

**NORTH SOUND MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NSMHA Conference Room
Mount Vernon, WA
August 14, 2008
1:30 PM**

AGENDA

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 - **To review and approve the minutes of July 10, 2008**
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14. **Consent Agenda – Ken Dahlstedt, Chair**

<p>All matters listed with the Consent Agenda have been distributed to each Board Member for reading and study, are considered to be routine, and will be enacted by one action of the Board of Directors with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda by request of a Board Member.</p>

Motion #08-064

To review and approve North Sound Mental Health Administration’s claims paid from July 1, 2008 through July 31, 2008 in the amount of \$5,997,541.42. Payroll for the month of July in the amount of \$111,189.75 and associated employer paid benefits in the amount of \$45,409.18.

15. Action Items

Motion #08-065

To approve NSMHA-COMPASS HEALTH-SKAGIT-FBG-08-09. The purpose of the contract is to provide outreach, medication management, GAX assessments and short term therapy for adults and older adults at risk of hospitalization in Skagit County. The duration of the contract is October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 with a maximum consideration of \$123,249.

Motion #08-066

To approve NSMHA-COMPASS HEALTH-SNOHOMISH-FBG-08-09. The purpose of the contract is for transition services from inpatient facilities into outpatient for adults and families in Snohomish County. The duration of the contract is October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 with a maximum consideration of \$104,786.

Motion #08-067

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Motion #08-068

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Motion #08-069

To approve NSMHA-COMPASS HEALTH-ISLAND-FBG-08-09. The purpose of the contract is to provide prevention of children/youth hospitalization and out of home placements. The duration of the contract is October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 with a maximum consideration of \$40,000.

Motion #08-070

To approve NSMHA-EVERETT HOUSING AUTHORITY HOPE OPTIONS-FBG-08-09. The purpose of the contract is for an Intervention Specialist working with vulnerable adults with mental illness in Snohomish County. The duration of the contract is October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 with a maximum consideration of \$35,435.

Motion #08-071

To approve NSMHA-SAN JUAN COUNTY HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES-FBG-08-09. The purpose of the contract is for mental health services in the school setting for children and families in San Juan County. The duration of the contract is October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 with a maximum consideration of \$20,000.

Motion #08-072

To approve NSMHA-SENIOR SERVICES OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY-FBG-08-09. The purpose of the contract is for in-home Geriatric Depression Screening for adults over 60 years in Snohomish County. The duration of the contract is October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 with a maximum consideration of \$38,650.

Motion #08-073

To approve NSMHA-SNOHOMISH COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES-FBG-08-09. 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 duration of the contract is October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 with a maximum consideration of \$66,000.

Motion #08-074

To approve NSMHA-TULALIP TRIBES-FBG-08-09. The purpose of the contract is to provide holistic traditional and mental health services to children and families. The duration of the contract is October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 with a maximum consideration of \$81,840.

Motion #08-075

To approve NSMHA-TRAINING RESOURCES IN PARTNERSHIP-FBG-08-09. The purpose of the contract is to provide parent support/empowerment groups and individual coaching. The duration of the contract is October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 with a maximum consideration of \$48,411.

Motion #08-076

To approve NSMHA-WHATCOM COUNSELING AND PYSCHIATRIC CLINIC-DD-FBG-08-09. The purpose of the contract is to provide a skill building group with people with developmental disabilities. The duration of the contract is October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 with a maximum consideration of \$5,000.

Motion #08-077

To approve NSMHA-WHATCOM COUNSELING AND PYSCHIATRIC CLINIC GATEKEEPER -FBG-08-09. 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 duration of the contract is October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 with a maximum consideration of \$33,309.

Motion #08-078

To approve NSMHA-WHATCOM COUNSELING AND PYSCHIATRIC CLINIC RAINBOW-FBG-08-09. The purpose of the contract is to provide payment for the lease on the new facility for Clubhouse activities; the lease payment is for .72 portion of a 12 month lease agreement. The duration of the contract is October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 with a maximum consideration of \$26,422.

