



Board of Directors

Hybrid Meeting Agenda

June 8th, 2023

Board of Directors Members Present in Person:

Members Present via Zoom:

**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 \(nsbhaso.org\)](http://nsbhaso.org)
- 3. Revisions to the Agenda** – Chair
- 4. Approval of the May 4th, 2023, Minutes, Motion #23-25** – Chair..... Attachment
- 5. Comments & Announcements from the Chair**
- 6. Reports from Members**
- 7. Comments from the Public**
- 8. Report from the Advisory Board** (Available at Meeting) Attachment
- 9. Report from the Finance Officer** (Available at Meeting) Attachment
- 10. Report from the Governance Operations Committee**

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Consent Agenda (Available at Meeting)Attachment
Motion #23-26

- To review and approve the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization claims paid from May 1st, 203, through May 31st, 2023, in the amount of \$.
- Payroll for the month of May in the amount of \$ and associated employer benefits in the amount of \$.

11. Action Items

For Board Approval

The contracts for motions #23-27 to # 23-31 fall into four distinct categories:

1. Health Care Authority (HCA) contracts to include funding for the period of January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.
2. Downstream contracts for General Fund-State (GF-S) Mandatory Services (Crisis Outreach, Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) Services, ITA inpatient, Secure Withdrawal Management, Proviso Funding)
3. Downstream contracts for Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) Priority Services (Pregnant & Parenting Women Housing Services (PPW), Individuals using Intravenous Drugs (IUID) Opiate Outreach)
4. Downstream contracts for GF-S/SABG/Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) Services within Available Resources (Mental Health & Substance Use Disorder Outpatient, SUD Residential, Triage Services)

The downstream contracts follow the HCA contract. The funding for the downstream contracts is included in the same amendment, which is why you will see the same numbered amendment under a different category of funding. The funding allocations for the downstream contracts will be developed over the next month.

Summary:

Health Care Authority

K-6334 is providing the GF-S funding for the period of January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, and Federal Block Grant funds for the period of January 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

- New GF-S funding is expected for the period of July – December 2023, however the details have not been provided by HCA to date.

Motion#23-27

- HCA-NS BH-ASO-K-6334-Amendment 1 providing the ASO GF-S funding and legislative provisos for the period of January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, and Federal Block Grant Funding for the period of January 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

- K-6178 Housing and Recovery through Peer Support Services (HARPS) team providing permanent supportive housing services for individuals exiting or at risk of entering a behavioral healthcare setting.

Motion #23-28

- HCA-NS BH-ASO-K-23 for the purpose of funding the HARPS team and HARPS subsidies. The maximum amount on this contract is \$616,440 with a term of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

Summary:

GF-S Mandatory Services

The following contracts provide mandatory behavioral health services.

- Compass Health
 - Mobile Crisis Outreach, ITA services, Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT), Evaluation and Treatment Services, E&T Discharge Planners, Whatcom Triage Diversion Pilot, Child Youth and Family Crisis Outreach Team
- Snohomish County
 - Mobile Crisis Outreach, ITA services
 - Proviso Funding-Jail Transition Services, Designated Marijuana Account, Trueblood Funds
- Volunteers of America
 - Toll Free Crisis Hotline
- Telecare
 - Evaluation and Treatment Services, Discharge Planners
- American Behavioral Health Services (ABHS)
 - Secure Withdrawal Management
- Lifeline Connections
 - PACT
- Snohomish County Superior Court
 - Juvenile Treatment Services
- Island County
 - Proviso Funding-Jail Transition Services, Trueblood Funds, Designated Cannabis Account
- San Juan County
 - Proviso Funding-Jail Transition Services, Designated Cannabis Account
- Skagit County
 - Proviso Funding-Jail Transition Services, Designated Cannabis Account, Trueblood Funds
- Whatcom County
 - Proviso Funding-Jail Transition Services, Designated Cannabis Account, Trueblood Funds

Motion #23-29

- 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. 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 from January 1, 2023, to June 30, 2023.
- NS BH-ASO-Compass Health-ICCN-23 Amendment 2 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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. The six (6) month amount is from July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023.
- NS BH-ASO-Snohomish County-ICCN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-VOA-ICCN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Telecare-ICCN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-ABHS-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Lifeline Connections-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Snohomish County Superior Court-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Island County-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-San Juan County-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.

