35,489.00
    - Jail Transition Services
      - 6-month allocation \$20,583.00
    - Trueblood Funds
      - 6-month allocation \$11,415.37
- Whatcom County
  - Proviso Funding Jail Transition Services, Designated Cannabis Account, Trueblood Funds
    - Designated Cannabis Account
      - 6-month allocation \$41,719.00
    - Jail Transition Services
      - 6-month allocation \$38,329.00
    - Trueblood Funds
      - 6-month allocation \$19,992.91

NS BH-ASO-Compass Health-ICCN-26 to provide funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Snohomish County-ICCN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-VOA-ICCN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Telecare-ICCN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Lifeline Connections-ICN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Snohomish County Superior Court-ICN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Island County-ICN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-San Juan County-ICN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Skagit County-Interlocal-23 Amendment 8 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Whatcom County-ICN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

# Substance Use Prevention Treatment and Recovery Support Services (SUPTRS) & Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) Priority Services

The following contracts are providing SUPTRS priority Services:

- Brigid Collins
  - o Pregnant and Parenting Women (PPW) Housing Support Services
    - 6-month allocation \$38,130.00
- Evergreen Recovery Centers
  - PPW Housing Support Services
    - 6-month allocation \$64,875.00
- Catholic Community Services
  - PPW Housing Support Services
    - 6-month allocation \$37,500.00
- Compass Health
  - San Juan HARPS subsidies
    - 6-month allocation \$1,715.00
- Community Action of Skagit County
  - o Opiate Outreach
    - 6-month allocation \$123,000.00
- Island County
  - Opiate Outreach
    - 6-month allocation \$150,000.00
  - HARPS Subsidies
    - 6-month allocation \$4,280.50
- Mount Baker Presbyterian Church (MBPC)
  - Opiate Outreach
    - 6-month allocation \$117,500.00
- Snohomish County
  - Opiate Outreach
    - 6-month allocation \$77,500.00
- Whatcom County
  - Opiate Outreach
    - 6-month allocation \$203,114.00
- Telecare Corp.
  - o Peer Bridger Program
    - 6-month allocation \$136,628.50

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NS BH-ASO-Brigid Collins-ICN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-ERC-ICN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-CCS NW-ICN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Compass Health-ICCN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-CASC-ICN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Island County-ICN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-MBPC-ICN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Snohomish County-ICCN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Whatcom County-ICN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Lifeline Connections-ICN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Telecare-ICN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

#### **GF-S/SUPTRS/MHBG Services within Available Resources**

- American Behavioral Health Services
  - Substance use outpatient services (FFS)
  - Secure Withdrawal Management (FFS)
  - Substance Use Disorder Residential (FFS)
- Asian American Chemical Dependency Treatment Services (ACTS)
  - Mental health outpatient services (FFS)
  - Substance use outpatient services (FFS)
- City of Mount Vernon
  - o Co-Responder Program
    - 6-month allocation \$130,000.00
- Compass Health
  - SUD outpatient services in San Juan County (FFS)
  - o Whatcom County Triage
    - 6-month allocation \$500,000.00
- Consejo Counseling and Referral Services

- Mental health outpatient services (FFS)
- Substance use outpatient services (FFS)
- Conquer
  - o Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT) in Snohomish County
    - 3-month allocation \$
- Evergreen Recovery Centers
  - Withdrawal Management Services (FFS)
  - o Homeless Outreach and Stabilization Team (HOST) Snohomish
    - 6-month allocation \$619,983.00
  - Homeless Outreach and Stabilization Team (HOST) Skagit/Island (SKIL)
    - 6-month allocation \$522,508.79
- Holman Recovery Centers
  - Substance Use Disorder Residential (FFS)
- Island County
  - Co-Responder project
    - 6-month allocation \$151,500.00
- Lake Whatcom Center
  - PACT
    - 6-month allocation \$112,127.00
  - Mental Health outpatient services (FFS)
  - Substance Use outpatient services (FFS)
- Pioneer Human Services
  - o Island, Skagit & Whatcom withdrawal management services
    - 6-month allocation \$1,256,850.00
- Sea Mar Community Health Centers
  - Mental health outpatient services (FFS)
  - Substance use outpatient services (FFS)
  - Substance Use Disorder Residential Youth (FFS)
- Snohomish County
  - Co-Responder Program
    - 6-month allocation \$60,446.00
- Snohomish County Court Clerk Office
  - AOT Expenses
    - 6-month allocation \$4,833.00
- Snohomish County Prosecutor's Office
  - o AOT Expenses
    - 6-month allocation \$16,542.00
- Snohomish County Public Defender Association
  - AOT Expenses
    - 6-month allocation \$57,013.50
- Snohomish County Superior Court
  - o AOT Expenses
    - 6-month allocation \$56,720.00
- Sunrise Services
  - Mental health outpatient services (FFS)
  - Substance use outpatient services (FFS)
- Whatcom County
  - Alternative Response Team
    - 6-month allocation \$166,379.00

