



Pre-meeting Advisory Board

August 7, 2007

Presentation

*****11:30*****

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Mental Health Transformation Grant

- State Comprehensive Plan Goals
 - Overview
 - Phase I Priority Outcomes
- Transformation Workgroup Responses
 - Current Strategies
 - The Future

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 24, 2007
TO: NSMHA Advisory Board
FROM: Chuck Benjamin, Executive Director
RE: August 9, 2007 Board of Director's Agenda

Please find for your review and comment the following that has been/will be discussed with the Board of Directors and will be/have been brought forth at the August 9, 2007, NSMHA Board of Directors Meeting.

Introduction Items Reviewed by the BOD

The following introduction motions were acted on by the Board of Directors, July 12, 2007.

Motion #07-066

To introduce for review MHD-NSMHA-PIHP-0669-01989 AMENDMENT 3 for the purpose of adjusting rates of payment for the final period of this contract, and to retroactively adjust payment made by MHD for the month of July 2007.

Motion #07-067

To introduce for review MHD-NSMHA-0669-02157 AMENDMENT 5 for the purpose of adjusting rates and payments for the final period of this contract.

Motion #07-068

To introduce for review NSMHA-VROON VANDENBERG LLP-PSC-07, for a regional 10 day Wraparound Training, Wraparound is a high fidelity based model of service for children the training will be provided by a national Wraparound trainer. The contract period is August 1 - September 30, 2007. The maximum consideration for this contract is \$19,195.

Introduction Items Not Yet Reviewed by the BOD

The Board of Directors was provided the Planning Committee recommendations at their July meeting and approved the recommendations. The Board of Directors will be asked to take action on these contracts.

To introduce for review NSMHA-bridgenways-FBG-07-08. The purpose of the contract is for the expansion of services for the Unit 9 outreach project in Snohomish County. The maximum consideration for this contract is \$44,851.

To introduce for review NSMHA-COMPASS HEALTH SKAGIT-FBG-07-08. The purpose of the contract is to expand services for adults and older adults in Skagit County. The maximum consideration for this contract is \$74,000.

To introduce for review NSMHA-COMPASS HEALTH SNOHOMISH-FBG-07-08. The purpose of the contract is for transition services from jails and inpatient facilities into outpatient for adults and children in Snohomish County. The maximum consideration for this contract is \$200,000.

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To introduce for review NSMHA-COMPASS HEALTH ISLAND-FBG-07-08. The purpose of the contract is to provide prevention of children/youth hospitalization and out of home placements. The maximum consideration for this contract is \$40,000.

To introduce for review NSMHA-EVERETT HOUSING AUTHORITY HOPE OPTIONS-FBG-07-08. The purpose of the contract is for an Intervention Specialist working with vulnerable adults with mental illness in Snohomish County. The maximum consideration for this contract is \$33,000.

To introduce for review NSMHA-SAN JUAN COUNTY HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES-FBG-07-08. The purpose of the contract is for mental health services in the school setting for children and families in San Juan County. The maximum consideration for this contract is \$20,000.

To introduce for review NSMHA-SENIOR SERVICES OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY-FBG-07-08. The purpose of the contract is for in-home Geriatric Depression Screening for adults over 60 years in Snohomish County. The maximum consideration for this contract is \$36,360

To introduce for review NSMHA-SNOHOMISH COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES-FBG-07-08. The purpose of the contract is short-term case management and prevention services for people with high utilization of emergency services in Snohomish County. The maximum consideration for this contract is \$66,000.

To introduce for review NSMHA-TULALIP TRIBES-FBG-07-08. The purpose of the contract is to provide holistic traditional and mental health services to children and families. The maximum consideration for this contract is \$81,840.

To introduce for review NSMHA-TRAINING RESOURCES IN PARTNERSHIP-FBG-07-08. The purpose of the contract is to provide parent support/empowerment groups and individual coaching. The maximum consideration for this contract is \$37,000.

To introduce for review NSMHA-WHATCOM COUNSELING AND PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC DD-FBG-07-08. The purpose of the contract is to provide a skill building group with people with developmental disabilities. The maximum consideration for this contract is \$5,000.

To introduce for review NSMHA-WHATCOM COUNSELING AND PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC GATEKEEPER -FBG-07-08. The purpose of the contract is to provide the elder Gatekeeper project providing mental health and support services to at-risk older adults in Whatcom County. The maximum consideration for this contract is \$33,309.