- NS BH-ASO-Skagit County-Interlocal-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Whatcom County-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is January 1, 2023, through December 30, 2023, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2024, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

Summary:

Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) & Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) Priority Services

The following contracts are providing SABG priority Services:

- Brigid Collins
 - Pregnant and Parenting Women (PPW) Housing Support Services
- Evergreen Recovery Centers
 - PPW Housing Support Services
 - Homeless Outreach and Stabilization Team (HOST)
- Catholic Community Services
 - PPW Housing Support Services
- Compass Health
 - San Juan HARPS subsidies
 - Certified Peers on Mobile Crisis Teams
- Therapeutic Health Services
 - Medication Assisted Treatment
- Island County
 - Opiate Outreach, HARPS subsidies
- Community Action of Skagit County
 - Opiate Outreach
- Snohomish County
 - Opiate Outreach
- Whatcom County
 - Opiate Outreach
- Lifeline Connections
 - Peer Pathfinder, Peer Pathfinder Incarceration Transition Pilot, HARPS Team with Skagit & Whatcom subsidies
- Telecare Corp.
 - Peer Bridger Program, Peer Bridger Participant Relief Funds

Motion #23-30

- NS BH-ASO-Brigid Collins-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-ERC-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-CCS NW-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Compass Health-ICCN-23 Amendment 2 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-THS-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Island County-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-CASC-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
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- NS BH-ASO-Whatcom County-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Lifeline Connections-FBG-23 Amendment 1 to provide additional funding to the Peer Path Finder services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Telecare-FBG-23 Amendment 1 to provide additional funding to Peer Bridger services under this contract. 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.

Summary:

GF-S/SABG/MHBG Services within Available Resources

- Compass Health
 - SUD outpatient services in San Juan County
 - Snohomish & Whatcom County Triage Services
- Consejo Counseling and Referral Services
 - Mental health outpatient services
 - Substance use outpatient services
- City of Mount Vernon
 - Integrated co-responder outreach project
- Evergreen Recovery Centers
 - Withdrawal Management Services
 - Mental Health Infant Specialist
- Island County
 - Co-Responder project
- Lifeline Connections
 - SUD Outpatient services
 - Recovery Housing
- Lake Whatcom Center
 - PACT
 - Mental Health outpatient services
 - Substance Use outpatient services
- Pioneer Human Services
 - Island, Skagit & Whatcom withdrawal management services
 - One-time funding for the North Sound Behavioral Health Facility in the amount of \$140,000
 - Co-Occurring residential services, adding North Sound Behavioral Health Treatment Facility
- Sea Mar
 - Mental health outpatient services
 - Substance use outpatient services
 - SUD residential services
- Snohomish County
 - Co-Responder project
- Sunrise Services
 - Mental health outpatient services
 - Substance use outpatient services
- Volunteers of America (VOA)
 - Peer Outreach follow up services
- Whatcom County

- Co-responder project

Motion #23-31

- NS BH-ASO-Compass Health-ICCN-23 Amendment 2 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Consejo-ICN-21-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-City of Mount Vernon-Interlocal-23 Amendment 1 to provide funding for the integrated co-responder team with the City of Mount Vernon Police Department. The contract term is June 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2024, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.
- NS BH-ASO-ERC-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Island County-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding for co-responder services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Lifeline Connections-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-LWC-ICN-19-22 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-PHS-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Sea Mar-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Snohomish County-ICCN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.

- NS BH-ASO-Sunrise Services-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-VOA-ICCN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding for emergency response suicide prevention follow up services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Whatcom County-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding co-responder services under this contract. 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.

Summary:

Department of Commerce-Behavioral Health Rental Assistance

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 is the goal.

Motion #23-32

- Department of Commerce-NS BH-ASO-23 to provide the funding for rental assistance in the amount of \$1,366,830.00 for the period of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024. The following motion is the downstream contracts allocating the behavioral health rental assistance funds and Federal Block Grant funds for housing case management services.
 - Bridgeways provides CBRA rental assistance and case management services in Snohomish County
 - Compass Health provides CBRA rental assistance and case management services in Snohomish County
 - Lifeline Connections provides CBRA rental assistance case management services in Skagit and Whatcom county
 - Lake Whatcom Center provides CBRA rental assistance and case management services in Whatcom County
 - Pioneer Human Services provides CBRA rental assistance and case management services in Island County