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NS BH-ASO-ABHS-ICN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-ACTS-ICN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-City of Mount Vernon-ICN-26 to provide funding to continue co-responder services in the city of Mount Vernon. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Compass Health-ICCN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Consejo -ICN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Conquer Addiction-ICN-26 to provide the funding to continue AOT services in Snohomish County. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-ERC-ICN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Holman-ICN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Island County-ICN-26 to provide the funding for co-responder services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-LWC-ICN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-PHS-ICN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Sea Mar-ICN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Snohomish County-ICCN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Snohomish County-Court Clerk-AOT-26 to provide funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Snohomish County-Prosecutors Office-AOT-26 to provide funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-SCPDA-AOT-26 to provide funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Snohomish County-Superior Court-ICN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Sunrise-ICN-26 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Whatcom County-ICN-26 to provide funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

## **Recovery Navigator Program (RNP)**

- The RNP program is receiving their annual allocation in the following amounts:
  - Island County
    - 6-month allocation \$264,427.50
  - o Compass Health (San Juan County)
    - 6-month allocation \$264,427.50
  - o Community Action of Skagit County (Skagit County)
    - 6-month allocation \$264,427.50
  - Snohomish County
    - 6-month allocation \$411,826.00
  - Whatcom County
    - 6-month allocation \$256,227.50

North Sound BH-ASO-Island County-ICN-26 to provide funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

North Sound BH-ASO-Compass Health-ICN-26 to provide funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

North Sound BH-ASO-CASC-ICN-26 to provide funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

North Sound BH-ASO-Snohomish County-RNP-26 to provide funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

North Sound BH-ASO-Whatcom County-ICN-26 to provide funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

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

- This contract is a renewal of funding for Community Behavioral Health Rental Assistance (CBRA) for individuals exiting inpatient/residential services and in need of housing, the funding can be used for short-term and long-term housing, with the latter as the goal.
- Added to the CBRA contracts are Governor's Housing Initiative funds and Proviso 86 housing assistance funds allocated to North Sound BH-ASO.
- The following motion is the downstream contracts allocating the behavioral health rental assistance funds and Federal Block Grant funds for housing case management services, and HARPS subsidies for Snohomish County.
  - Bridgeways provides CBRA, HARPS & Proviso 86 rental assistance services in Snohomish County.
    - CBRA 6-month allocation \$48,593.50
    - HARPS 6-month allocation \$139,279.00
    - Proviso 86 6-month allocation \$84,500.00

- o Compass Health provides CBRA services in San Juan County and CBRA & Proviso 86 rental assistance services in Snohomish County.
  - CBRA 6-month allocation \$346,481.00
  - HARPS 6-month allocation \$3,430.00
  - Proviso 86 6-month allocation \$97,500.00
- o Lifeline Connections provides CBRA, Governor's Housing Initiative & Proviso 86 rental assistance services in Skagit and Whatcom County.
  - CBRA 6-month allocation \$138,386.00
  - Proviso 86 6-month allocation \$72,967.50
  - Governor's Housing 6-month allocation \$6,250.00
- o Lake Whatcom Center provides CBRA, Governor's Housing Initiative & Proviso 86 rental assistance services in Whatcom County.
  - CBRA 6-month allocation \$104,862.00
  - Proviso 86 6-month allocation \$135,000.00
  - Governor's Housing 6-month allocation \$6,250.00
- Pioneer Human Services provides CBRA & Proviso 86 rental assistance services in Island County.
  - CBRA 6-month allocation \$45,091.00
  - Proviso 86 6-month allocation \$151,467.50
- Opportunity Council provides CBRA & Proviso 86 rental assistance services in Whatcom County.
  - CBRA 6-month allocation \$45,091.00
  - Proviso 86 6-month allocation \$151,467.50

