

**Executive Committee (EC) Members Present:**

**North Sound Behavioral Health Organization (BHO) Staff Present:**

**Guests Present:**

1. **Call to Order and Introductions** – Chair Johnson
2. **Revisions to the Agenda** – Chair
3. **Draft Minutes from September 8<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting and September 14<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting.....TAB 1**
  - Action to be taken during 10/12 regular meeting
4. **Comments & Announcements from the Chair**
5. **Comments from the Public**
6. **Reports from Counties.....TAB 2**
7. **Motion for the October 5, Special Meeting of the County Authorities Executive Committee .....TAB 3**
  - Regions who wish to become a “mid-adopter” of fully integrated managed care (FIMC) must send a binding letter of intent to the Health Care Authority (HCA) indicating they’re willing to implement integrated care in January 2019 rather than January 2020.

If regions who choose to become a mid-adopter also choose to become a Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (BH-ASO), they must also send a letter of intent to the HCA by mid-October. Counties have the “right of first refusal” regarding the choice to become a BH-ASO.

If Regions do not choose to become a mid-adopter, but do choose to become BH-ASO, they must submit a letter of intent by January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

The North Sound was given an extension of the deadline to submit a letter of intent to become a mid-adopter of FIMC to October 6. A letter of intent to become a BH-ASO is due by mid-October.

A number of concerns have been raised by county councils/commissions regarding both choices. King County has submitted a letter of intent to become both a mid-adopter and a BH-ASO but has negotiated MOUs with the HCA and the five Apple Health Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) to establish a “Leadership Group” to “oversee” and “ensure” a successful transition to FIMC.

The MOU also articulates King County’s assumption that the County would establish sub-contractual relationships with each successful MCO and the regional BHO to maintain the stability of the current system during the 2019 Transition period. “The MOU further assumes that there be adequate capitation funding and that each MCO will subcontract to the County certain Medicaid behavioral health services.”

On a September 22 phone call from HCA Medicaid Director, MaryAnne Lindeblad, to Joe Valentine, MaryAnne indicated that the North Sound could send a single letter regarding both becoming a mid-adopter and a BH-ASO. We may also incorporate into the letter the conditions the North Sound feels need to be addressed. MaryAnne agreed to provide a written response to the requested conditions.

**Motion #17-79**.....**TAB 3**

- Send a letter of intent on behalf of all the North Sound Counties to the Health Care Authority to become a “Mid-Adopter” of Fully Integrated Managed Care in January 2019, and to become the Behavioral Health Administrative Organization [BH-ASO] for the North Sound region.
- This letter should also indicate that the North Sound Region chooses to use the “2019 Transition Year” option in which the MCOs subcontract an agreed upon set of services and/or functions to the BHO for one year, and in which the BHO maintains non-Medicaid BH contracts for one year.
- This letter should include the following conditions:
  1. Agreement from the Governor’s Office and the Health Care Authority to fully support adoption of a statute establishing a permanent regional “Interlocal Leadership Structures” to be chaired by county authorities. This statute language will be modeled on the “BHO Proviso Language” that was introduced in the 2017 Legislative Session.
  2. Agreement from the Governor’s Office and the Health Care Authority to seek a legislative budget appropriation providing sufficient dedicated funding to the North Sound Region to operate the BH-ASO. This funding should be sufficient to maintain the current continuum of care in the North Sound BHO administered Crisis Services and Diversion programs. This funding agreement will also allow the North Sound to submit a spending plan that will allow it to maintain a portion of their existing reserves and unspent funds to cover the estimated start-up costs of transitioning to a BH-ASO.

3. Agreement from the Health Care Authority to allow the MCOs selected to serve the North Sound Region to contract with the BH-ASO for certain Medicaid Behavioral Health Services based on the proposed plan for fully integrated managed care developed by the North Sound Interlocal Leadership Structure. This plan should assure that clients are at the center of care delivery and should support integrated delivery of physical and behavioral health care at the provider level. This plan should also minimize duplication in administrative functions and support coordination of care as described in the “BHO Proviso Language”.
4. Agreement from the Health Care Authority to allow Counties through the Interlocal Leadership Structure to provide specific input into the North Sound “Addendum” to the 2018 RFP that will be used to procure the MCOs that will be providing Fully Integrated Managed Care in the North Sound. This should include the ability to recommend specific criteria to ensure that all persons in the North Sound region have equal access to Medicaid health and behavioral health services, including those persons living in geographically challenged areas.
5. Agreement from the Health Care Authority to allow representatives of the county authorities to sit on the selection panel choosing the MCO’s to be awarded the contract for the North Sound Region.
6. A stipulation that the North Sound region may withdraw its agreement to become a mid-adopter if the majority of the Counties conclude that these conditions are not being satisfactorily addressed.

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## 8. Adjourn

*Next meeting: October 12, 2017*