Motion #23-33

- NS BH-ASO-Bridgeways-CBRA-23 for the provision of CBRA rental assistance and program expenses in Snohomish County. The contract term is July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2024, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.
- NS BH-ASO-Compass Health-CBRA-23 for the provision of CBRA rental assistance and program expenses in Snohomish County. The contract term is July 1, 2023, through June

30, 2024, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2024, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

- NS BH-ASO-Lifeline Connections-CBRA-23 for the provision of CBRA rental assistance and program expenses in Skagit and Whatcom County. The contract term is July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2024, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.
- NS BH-ASO-Lake Whatcom Center-CBRA-23 for the provision of CBRA rental assistance and program expenses Whatcom County. The contract term is July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2024, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.
- NS BH-ASO-Pioneer Human Services-CBRA-23 for the provision of CBRA rental assistance and program expenses in Island County. The contract term is July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2024, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

Summary:

Recovery Navigator Programs (RNP)

The continued funding for RNP is included in the HCA contract. The following motion is the downstream contracts.

- Island County provides RNP services in Island County
- Community Action of Skagit County provides RNP services in Skagit County
- Compass Health provides RNP services in San Juan County
- Whatcom County LEAD program provides RNP services in Whatcom County
- Snohomish County LEAD program provides RNP services in Snohomish County

Motion #23-34

- North Sound BH-ASO-Island County-RNP-23 for the provision of RNP services in Island County. The contract term is July 1, 2023, through June 20, 2024, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2024, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.
- North Sound BH-ASO-Community Action of Skagit County-RNP-23 for the provision of RNP services in Skagit County. The contract term is July 1, 2023, through June 20, 2024, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2024, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.
- North Sound BH-ASO-Compass Health-RNP-23 for the provision of RNP services in San Juan County. The contract term is July 1, 2023, through June 20, 2024, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2024, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.
- North Sound BH-ASO-Whatcom County-RNP-23 for the provision of RNP services in Whatcom County. The contract term is July 1, 2023, through June 20, 2024, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2024, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

- North Sound BH-ASO-Snohomish County-RNP-23 for the provision of RNP services in Snohomish County. 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.

Summary:

Helping Hands Project Organization

Helping Hands Project Organization is a Behavioral Health Agency emphasize serving elders and people of color in Snohomish County.

Motion #23-35

- NS BH-ASO-Helping Hands Project-23 for the provision of outpatient services in Snohomish County, this is a Fee for Service contract. The contract term is January 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2024, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

Summary:

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

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

Motion #23-36

- 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.

Motion #23-37

- North Sound BH-ASO-Lifeline Connections-FBG-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.

Summary:

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.

Motion #23-38

- 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.

Motion #23-39

- 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.

12. Information Item (Available at Meeting) Attachments

- o Block Grant Final Review

13. DRAFT Report from the Executive Director (Attachments Available at Meeting)

14. Adjourn

Next Meeting: No meeting in July. Next meeting is August 10th, 2023



Board of Directors

Hybrid Meeting Minutes

May 11th, 2023

Board of Directors Members Present in Person:

- **Peter Browning**, Commissioner;
Skagit County, Board Chair
- **Cammy Hart-Anderson**, Human Services,
designated alternate for Dave Somers
County Executive, Snohomish County
- **Jill Johnson**, Commissioner, Island
County
- **Barry Buchanan**, County Council;
Whatcom County

Members Present via Zoom:

- **George Kosovich**, Public Health,
designated alternate for Peter
Browning, Commissioner, Skagit
County
- **Perry Mowery**, Behavioral Health
Supervisor, designated alternate for Satpal
Sidhu County Executive, Whatcom County
- **Pat O'Maley Lanphear**, Advisory Board
Chair
- **Heidi Beazizo**, Sr. Legislative Analyst,
designated alternate for Strom Peterson
County Council, Snohomish County
- **Jane Fuller**, County Council, San Juan
County
- **Lynda Austin**, Human Services, designated
alternate for Jill Johnson Commissioner,
Island County
- **Sam Low**, County Council,
Snohomish County
- **Malora Christensen**, Response Systems
Division Manager, designated alternate for
Satpal Sidhu, Whatcom 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
- **Maria Arreola**, Administrative Assistant II, Advisory Board Coordinator, NS BH-ASO
- **Joanie Wenzl**, Administrative Manager/Clerk of the Board, North Sound BH-ASO
- **Kimberly Nakatani**, Accountant, NS BH-ASO Accountant
- **Garrison Whaley-Sharp**, Assistant Out-Patient Coordinator, North Sound BH-ASO

Guests Present:

- Clinton Jordan

Call to Order and Introductions – Chair

The Chair called the meeting to order and initiated introductions.