To introduce for review NSMHA-WHATCOM COUNSELING AND PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC RAINBOW-FBG-07-08. The purpose of the contract is to provide an extension of operational hours to meet the International Clubhouse Certification Development Standards at Rainbow Center. The maximum consideration for this contract is \$39,000.

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To introduce for review NSMHA-WHATCOM COUNSELING AND PSYCHIATRIC CLINIC OUTREACH-FBG-07-08. The purpose of the contract is to provide outreach and engagement services to the un-enrolled in acute care settings and at the Behavioral Health Triage in Whatcom County. The maximum consideration for this contract is \$106,000.

To introduce for review NSMHA-CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES SKAGIT-FBG-07-08. The purpose of the contract is to provide an extension of service hours for groups in the elementary and middle school in the eastern geographic area of Skagit County. The maximum consideration for this contract is \$18,000.

To introduce for review NSMHA-NORTHWEST YOUTH SERVICES-FBG-07-08. The purpose of the contract is to provide an expansion of mental health services to children/youth and families in Whatcom County. The maximum consideration for this contract is \$36,640.

To introduce for review NSMHA-STILLAGUAMISH TRIBE-FBG-07-08. The purpose of the contract is to provide an expansion of mental health services and life skills training. The maximum consideration for this contract is \$35,000.

To introduce for review NSMHA-SUN COMMUNITY SERVICES-FBG-07-08. The purpose of the contract is to provide housing and mental health supports to consumers discharged from inpatient facilities and jails. The maximum consideration for this contract is \$48,000.

To introduce for review NSMHA-MEAD-FBG-07-08. The purpose of the contract is to provide three Wellness Recovery Action Plan (W.R.A.P.) trainings in the north sound region. The maximum consideration for this contract is \$15,000.

cc: Charles R. Benjamin
County Coordinators
NSRSN Management Team

**NORTH SOUND MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**North Sound Mental Health Administration
117 North First St., Suite 8
Mt. Vernon, WA 98273
August 7, 2007
1:00 PM**

Agenda

1. Call to Order - Introductions, Chair – 5 minutes
2. Revisions to the Agenda, Chair – 5 minutes
3. Approval of the July 2007 Meeting Minutes, Chair – 5 minutes
4. County Coordinator Report
5. Comments from the Public –5 minutes
6. Correspondence and Comments from the Chair – 5 minutes
7. New Business:
8. Monthly Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Director's Report - Chuck Benjamin – 5 minutes
 - b. Finance Committee – Mary Good – 5 minutes
 - c. Executive Committee/Agenda Committee – Tom Richardson – 5 minutes
 - d. QMOC Report – Mary Good – 5 minutes (July meeting canceled)
 - e. Ombuds Update – Chuck Davis – 10 minutes
9. Items To Be Brought Forward To The Board of Directors – Charles Benjamin, Executive Director
 - a. Consent Agenda
 - b. Action Items
 - c. Introduction Items
10. Comments from County Advisory Board Representatives – 15 minutes
 - a. Island
 - b. San Juan
 - c. Skagit
 - d. Snohomish
 - e. Whatcom
11. Comments from Public – 5 minutes
12. Other Business
 - a. Discussion/Approval of Revised By-Laws
 - b. Request for Agenda Items
13. Adjournment

NOTE: The next Advisory Board meeting will be announced.

**North Sound Mental Health Administration
MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD**

July 10, 2007

1:00 to 3:00

Present:	Mary Good, Andrew Davis, Laurel Britt, Marie Jubie, James Mead, Chris Walsh, Mary Ann Slabaugh, Catherine Ellis and Tom Richardson
Absent:	Russ Sapienza, Chuck Albertson, TerryAnn Gallagher, and Joan Lubbe
Staff:	Margaret Rojas, Chuck Benjamin, Greg Long and Rebecca Pate
Guests:	Carol Van Buren, Lisa Hanks, Michael Sanchez, Deborah Moskowitz and Chuck Davis