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NS BH-ASO-Bridgeways-ICN-26 to provide funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Compass Health-ICN-26 to provide funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Lifeline Connections-ICN-26 to provide funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Lake Whatcom Center-ICN-26 to provide funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Pioneer Human Services-ICN-26 to provide funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

NS BH-ASO-Opportunity Council-ICN-26 to provide funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2027, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

# 15. Discussion Items-JanRose Ottaway Martin, Executive Director

• Budget Introduction-Kim Nakatani ... (Available at Meeting) ........Attachment

# 16. Report from the Executive Director-JanRose Ottaway Martin

• Crisis Metrics Report...(Available at Meeting) ...... Attachment

17. Adjourn - Chair

Next Meeting: December 11th, 2025

# **Board of Directors**

**Meeting Minutes** 

October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025

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

- o Barry Buchanan; Board Chair, County Council Member; Whatcom County
- George Kosovich, Community Services Manager, Designated Alternate to Peter Browning, Commissioner; Skagit County

## **Members Present via MS Teams:**

- Jami Mitchell, Human Services
   Manager, Designated Alternate to
   Justin Paulsen, County Council
   Member; San Juan County
- Carola Schmid, Designated Crisis Responder, Designated Alternate to Dave Somers, County Executive; Snohomish County
- Darcy Cheesman, Legislative Aid,
   Designated Alternate to Sam Low,
   County Council Member; Snohomish
   County
- Malora Christensen

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

- JanRose Ottaway Martin, Executive Director
- o Lindsay Lopes, Deputy Director
- o Kim, Nakatani, Senior Accountant
- Michael McAuley, Clinical Director
- Charles DeElena, Compliance Officer/Business Improvement Manager
- Maria Arreola, Sr. Administrative Assistant
- Joanie Wenzl, Admin. Manager/Clerk of the Board

#### **Guests Present:**

o Travis Dutton, Washington State Association of Counties

#### Call to Order and Introductions - Chair

The Chair called the meeting to order and had members and ASO staff introduce themselves.

# **Tribal Acknowledgement** - Chair

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The Chair read the Tribal Acknowledgment and reminded the board members that Monday is Indigenous Peoples' Day

## **Revisions to the Agenda** - Chair

No revisions requested

# Approval of the September 11th, 2025, Minutes, Motion #25-43 - Chair

Peter Browning moved the motion for approval, Malora Christensen seconded, all in favor, none opposed, Motion #25-43 carried.

# Comments & Announcements from the Chair - Chair

There were no comments and/or announcements from the Chair

# Reports from Members - Chair

The members gave updates on the behavioral health happenings in their respective counties. Some spoke about their county's annual budget. Another county spoke about the success of the recent Legislative Summit.

#### **Comments from the Public** - Chair

There were no comments from the public

# **Report from the Finance Officer**

Kimberly Nakatani, Sr. Accountant

Kimberly gave the Report from the Finance Officer

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

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# Consent Agenda - Chair

#### Motion #25-44

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- Payroll for the month of September in the amount of \$244.934.70 and associated employer benefits in the amount of \$107,049.34.

Barry Buchanan moved the motion for approval, Peter Browning seconded, all in favor, none opposed, Motion #25-44 carried

# For Board Approval

## **Health Care Authority (HCA)**

- Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)
  - This is an outreach program targeting individuals with a serious mental illness who are unhoused in Snohomish County. The current annual funding (10/1/2025 9/30/2026) for this service is \$207,459.00. North Sound provides a mandatory match annually of \$69,153.00.
- Peer Pathfinder Homeless Outreach Programs
  - Funding is used to support outreach and engagement services for those who are, or who are risk
    of homelessness and have or are suspected to have an Opiate Use Disorder and/or stimulant use
    disorder in Whatcom County.
  - North Sound BH-ASO has not yet received our contract for the next funding cycle (10/1/2025 9/30/2026), however, HCA has indicated that they anticipate the award amount to be the same or slightly higher. The current annual funding (10/1/2024 9/30/2025) for these services is \$131,480.00.

