

North Sound Interlocal Leadership Structure (ILS)

Friday, June 9th, 2023, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

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AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION
1. Welcome and Introductions <i>Richard Uri and Katie Ramos</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Tribal Acknowledgement
Attendees: Charles DeElena, Richard Uri, Rochelle Williams, Garrison Whaley-Sharp, Katie Ramos, Margaret Rojas, Joe Valentine, Marci Bloomquist, Michael McAuley, Scott Parker, Nicole Jones, Audrey Siliman, Laurel Lee, Dorothy Sivanish, Danielle Politte, Teresa Claycamp, Derek Gulas, George Kosovich, James Dixon, Shawn O’Neil, Noel Zak	
2. Review Past Meeting Notes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 17th, 2023 • Meeting notes were reviewed with no changes or additional comments. 	
3. Health Care Authority (HCA) Updates <i>Teresa Claycamp, HCA</i> <i>Shawn O’Neil</i>	Overview of Budget Provisos
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shawn provided an overview of bills from the 2023 legislative session. • Shawn provided an overview of the budget approved in the 2023 legislative session. 	
4. Native and Strong Line <i>Rochelle Williams Hamilton</i>	Overview of Native and Strong Lifeline service
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rochelle provided an overview of what the Native and Strong Lifeline is and how it operates. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The line currently has 23-25 counselors. ○ Callers can call 988 and then select 4. ○ It was noted anyone who is looking to take care of native persons is also encouraged to call the line when needed. 	
5. In-Patient Behavioral Health <i>Discharges and Homelessness Issue</i> <i>HCA and MCOs</i>	New requirement for MCOs and the ASOs to assist with discharge planning, (see attached policy statement) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MCOs: speak to the barriers in overcoming treatment and housing issues. • HCA: speak about the cross-divisional workgroups that were formed to work on the issue
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Katie reviewed what was discussed during the last meeting. • Teresa noted the cross-divisional workgroup, with Jessica Diaz, continues to work and discuss the issue. • MCOs spoke to the barriers they are facing regarding the issue. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Identifying resources in the community to provide housing. Many resources are not accepting new referrals. ○ Case management being able to coordinate with the hospitals (overall communication gap). ○ Funding for placement ○ Co-occurring health conditions ○ Communication with clients – lack of phones ○ Lack of address makes it difficult to schedule Medicaid transportation. 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Scheduling and remembering appointments. ○ Short admits which then don't allow enough time to get into a housing program. ● Joe shared the ASO is advocating for more CBRA dollars to dedicate to housing. ● Agenda item to be included in next agenda to see if someone from the HCA workgroup can attend and share what they have been discussing. 	
6. Discussion with MCOs MCOs	MCO Updates; strategies to address the growing Fentanyl crisis, such as expanded distribution of Narcan kits and Fentanyl strips
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MCOs are focusing on telehealth, particularly in communities that struggle to receive other forms of services. ● Molina and CCW are looking at data points to better identify individuals who are eligible and where services are not reaching. ● Molina is having difficulty getting naloxone. ● CCW is speaking with communication centers about first aid kits including Narcan and possible ways to support Naloxone vending machines. ● Joe shared the ASO has been approved to use money out of Block Grant dollars to get Fentanyl strips, Naloxone kits, etc. The ASO would be happy to partner with the MCOs in any way to get these resources distributed into the community. 	
7. Updates <i>ASO, MCOs, Counties North Sound ACH, and Tribes</i>	Updates from ASO, MCOs, Counties, North Sound ACH, Tribal Reps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● ASO Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Regional Navigator Program (RNP) James Dixon ▪ Assisted Out-patient Treatment (AOT) Garrison Whaley-Sharp
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● James provided an update on the Regional Navigator Program (RNP) that was implemented in 2022. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ From the quarterly reports, there is an increasing number of individuals in the programs or receiving assistance. ● Garrison provided an update on the RFP process for AOT. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Submissions have been received and the selection committee will meet to choose a BHA to move forward. ● Michael provided an update on the Child, Youth, and Family Team. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Compass has been able to hire some staff and are moving forward with training. ○ Compass is hoping to be providing services late July or early August. ● Michael provided an update on the Co-Response program. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Michael shared the ASO is looking into expanding the funding/scope of the program to include more fire/EMS agencies. ● George Kosovich provided an update on the Skagit stabilization center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The evaluation/treatment facility in Sedro-Wooley has been approved for an expansion of 16 beds. Work has begun with architects. ● Joe shared funding for a recovery center in the Lynwood jail has been made available. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This money will come to the ASO to allocate to who the provider will be. The provider will also need to negotiate rates with the MCOs. 	
8. Future Agenda Items	Discuss future agenda items
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● In-Patient Behavioral Health Discharges and Homelessness Issue- HCA workgroup, see notes above 	
Next Meeting: September 15th, 2023	