MINUTES

<i>TOPIC</i>	DISCUSSION	<i>ACTION</i>
CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTIONS		
Chair Mead	The Chair called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm and introductions were made. There was a pre-meeting presentation by Carol Van Buren and Lisa Hanks from Sunrise Services regarding services their organization provides. They are one of the new providers for the region.	Informational
REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA		
Chair Mead	The Chair asked if there were any revisions to the agenda. The Chair added the certification presentations.	Informational
APPROVAL OF MINUTES		
Chair Mead	The minutes from the June meeting were reviewed and a motion was made to approve the minutes as written, seconded and motion carried with two abstentions.	Informational Motion carried
COUNTY COORDINATOR REPORT		
	None present but Greg said he was told the Executive Director's report would cover all pertinent facts.	Informational
COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC		
Chair Mead	None were mentioned.	Informational
COMMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE CHAIR		
Chair Mead	Chair Mead passed around a sign up sheet for the Delta Festival, August 4. Rebecca stated if some were not sure about their schedules at this time they could either phone or email her later this month with the information so transportation details could be arranged if necessary. Chris Walsh said the festival tells about the rehab center. Approximately 800 people attend the festival and it is on its 40 th year. There are approximately 500 volunteers with many games, performances, all kinds of food and fun to be had by	Informational

	<p>all. Chris said transit buses run all day long to transport people in and out of the festival.</p> <p>The Western State Hospital (WSH) site visit attendees would like to have statistical information on how and where they spend their money. Perhaps a walking tour of several buildings (i.e. the DBI building). A flyer will be sent out later regarding transportation pick up times. Andrew mentioned that the Co-Occurring Disorder Conference is October 1-2 and the Advisory Board voted to change the meeting date in October to the 9th. Rebecca will notify Kris Flowers with WSH to change the tour date. A sign up sheet will be passed around at the August/September meeting.</p> <p>Chair Mead mentioned all items in the manila folder to the Advisory Board members just to bring to their attention and said he would do this at every meeting.</p> <p>The committee is still working on the Advisory Board retreat.</p> <p>Chair Mead presented Shannon Solar with a certificate of appreciation for her outstanding work on the Tribal Conference.</p>	<p>Co-Occurring Conference October 1-2</p> <p>October Advisory Board meeting date changed to October 9th</p>
<p>NEW BUSINESS</p>		
<p>Chair Mead/Rebecca</p>	<p>The Delta Festival site visit is August 4 in Snohomish. A site visit is scheduled for September 28 at the new Voc-Rehab facility at <i>bridgenways</i>. The Western State Hospital site visit will be re-scheduled for October 9 to coincide with the changed Advisory Board meeting.</p>	<p>Informational</p>
<p>MONTHLY COMMITTEE REPORTS</p>		
	<p>Executive Director’s Report</p>	
<p>Chuck Benjamin</p>	<p>Chuck said a lot is occurring with Request for Qualifications (RFQ), changing North Sound Mental Health Administration’s (NSMHA) method of payment and contracting for outpatient services taking place. A meeting was held with Catholic Community Service (CCS), Sunrise Services, Interfaith, Sea Mar and Compass Health to discuss their transition plans. He feels providers are coming forth with a positive attitude and open mind. NSMHA’s desire is to make this transition as smooth as possible for the consumers. Both Sunrise and CCS came to the table without any preconceived ideas of where they would locate services. When the joint meeting was held in Snohomish County it went very well and it was determined they would both be located in Everett because that would be the central location for people coming into services. Sunrise will primarily be serving Snohomish County and CCS will be serving north</p>	<p>Informational</p>