Revisions to the Agenda – Chair

No revisions to the agenda were requested.

Approval of the April 13th, 2023, Minutes, Motion #23-23 – Chair..... Attachment

Cammy Hart-Anderson moved the motion for approval, Barry Buchanan seconded, all in favor, none opposed, motion #22-23 carried.

Comments & Announcements from the Chair

No comments

Reports from Members

Skagit, San Juan, Island and Whatcom gave updates on their respective counties regarding behavioral health happenings.

Comments from the Public

Clinton Jordan attended the meeting via Zoom. Joe noted that we will be discussing the issue relating to PHS during the Executive Director's Report.

Assisted Out-Patient Treatment (AOT) Program Update

Garrison Whaley-Sharp, NS BH-ASO AOT Coordinator

Joe introduced Garrison, the AOT Program Coordinator. Garrison gave the AOT Program presentation via PowerPoint slides.

Report from the Advisory Board

Pat O'Maley Lanphear

Pat gave the report from the Advisory Board and spoke about the retreat that took place on May 2nd. She referenced the schematic that was developed during the activities and conversations.

She added that new members have been added to the NS BH-ASO Advisory Board and that there are still more openings.

Report from the Finance Officer

Joe gave the Finance Officer's Report. He referenced the spreadsheet that was provided in the Board Member's binders that reflected detail.

Report from the Governance Operations Committee

The Chair noted that the ASO's Succession Planning activities were discussed during the Governance and Operations Meeting.

The Tribal Leaders in connection with the Accountable Community of Health created the Tribal Acknowledgment with associated links.

Moving forward, NS BH-ASO will start the meetings with the reading of the Tribal Acknowledgment.

Barry Buchanan moved a motion to incorporate the reading of the Tribal Acknowledgement at the beginning of the meetings.

Cammy Hart-Anderson seconded the motion, all were in favor none opposed.

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Jill Johnson moved the motion for approval, Barry Buchanan seconded, none opposed, all in favor, Motion #23-24 carried.

Action Items

For Board Approval

- There are no Action Items for the month of May.

1. Introduction Items

Contracts

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Motion #XX-XX

- HCA-NS BH-ASO-K-6334-Amendment 1 providing the ASO GF-S funding and legislative provisos for the period of January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, and Federal Block Grant Funding for the period of January 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.
- K-6178 Housing and Recovery through Peer Support Services (HARPS) team providing permanent supportive housing services for individuals exiting or at risk of entering a behavioral healthcare setting.

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- HCA-NS BH-ASO-K-23 for the purpose of funding the HARPS team and HARPS subsidies. The maximum amount on this contract is \$616,440 with a term of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

GF-S Mandatory Services

The following contracts provide mandatory behavioral health services.

- Compass Health
 - Mobile Crisis Outreach, ITA services, Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT), Evaluation and Treatment Services, E&T Discharge Planners, Whatcom Triage Diversion Pilot, Child Youth and Family Crisis Outreach Team
- Snohomish County
 - Mobile Crisis Outreach, ITA services
 - Proviso Funding-Jail Transition Services, Designated Marijuana Account, Trueblood Funds
- Volunteers of America
 - Toll Free Crisis Hotline
- Telecare
 - Evaluation and Treatment Services, Discharge Planners
- American Behavioral Health Services (ABHS)
 - Secure Withdrawal Management
- Lifeline Connections
 - PACT
- Snohomish County Superior Court
 - Juvenile Treatment Services
- Island County
 - Proviso Funding-Jail Transition Services, Trueblood Funds, Designated Marijuana Account
- San Juan County
 - Proviso Funding-Jail Transition Services, Designated Marijuana Account
- Skagit County
 - Proviso Funding-Jail Transition Services, Designated Marijuana Account, Trueblood Funds
- Whatcom County
 - Proviso Funding-Jail Transition Services, Designated Marijuana Account, Trueblood Funds

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- NS BH-ASO-Compass Health-ICCN-23 Amendment 2 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Snohomish County-ICCN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.