Motion #08-079

To approve NSMHA-WHATCOM COUNSELING AND PYSCHIATRIC CLINIC-OUTREACH-FBG-08-09. 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 duration of the contract is October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 with a maximum consideration of \$106,000.

Motion #08-080

To approve NSMHA-CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES SKAGIT-FBG-08-09. The purpose of the contract is to provide outreach services for children in the elementary and middle school in the eastern geographic area of Skagit County. The duration of the contract is October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 with a maximum consideration of \$24,500.

Motion 08-081

To approve NSMHA-NORTHWEST YOUTH SERVICES-FBG-08-09. The purpose of the contract is to provide an expansion of mental health services to children/youth and families in Whatcom County. The duration of the contract is October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 with a maximum of \$36,640.

Motion #08-082

To approve NSMHA-STILLAGUAMISH TRIBE-FBG-08-09. The purpose of the contract is to provide an expansion of mental health services and life skills training. The duration of the contract is October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 with a maximum consideration of \$20,000.

Motion #08-083

To approve NSMHA-SUN COMMUNITY SERVICES-FBG-08-09. The purpose of the contract is to provide housing and mental health supports to consumers discharged from inpatient facilities and jails. The duration of the contract is October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 with a maximum consideration for this contract is \$57,500.

Motion #08-084

To approve NSMHA-SEA MAR-FBG-08-09. The purpose of the contract is to provide integrated care in a health care setting in Whatcom County. The duration of the contract is October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 with a maximum consideration of \$54,077.

Motion #08-085

To approve NSMHA-*bridgeways*-FBG-08-09. The purpose of the contract is to provide staff, support services, related utilities, and other services to include transportation to/from housing appointments required to adequately provide intensive support services. The duration of the contract is October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009 with a maximum consideration of \$ 44,851.

Motion #08-086

To approve NSMHA-MCPP CONSULTING-PSC-08 for the provision of consulting services on the NSMHA redesign, to include clinical, financial and data consultation. The duration of this Agreement is August 14, 2008 through December 31, 2008 for a maximum consideration of \$17,500.

Motion #08-087

To approve NSMHA-MAXWELL-PSC-08 for the provision of keynote and workshop services for the 2008 Recovery Conference on October 14, 2008. The duration of this Agreement is October 13, 2008 through October 15, 2008 for a maximum consideration of \$6,000.

Motion #08-088

To establish a process for Requests for Proposals (RFP) and Requests for Qualifications (RFQ) to be reviewed and approved by the NSMHA Planning Committee, then recommended to the NSMHA Board of Directors for action.

16. Introduction Items

None

17. Adjourn

NOTE: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 14, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. in the NSMHA Conference Room.

**NORTH SOUND MENTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
NSMHA Conference Room
Mount Vernon, WA
July 10, 2008
1:30 PM**

MINUTES

Board Members Present:

Bob Myhr, San Juan County Council Member, NSMHA Board of Directors Vice-Chair
Dave Gossett, Snohomish County Council Member
John Dean, Island County Commissioner
Regina Delahunt, designated alternate for Whatcom County Executive, Pete Kremen
Anne Deacon, designated alternate for Snohomish County Executive, Aaron Reardon
Rebecca Clark, designated alternate for Skagit County Commissioner, Ken Dahlstedt
June LaMarr, Tulalip Tribes
Andrew Davis, NSMHA Advisory Board Vice-Chair

Via Telephone:

Ward Nelson, Whatcom County Council member

NSMHA Staff Present:

Chuck Benjamin, Bill Whitlock, Greg Long, Margaret Rojas, Annette Calder

Guests:

Brad Furlong, Ken Stark, Wolfgang Klamp, Cindy Hamming, Jan Iverson, Aaron Burkhalter

1. Call to Order; Introductions – Vice Chair Myhr

Vice Chair Myhr opened the meeting at 1:00; introductions were made. Vice Chair Myhr announced the Board would go into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation for approximately 15 minutes at 1:35 p.m.

2. Executive Session to discuss potential litigation – Vice Chair Myhr

Vice Chair Myhr reconvened the meeting at 2:05 p.m. and stated the next item is revisions to the agenda and he stated Mr. Benjamin would provide an overview of what took place in Executive Session.