	<p>Everett and north counties. NSMHA does not feel there will be much impact on the consumers. NSMHA has to develop its own transition plan.</p> <p>The Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) is up and running with doors opening July 1 and the first client will be taken prior to the end of the month. Chuck cautioned people not to get expectations too high, not of the program outcomes but of program start up, because they can only take six (6) clients a month due to the high needs of these individuals. This requires time for orientation and the team to get to know the individuals before another individual can be brought into the program.</p> <p>The NSMHA Integrated Quality Management Report for January through June 2006 has been submitted, which gives an overview of Quality Management Plan activities and results. This report is created to inform the Board of Directors, Quality Management Oversight Committee and the Advisory Board on how NSMHA is doing and provide recommendations and changes to the Quality Management Plan on an annual basis. The Executive Summary was not available at the meeting but will be made available to the Advisory Board.</p> <p>Chuck updated the Advisory Board on the last Planning Committee meeting. He stated they did two things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The Program for Adaptive Living Skills (PALS) transition plan, which the State will not longer be paying for PALS as of January 1, 2008. The Regional Support Networks (RSN) were asked how many PALS beds they wanted to keep and maintain, which will require a bed rate payment to the State. NSMHA will take their beds down to 10 but the rate is unknown at this time but NSMHA has been told it will be between \$220-300 per day. Savings are being seen with this PALS transition and some time ago a Request for Proposals (RFP) was conducted around PACT. Two proposals were submitted from Snohomish and Whatcom County and the program in Snohomish was funded. At that time, NSMHA committed that if they had additional money they would fund a PACT in Whatcom County. From the savings in PALS, NSMHA Planning Committee is recommending to the Board of Directors that NSMHA start a half PACT program in Whatcom County. A half PACT 50 slots would be established in Whatcom, which is good news for consumers. The half PACT will go to the agency, Lake	<p>Send Integrated Report Executive Summary to Advisory Board</p>
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	<p>Whatcom Residential & Treatment Center, who previously submitted the proposal. Chuck said PACT is a recovery based model and some providers have their own housing but they will still have to work with Housing Authorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ For consumers to get into PACT, they have to locate in the county the service is being provided because of response time and 24 hour coverage. Now consumers will have two choices. Chris asked if PALS was going away and Chuck said yes but the western RSNs have committed to 33 beds at PALS; however, NSMHA committed to 10 beds, King County to 16 and other RSNs picked up the rest but NSMHA will only be responsible for paying for 10 beds. Tom Richardson said in recent years the PALS program has been more or less a permanent location for people who could not find a community. Chuck said this was true for some because of various reasons. Tom asked what would be different other than payment because difficult community placement would still exist. Greg Long said the significant difference is there will be 150 beds through PACT, which will allow more time to prepare clients for living in the community. Greg mentioned that PALS at WSH was not a hospital ward but an Alternative Adult Residential Center (AARC). Greg said this is where most RSNs have placed their most serious clients and that is why the RSNs do not want to totally give up PALS. Greg said most RSNs are taking the conservative approach regarding PALS. The selection committee worked on the appropriation of Federal Block Grant (FBG) funds. A sheet with the breakdown of funding was distributed and reviewed. Chuck pointed out which providers requested funding, how much was requested and what was given to them. Page two was all new funding requests never before funded and showed what was given/not given to new projects. Chuck said the bad news was there were not enough funds to fund all requests. He said \$983,000 of FBG funds and proposals totaling \$2,463,000 were received. <p>Chuck said the Planning Committee is recommending what the Selection Committee proposed.</p> <p>Chuck acknowledged that Sea Mar would like an opportunity to respond to the funding recommendations.</p> <p>Mr. Sanchez from Sea Mar was given an opportunity to address the Advisory Board regarding the Request for</p>	
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	<p>Proposals (RFP). He said he was here today to respectfully request reconsidering the funding for Sea Mar. He provided a revised budget page for Snohomish and Whatcom Counties and a little more information to better inform the Advisory Board of their intent in hopes they would recommend the Board of Directors award them funding. He reviewed their information with the Advisory Board. He said the information provided today is much more realistic than previously submitted and said it would be a grave injustice to not be able to continue these services.</p> <p>Tom asked what the procedure was for reconsideration. Chuck said the Selection Committee has done their job and made their recommendations to the Planning Committee. The Planning Committee reviewed that and made their recommendations for the Advisory Board to review. Tom asked if the Planning Committee has seen this new information and Chuck said this is the first time anyone has seen it. Chuck said it is up to the Advisory Board what they wish to do. If the Advisory Board decides to change the recommendations they would have to offset funds from someone else and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors or they can approve the recommendations of the Selection and Planning Committees and note in the record the changes in Sea Mar’s proposals and make a recommendation to the Board of Directors. Tom stated a lot has gone into the process regarding the recommendations and he feels uncomfortable in approving or not approving Sea Mar’s request without deferring this to the selection committee. Chuck said sending it back to the selection committee would cause the process to have to start over and anyone would have to be given the opportunity to revise their proposals. Chuck said NSMHA would prefer not to start over because all has to be in place and going by October 1. Catherine asked if FBG funding did not fund the program is their alternate money available. Mr. Sanchez said it was fully funded by FBG money last year and he is not aware of any other funding available for this program. Tom made a motion to leave the process in place as recommended by the Selection and Planning Committees. He said it is unfortunate that these corrections and adjustments did not occur in a timely manner. The motion was seconded and James said before calling for the question he would like to say the Executive Committee discussed this today and decided they would bring to the full Advisory Board the exact motion language Tom has stated. The other alternative was to sit here for the rest of evening to adjust things which James does not feel is proper. It needs to be moved on and given to the Board of Directors so</p>	<p>Motion made</p> <p>Motion seconded</p>
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	<p>things can be finalized and started. Some discussion followed. Chris asked if dialogue occurred during the process and Greg said specific questions were asked in the RFQ regarding funding. Should a program not receive funding what would happen to the program? Chris acknowledged there should be dialogue and he was glad to know that the dialogue occurred. Greg said measures were taken for all to have opportunity to respond to circumstances that might occur. Chris said he just wanted to ensure the dialogue took place and continues with future endeavors. Deborah Moskowitz said numerous factors were involved in the decision process. The Chair called for the question according to Robert’s Rules of Order and motion carried to forward to the Board of Directors as recommended. Chuck said the FBG plan has to be approved by the Advisory Board, according to State and Federal requirement, along with any future amendments to the plan.</p> <p>Chuck said NSMHA is still interviewing for the Quality Manager position and are in second round of interviews.</p> <p>Chuck said he attended the meeting in Island County regarding the 1/10 of one percent sales tax. A number of people were present who testified in overwhelming support of the 1/10 of one percent sales tax. The Commissioners said they have to follow the process and protocol and were not able to vote yesterday. The Commissioners are meeting tomorrow with the Prosecuting Attorney’s office to set a time for a public hearing at which time they would vote.</p>	<p>Chair called the question and motion carried</p>
	<p>Finance Committee</p>	
<p>Mary Good</p>	<p>Mary said they met and expenditures were straight forward. The committee agreed to forward the expenditures to the full Advisory Board for approval to the Board of Directors. A motion was made to forward to the Board of Directors, seconded, motion carried with one abstention.</p>	<p>Informational</p> <p>Motion carried</p>
	<p>Executive Committee/Agenda Committee</p>	
<p>Chair Mead</p>	<p>They met and discussed Federal Block Grant (FBG) funding.</p> <p>The revised Advisory Board By-Laws were distributed and the Chair asked all to review the revision and provide input. These will be brought up next month and if no changes are made they will be voted on; however, if changes are made, 30 days have to pass before they can be voted on for approval. On page 3, Article 3, Tom mentioned what consists of members and asked what the difference is between providers</p>	