- NS BH-ASO-VOA-ICCN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Telecare-ICCN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-ABHS-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Lifeline Connections-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Snohomish County Superior Court-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Island County-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-San Juan County-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Skagit County-Interlocal-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Whatcom County-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. The contract term is July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2023, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2024, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) & Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) Priority Services

The following contracts are providing SABG priority Services:

- Brigid Collins
 - Pregnant and Parenting Women (PPW) Housing Support Services
- Evergreen Recovery Centers
 - PPW Housing Support Services
 - Homeless Outreach and Stabilization Team (HOST)
- Catholic Community Services
 - PPW Housing Support Services
- Compass Health
 - San Juan HARPS subsidies
 - Certified Peers on Mobile Crisis Teams
- Therapeutic Health Services
 - Medication Assisted Treatment
- Island County
 - Opiate Outreach, HARPS subsidies
- Community Action of Skagit County
 - Opiate Outreach
- Snohomish County
 - Opiate Outreach, HARPS subsidies
- Whatcom County
 - Opiate Outreach
- Lifeline Connections
 - Peer Pathfinder, Peer Pathfinder Incarceration Transition Pilot, HARPS Team with Skagit & Whatcom subsidies
- Telecare Corp.
 - Peer Bridger Program, Peer Bridger Participant Relief Funds

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- NS BH-ASO-Brigid Collins-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-ERC-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-CCS NW-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Compass Health-ICCN-23 Amendment 2 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.

- NS BH-ASO-THS-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Island County-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-CASC-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Snohomish County-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Whatcom County-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Lifeline Connections-MHBG-23 Amendment 1 to provide additional funding to the Peer Path Finder services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Telecare-MHBG-23 Amendment 1 to provide additional funding to Peer Bridger services under this contract. 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.

GF-S/SABG/MHBG Services within Available Resources

- Compass Health
 - SUD outpatient services in San Juan County
 - Snohomish & Whatcom County Triage Services
- Consejo Counseling and Referral Services
 - Mental health outpatient services
 - Substance use outpatient services
- City of Mount Vernon
 - Integrated co-responder outreach project
- Evergreen Recovery Centers

- Withdrawal Management Services
 - Mental Health Infant Specialist
- Island County
 - Co-Responder project
- Lifeline Connections
 - SUD Outpatient services
 - Recovery Housing
 - HARPS team and subsidies serving Skagit & Whatcom Counties
- Lake Whatcom Center
 - PACT
 - Mental Health outpatient services
 - Substance Use outpatient services
- Pioneer Human Services
 - Island, Skagit & Whatcom withdrawal management services
 - SUD residential services
- Sea Mar
 - Mental health outpatient services
 - Substance use outpatient services
 - SUD residential services
- Snohomish County
 - Co-Responder project
- Sunrise Services
 - Mental health outpatient services
 - Substance use outpatient services
- Volunteers of America (VOA)
 - Emergency Response for Suicide Prevention (ERSP)
 - Peer Outreach follow up services
- Whatcom County
 - Co-responder project

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- NS BH-ASO-Compass Health-ICCN-23 Amendment 2 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Consejo-ICN-21-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-City of Mount Vernon-Interlocal-23 Amendment 1 to provide funding for the integrated co-responder team with the City of Mount Vernon Police Department. The contract term is June 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023, with an automatic one-year renewal on January 1, 2024, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.
- NS BH-ASO-ERC-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.

- NS BH-ASO-Island County-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding for co-responder services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Lifeline Connections-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-LWC-ICN-19-22 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-PHS-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Sea Mar-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Snohomish County-ICCN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Sunrise Services-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding to continue services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-VOA-ICCN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding for emergency response suicide prevention follow up services under this contract. 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.
- NS BH-ASO-Whatcom County-ICN-23 Amendment 1 to provide the funding co-responder services under this contract. 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.

Department of Commerce-Behavioral Health Rental Assistance

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 is the goal.

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- Department of Commerce-NS BH-ASO-23 to provide the funding for rental assistance in the amount of \$1,366,830.00 for the period of January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024.

The following motion is the downstream contracts allocating the rental assistance funds.

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- NS BH-ASO-Bridgeways-CBRA-23 for the provision of 3 for CBRA program expenses. The contract term is November 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2024, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.
- NS BH-ASO-Compass Health-CBRA-23 for the provision of 3 for CBRA program expenses. The contract term is November 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2024, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.
- NS BH-ASO-Lifeline Connections-CBRA-23 for the provision of 2 for CBRA program expenses. The contract term is November 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2024, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.
- NS BH-ASO-Lake Whatcom Center-CBRA-23 for the provision of 3 for CBRA program expenses. The contract term is November 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2024, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.
- NS BH-ASO-Pioneer Human Services-CBRA-23 for the provision of 3 for CBRA program expenses. The contract term is November 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2024, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

Helping Hands Project Organization

Helping Hands Project Organization is a Behavioral Health Agency emphasize serving elders and people of color in Snohomish County.