#### Motion #25-45

HCA-North Sound BH-ASO-PATH for the purpose of funding PATH services in Snohomish County. The contract term is October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.

Barry Buchanan moved the motion for approval, Peter Browning seconded, all in favor, none opposed, Motion #25-45 carried

#### Motion #25-46

HCA-North Sound BH-ASO-Peer Path Finder for the purpose of providing peer pathfinder services in Whatcom County. The contract term is October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026.

• The following two contracts are the downstream contracts for PATH and Peer Pathfinder services. Barry Buchanan moved the motion for approval, Peter Browning seconded, all in favor, none opposed, Motion #25-46 carried.

## **Bridgeways**

• Bridgeways is the provider of PATH services in Snohomish County. The annual funding amount is \$207,459.00 of grant funding and \$69,153.00 in matching State funds for case management services for a total of \$276,612.00.

#### Motion #25-47

North Sound BH-ASO-Bridgeways-PATH-24 AMD 1 for the purpose of providing PATH outreach and case management services in Snohomish County. The term of the funding is October 1, 2025, through September 30, 2026, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

Barry Buchanan moved the motion for approval, Peter Browning seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion #25-47 carried

#### **Lifeline Connections**

• Lifeline Connections is the provider of Peer Pathfinder Services in Whatcom County. The final contract amount is anticipated to be consistent with or slightly higher than the current contracted amount of \$131,480.00.

## Motion #25-48

NS BH-ASO-Lifeline Connections-FBG-23 Amendment 8 to provide funding to the Peer Path Finder services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2025, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2026, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract. The final contracted amount will be adjusted, if necessary, upon receipt of the executed agreement with HCA\*. Barry Buchanan moved the motion for approval, Peter Browning seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion #25-48 carried.

## **Compass Health**

- Compass Health has received approval from Health Care Authority (HCA) for two endorsed Mobile Rapid Response Crisis Teams (MRRCT) one serving Whatcom County and one serving Snohomish County, effective October 1, 2025, for each.
- Endorsed teams meet standards for staffing, training, and transportation ensuring they maintain the capacity to respond quickly and effectively to the most acute calls received by 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline.
- North Sound BH-ASO is working to determine the final budgets for each team based on information recently provided by HCA. Total funding will be received from HCA and the Managed Care Organization (MCOs), with provider reimbursement based on a compilation of several payment modalities.

#### Motion #25-49

NORTH\_SOUND\_BH-ASO\_COMPASS HEALTH\_ICCN\_2023 AMD 10 to provide ongoing funding for the Snohomish County Endorsed Mobile Rapid Response Crisis Teams (MRRCT) not to exceed the amount of \$652,150.98

NORTH\_SOUND\_BH-ASO\_COMPASS HEALTH\_ICCN\_2023 AMD 10 to provide ongoing funding for the Whatcom County Endorsed Mobile Rapid Response Crisis Teams (MRRCT) not to exceed the amount of \$506,682.99. Barry Buchanan moved the motion for approval, Peter Browning seconded, all in favor, none opposed, Motion #25-49 carried

#### Sea Mar

- Sea Mar has been approved to open a 23-hour Crisis Stabilization Facility in Snohomish County, effective October 1, 2025.
- 23-hour crisis stabilization facilities provide short-term, intensive behavioral health support to individuals experiencing behavioral health crisis, offering rapid assessment, stabilization, and connection to ongoing care.
- North Sound BH-ASO received funding from the Health Care Authority (HCA) for this facility.

#### Motion #25-50

NORTH SOUND BH-ASO-SEAMAR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS-ICN-23 AMD 2 to provide start-up funding in the amount of \$779,498.00 for the Crisis Stabilization Facility, effective October 1, 2025.

Barry Buchanan moved the motion for approval, Peter Browning seconded, all in favor, none opposed, Motion #25-50 carried

# **Report from the Executive Director**

JanRose Ottaway Martin, Executive Director

JanRose gave the Executive Director's Report and spoke on the following topics:

- o Draft NS BH-ASO's Strategic Plan: A vote will take place in November or December
- o ASO's 2026 Budget and Amendment
- o Legislative Summit/Future Sessions
- Endorsed Teams Update
- Crisis Metrics

Discussion followed on some of the topics above.

**Adjourn** - Chair adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 13th, 2025