	<p>and caregivers. James said providers can be agencies and caregivers can be individuals providing care. On the last page under Article VIII, Tom questioned whether a quorum is always ensured to be present and James said they ensure three counties are represented at every meeting. Chris asked if there were any major changes and teleconferencing was one.</p> <p>Teleconferencing will be made available; however, it is to be used on an emergency basis and not desired on a regular occurrence. Elections and terms of office were not changed. James said if three consecutive meetings are missed unexcused or five consecutive meetings are missed then it comes into question whether you should remain on the Advisory Board. James also mentioned when the aforementioned occurs the Chair, when possible, will request another member from the same county (Page 5, Article IX, No.2) be appointed by the County authority as a representative to the NSMHA Advisory Board.</p>	
	<p>Quality Management Oversight Committee (QMOC) Report</p>	
<p>Mary Good</p>	<p>Mary gave the QMOC report as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The meeting was convened at 12:35 and Greg asked if there was anything to add to the agenda and Chuck stated the Lake Whatcom issue needed to be discussed. Sandy Whitcutt added discussion of amended Utilization Review questions. Janet Lutz-Smith requested information on the LOCUS training. 2. The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved with changes. 3. Greg announced that North Sound Mental Health Administration (NSMHA) is in the process of hiring a new Quality Manager. 4. Greg said the Program for Assertive Community Treatment (PACT) is proceeding well and should be opening in July. 5. Greg announced the Program for Adapted Living Skills (PALS) will be reducing their beds from 120 at Western State Hospital to 30. NSMHA and Compass Health are discussing converting Aurora House to a Residential Treatment Facility (RTF) for this program. 6. Greg said old and new providers have been asked to submit transition plans and the importance lies in continuing the amount of services so consumers are not negatively affected. 7. Greg announced that LOCUS/CALOCUS training was held and concerns were expressed regarding requirements. 	<p>Informational</p>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">8. Greg announced the Children’s Policy Executive Team (CPET) has released a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a Short-term High Intensity Treatment Plan and Janet stated that Children’s Administration is coming out with a unified release of information form.9. Greg announced that Federal Block Grant (FBG) proposals are due back June 27.10. The Lake Whatcom issue regarding residential council at residential facilities was discussed and Chair Williams recommended NSMHA staff have a letter posted at each residential facility letting residents know of their right to form a residential council and the committee agreed.11. The Policy Subcommittee has done a lot of work on Policy 1550.00 (Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Services) and it was passed at Quality Management Committee (QMC). A motion was passed to recommend Policy 1550.00. Anne noted it contained a lot of acronyms that are not identified. Sandy Whitcutt said Policy 1558.00 (Mental Health Specialist) was approved by QMC to be fast tracked with Chuck’s signature and Chuck mentioned this policy was carefully reviewed at QMC. A motion was made to accept the policy and carried. Chair Williams noted a conflict with the date of the next Policy Subcommittee and proposed to cancel/postpone it and the committee agreed.12. Greg provided a report regarding Western State Hospital (WSH) and stated NSMHA has to reduce its census by 20 beds by July 2009 on top of the Program for Adapted Living Skills (PALS) reduction. The liaisons have expressed concerns regarding disappearing resources in the community and Greg said availability of resources is a main problem. Greg stated some problems regarding discharges are unresolved medical problems or consumers are undocumented immigrants.13. Sandy Whitcutt reported on Integrated Crisis Response Services (ICRS) policies. She brought 1702.00 (ICRS Outreach Screening, Crisis Line Pre- and Post-Dispatch), 1707.00 (Crisis System Clinical Dispute Resolution) and 1557.00 (Safety Policy) to the committee. She provided the new questions for the Utilization Review tool. She brought attention to 1713.00 (ICRS System Shift Change Protocol) and Chair Williams recommended	
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	<p>adding a placeholder for Whatcom County under the Snohomish County Children’s Crisis Team Issue and Sandy agreed. A motion was made to accept the policy and motion carried.</p> <p>14. Diana Striplin mentioned the External Quality Review Organization (EQRO) came up with a finding on the fair hearing process and NSMHA responded to a letter from Mental Health Division (MHD). Policy 1004.00 (Fair Hearing) and Policy 1009.00 (Critical Incident) were fast tracked with Chuck’s signature but will come back through the appropriate review and approval process. A motion was made to acknowledge receipt of this information and carried.</p> <p>15. The meeting was adjourned at 2:30. Chair Williams noted he will not be present at next month’s meeting and asked if it should be canceled for July. No decision was reached.</p> <p>Tom requested the QMOC report be included in the manila folder for all to see and it was asked to summarize more.</p>	
	<p>Ombuds/QRT Report</p>	
<p>Chuck Davis</p>	<p>Chuck discussed a snapshot of cases as of July 3. He reviewed the report and gave increases since report was created. Marie mentioned that she and Andrew tour facilities on behalf of Quality Review Team (QRT). She said she would like to see consumer rights on big yellow paper and separated from other items on a bulletin board. Chuck Davis said he is all for the posting of consumer rights on a big poster and colored paper. Andrew suggested taking it with them on their visits.</p>	<p>Informational</p>
<p>ITEMS BROUGHT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS</p>		
	<p>Introduction Items</p>	
<p>Chuck Benjamin</p>	<p>The Board of Directors will be reviewing the Planning Committee recommendations for the Federal Block Grants for 2007-08.</p> <p>The recently received revised MHD Bridge contracts will be introduced to the Board of Directors and they will be asked to take action on them due to the quick turnaround required. Language was unavailable at this time.</p> <p>Chuck said it is becoming a regular occurrence to receive information on a tight timeline from Mental Health Division (MHD) and he expressed apology for the Advisory Board not having time to review prior to the Board of Directors taking action. Chuck said the merger of Chemical Dependency and Mental Health</p>	<p>Informational</p>