NS BH-ASO-Helping Hands Project-23 for the provision of outpatient services in Snohomish County, this is a Fee for Service contract. The contract term is January 1, 2024, through June 30, 2024, with an automatic one-year renewal on July 1, 2024, based on continued compliance with the terms of the contract.

Margaret gave an overview of the Introduction Items that will be motions next month. Any questions, please email or call her.

2. Report from the Executive Director Attachments

Joe spoke about PHS and the hope that the ASO could provide financial assistance. The Board asked that the ASO speak to HCA about the request to see if the ASO could provide funding.

HCA was in favor of the ASO helping. Behavioral Health Enhancement Funds can be used to assist PHS, Joe added.

A contract will be developed, and the Board will vote on the contract.

The other topics that were included in the Executive Director's Report were:

- LEGISLATIVE UPDATE
- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM COORDINATION COMMITTEE-NETWORK ADEQUACY WORKGROUP
- CRISIS SERVICES UPDATE
- PROJECTED OPERATING DEFICIT FOR THE NORTH SOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT CENTER IN EVERETT - UPDATE
- HB 1688 AND THE BALANCED BILLING ACT – UPDATE
- BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Adjourn: It was noted that there will be no meeting in July

Next Meeting: June 8th, 2023

North Sound BH ASO Executive Director’s Report

June 6, 2023

1. FINAL LEGISLATIVE AND BUDGET UPDATE

- Some key highlights of the newly enacted 2023-2025 State Operating Budget [5187.SL]:
 - 15% provider rate increase for both Medicaid and Non-Medicaid services
 - Expanded funding for Behavioral Health crisis response supported in part by the new telecom tax
- There are also 124 budget “provisos”. These include number of provisos related to BH-ASO programs in general and for the North Sound region in particular.
- The list below identifies which will be administered by the BH-ASO and which will be contracted directly to the receiving organization.

Section #	Proviso	Contracted Organization
51	\$150,000 in FY 2024 and 2025 to maintain support for a pilot program to improve behavioral health outcomes for youth	Island County
57	Maintain grants to law enforcement and other first responders to include a mental health professional on teams responding to emergencies	BH-ASO [Mt. Vernon Police Dept.]
58	Funding for HCA to contract for long-term involuntary treatment services in a 16 bed residential treatment facility in Stanwood	HCA – future operator
69b	\$587,000 in FY 2024 and 2025 to support Whatcom County alternative response team	Whatcom County
76	Funding to establish Youth Inpatient Navigator Teams in 7 regions [including North Sound]	North Sound BH-ASO
77	Funding for the Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program	BH-ASOs
92	\$1,100,000 in FY 24 and 25 for HCA to contract on a one-time basis with the North Sound BH-ASO for start-up costs for a new 32-bed community recovery center in Lynwood	North Sound BH-ASO
96	\$2,000,000 additional funds in FY 24 and 25 for recovery navigator services in King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties. These funds are in addition to any remaining funds for RNP in these counties.	BH-ASOs
97	Funding to implement clubhouse services in every region	HCA
112	Funding to expand and enhance services provided by mobile crisis teams and community based crisis teams	HCA?

	either endorsed or seeking endorsement under the new state standards	
122	\$375,000 grant in FY 24 and 25 to the city of Arlington in partnership with the north county regional fire authority for a mobile integrated health pilot project	Arlington
Capital Budget	\$5.8 million for a Skagit County Crisis Stabilization Facility	Skagit County
Capital Budget	\$90,000 for a 3-bed “recliner” addition for youth crisis stabilization services	Touchstone – Whatcom County

- There were a number of significant behavioral health bills passed and signed by the Governor. Below is a partial list of those of interest for the ASOs and Counties:

Bill	Title	Description
HB 1134	Implementation of the 988 behavioral health crisis response system	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New funding and categories for “mobile rapid response crisis teams” and “community-based crisis teams” • Additional requirements to develop standardized protocols and training
SB 5120	23-hour crisis relief centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By January 2024, DOH must license or certify 23-Hour Crisis Relief Centers. • CRCs must be structured to have a n-refusal policy for law enforcement drop-offs and not require medical clearances. • Triage facilities must be converted to CR
HB 1515	Contracting and procurement requirements for behavioral health services in medical assistance programs [including network adequacy]	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires HCA to seek approval to amend the State Medicaid Plan to provide direct payments to crisis services agencies • Requires HCA to adopt network adequacy standards and annual review process
SB 5536	Modifies provisions of the Blake Bill Final version approved in special session and signed by Governor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increases the penalty for possession of a controlled substance to a gross misdemeanor, • Recognizes several different options for “diversion” programs, including LEAD, RNP or other community diversion programs

5440	Providing timely competency evaluation and restoration services [Trueblood]	Changes criteria for ordering competency evaluations, continuation of medication in jails, and for referring defendants to a
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		diversion program. Requires assessing whether persons are appropriate for AOT
	Workforce Bills	
1724	Behavioral Health Associates	Directs DOH to remove barriers to licensure and streamline certification. Establishes stipends to defray costs related to supervision.
5189	B.H. Support Specialists	Creates a new certification/classification for persons with bachelor’s degrees.
5555	Creating the profession of certified peer specialists	Creates a new certification/classification for Peer Specialists and Peer Specialist Trainees

2. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM COORDINATION COMMITTEE-NETWORK ADEQUACY WORKGROUP

- The Subcommittee of the Behavioral Health System Coordination Committee continues to work on a proposed method for measuring and monitoring average wait times for outpatient appointments.
- The workgroup is planning to hold 6 focus groups with behavioral health providers – 3 on the west side and 3 on the east side. The purpose of the focus groups would be to collect information on how providers currently measure wait times and the challenges and barriers of collecting and reporting this data to the state.
- This work will be important in informing HCAs project to improve network adequacy standards as required by HB 1515.

3. CRISIS SERVICES UPDATE

- Attached is the Weekly Crisis Capacity Indicator report through May 27 [Attachment 1].
- There continues to be a gradual decline in the number of calls to the crisis line, and we will continue to explore with VOA if this is due to some calls now going to the 988 line.
- Also attached is the Advisory Board dashboard through the end of April.[Attachment 2]

4. PROJECTED OPERATING DEFICIT FOR THE NORTH SOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TREATMENT CENTER IN EVERETT - UPDATE

- HCA has provided guidance to us on how we can assist in supporting Pioneer Human Services’ capacity to continue to provide services at the North Sound Behavioral Health Treatment Center in Everett [Denny Juvenile Justice Center]. [Attachment 3]
- The proposed NS BH-ASO contract renewal with PHS includes a capacity payment of \$140,000. One of the conditions we are including with the amendment is working with our

fiscal staff to review their expenses and revenue for this facility. We will also be asking that they become more proactive in seeking ASO-funded referrals to this facility.

5. EVERETT HERALD ARTICLE ON THE “HANDS UP” PROJECT

- On May 22, the Everett Herald published an article on the fiscal and compliance problems with the “Hands Up” Project [Attachment 4].
- The article notes that the North Sound BH-ASO had been one of the funders of the project but accurately explains that we terminated our contract and initiated a fiscal audit requesting back up documentation that they have still not replied to.

6. RECOVERY NAVIGATOR PROGRAM SUCCESS STORIES

- The Recovery Navigator Program continues to have positive outcomes on the lives of persons in all five counties. Attached are some sample success stories [Attachment 5]
- The North Sound RNP coordinator, James Dixon, is participating in state meetings to begin to develop a plan for implementing some of the changes and additions to RNP called for in SB 5536. Here’s a brief summary of some of those changes:
 - The biggest change is the pretrial diversion addition, similar to deferred prosecution. The prosecutor will have the discretion to charge for minor drug related crimes and possession charges or defer to an RNP/LEAD program in lieu of incarceration. The individual will have to follow the court’s recommendation to stay out of custody.
 - HCA is doing a lot of internal work to figure out the referral process and needs for courts to connect with RNP/LEAD.
 - HCA will update the uniform standards and core principles for RNP to be more in line with LEAD standards.
 - HCA is working with a vendor to create a data integration platform that will be used statewide by all RNP/LEAD for data collection.
 - HCA will continue to review the funding needs for expanding the program.

7. SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL APPROVES CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR STANWOOD PSYCHIATRIC FACILITY

- On May 17, the Snohomish County Council approved the conditional use permit for the planned 32 bed inpatient psychiatric treatment facility in Stanwood. See attached article from the Stanwood Camano News [Attachment 6].