	<p>under Medical Assistance Administration could be part of the problem. Tom suggested filing a complaint regarding the time constraints NSMHA is put under from time to time. Tom suggested our Chair send a letter to Richard Kellogg and copy Doug Porter regarding the short timeframe in which to review and make recommendations regarding contracts. Tom said it should be on record that MAA is not recognizing the appropriate role for the Advisory Board regarding Medicaid and State Only contracts. James will present this to the Board of Directors in his report. Chuck said the RSN Administrators as a whole have been complaining about the lack of time to respond. A motion was made that the Chair write a letter to Richard Kellogg copying Doug Porter regarding the short timeframe in which the NSMHA Advisory Board has to review and make recommendations regarding contracts, seconded, motion carried.</p>	<p>Motion carried</p>
<p>COMMENTS FROM COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS</p>		
<p>Island</p>	<p>Terry said a meeting was held yesterday regarding the 1/10 of one percent sales tax. The Commissioners are meeting tomorrow with the Prosecuting Attorney’s office to set a time for a public hearing at which time they would vote. The overall meeting was successful with several present to testify regarding the sales tax along with several letters received regarding the tax. TerryAnn discussed her project of educating law enforcement regarding detainees with mental illness. TerryAnn stressed the importance of having actual testimony given at meetings with the County Commissioners because this has a greater impact with the Commissioners.</p>	<p>Informational</p>
<p>San Juan</p>	<p>Catherine said there was no report.</p>	<p>Informational</p>
<p>Skagit</p>	<p>Mary said there was no report.</p>	<p>Informational</p>
<p>Snohomish</p>	<p>James said they met last night and Anne Deacon spoke about PACT and housing programs. Anne said two county council members are up for re-election next year. The 1/10 of one percent sales tax to help the mental health program was discussed. James recognized the efforts of seven months of work by Island County to prepare for the sales tax meeting held yesterday. He said a taskforce was created and consisted of Island County Public Health people, Mental Health Advisory people, Public Health Assessment and Community Development, United Way, Juvenile and Family Court, Public Health, Jail Transition, Children’s Commission Subsidies Prevention, Prosecuting Attorney’s office, Opportunity Council, Sheriff, Stanwood Community Network and Meth Action Team, a psychiatrist and Dr. Stan Baxter from Compass Health. It was mentioned these people gathered statistical data to use to show the County</p>	<p>Informational</p>

	<p>Commissioners why there is a need for the 1/10 of one percent tax. At the meeting last night, Anne asked what the intentions are for the Board for the next year and she named a couple of things she was looking at. James said we need to move forward with a positive attitude and resist the negative regarding the 1/10 of one percent sales tax. James suggested that Anne find out what the process is and have the county council assign a taskforce to gather nationwide/statewide statistics for your own individual county to show how the money would be used because this money would be controlled by the county and the people would have a say in where the money would be spent. James said the County Council/Commissioners need to know the community needs and wants this sales tax. James said the Island County meeting was very emotional. He said testimony was given at the meetings and everyone should encourage their own County Council/Commissioners to pass the tax because in Snohomish County those dollars would be anywhere from \$9 million to \$12 million extra dollars to fund drug, alcohol, mental health, children’s programs, counseling within the schools and we would not be facing as much hardship as now in determining who will get what slice of the pie and who will get cut out James encouraged all to work for their county and encourage passage of the sales tax.</p> <p>Marie said they are working on obtaining a building for the Clubhouse currently located in the Cliff Bailey Center and getting the Snohomish clubhouse their International Center for Clubhouse Development (ICCD) accreditation. The reason for the move would be to protect the consumers from Compass.</p> <p>James mentioned that the purchase of Virginia Manor for youth programs was decided against because it would be too costly to make it safe for children. He said children’s programs are out looking for a new facility.</p>	
<p>Whatcom</p>	<p>Andrew said the July 9th meeting was canceled; however, he briefed the Advisory Board on the May 14th meeting. The Teen Screen contract with Betty Scott was reviewed and adopted. Mental Health Court was discussed. A judge named, Schneider, is trying to get the Mental Health Court established. Andrew said Gary does not feel this is the year for the sales tax due to other tax initiatives on the ballot but he really wants to move on it next year. James said that was Anne Deacon’s view in Snohomish County but he suggested not waiting to start doing something but get the taskforce organized now so next year all their ducks would be in order and this is what he recommends all counties do that do not already have the tax in place.</p>	<p>Informational</p>

	Andrew said Whatcom County already has a committee working on this for next year.	
COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC		
Chair Mead	Chair Mead asked if there were any comments and none mentioned.	
OTHER BUSINESS		
Chris Walsh	Chris made a motion to the Advisory Board that all presentations made to the Board, all materials presented to the Board and any discussions on the Board that involve acronyms that those acronyms be followed by a full description of what the acronyms stand for or not use the acronyms. The motion was seconded. Tom suggested a punishment if you fail to identify any acronyms used and Chris suggested a fine of 25 cents. The vote was called for and the motion carried.	Informational Motion carried
ADJOURNMENT		
Chair Mead	The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2007, at 1:00 p.m.	Informational