3. Revisions to Agenda – Vice Chair Myhr

Chuck Benjamin stated that the Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney stated he would stop ITA hearings on July 10th but would reconsider NSMHA's 90-day delay request after he heard what action was taken by this Board today. Mr. Weyrich is asking for a total of \$190,000 and that is only Skagit County. If NSMHA does pay it would set a precedent to pay all legal costs throughout the region. Mr. Furlong, and NSMHA staff have done a lot of research and we cannot use Medicaid funds for legal costs, cannot use Federal Block Grant funds for legal costs and that leaves some state funding. State legislature allows RSNs an administrative rate of 10% of funds; NSMHA only uses 4.6% and we cannot pay the legal costs unless we take funding from direct services. The RCW's state that each county's Prosecuting Attorney and Public Defender are responsible for ITA hearings and the costs are the responsibility of the County. Mr. Benjamin is recommending that the counties' elected officials including their Prosecuting Attorney's work together to put toward and effort to seek funding from the legislature for these hearings. NSMHA is also asking the Prosecuting Attorney and Public Defender to continue their statutory responsibilities.

Public Comment: Wolfgang Klamp of Cascade Psychiatric Service, which provide medical management services for both United General Hospital and Skagit Valley Hospital asked if there could not be a carve out of the mental health tax dollars to help fund this? Rebecca Clark, Skagit County Human Services stated the 1/10th of 1% funds are to be used for treatment and have been allocated for the next year. Chuck Benjamin said we already have a shortage of psychiatric inpatient beds in this region and the state, and any closure of beds would be tragic.

Brad Furlong asked Greg Long to explain the types of diagnoses and behaviors people have that end up involuntarily committed. Greg stated those who are a danger to themselves or others, gravely disabled, etc. and specifically by diagnoses; bi-polar, schizophrenic, etc. For someone to be committed, they must be evaluated by a Designated Crisis Responder and sign an affidavit stating that they are a danger to self or others, gravely disabled, etc. Brad asked what the ramifications are to the community if the Prosecuting Attorney does stop detention hearings and what the potential outcome is if people are not committed. Greg said that the initial hold is 72 hours, and in some circumstances up to five days (holidays, weekends, requested jury hearing, etc). If someone needs to stay after the 72 hours and doesn't accept voluntary stay, then they would be discharged against medical advice as legally required.

Jan Iverson of Skagit Valley Hospital stated the hospital has a 15 bed adult program that they are proud of and would like to continue providing this service. Asking what the direction is Mr. Weyrich will go in; should Skagit Valley Hospital start discharging people from the secure facility? They have refused patients from Whatcom due to this issue. Mr. Benjamin stated that he and Mr. Furlong have an appointment with Mr. Weyrich tomorrow morning to see if he will work with us through this unfunded mandates affect us all. Mr. Benjamin stated he understood having to work with unfunded mandates, public mental health and hospitals have unfunded mandates as well, but certainly doesn't condone the approach Mr. Weyrich is taking.

Wolfgang Klamp addressed the Board stating he has talked to St. Joe's in Whatcom County and they are currently running 10 beds over in their unit; closures of many, many hospital beds in the last year and a half and listed several closures in this State. There is a demand for more beds. Mr. Weyrich is punishing the wrong people; ones who have no way to defend themselves. Mr. Klamp stated that even though Cascade Psychiatric is a for profit company, they know they operate at a loss serving these clients but are happy to do so because these people need the help.

Mr. Gossett made a motion (#08-059) to authorize the NSMHA Executive Director to draft a letter to Mr. Weyrich, Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney that outlines our willingness to work together with all five counties and their Prosecutors, to go to the legislature to seek funding for this particular service. In the event that the legislature doesn't act that we would work together internally as a 5 County Region to see if there is a way to address the funding between the five counties. The letter should state that NSMHA is asking that in the interim, the Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney and Public Defender continue these services due to the very serious public health and safety consequences; seconded by Mr. Dean, opened for discussion.

Wolfgang Klamp suggested the possibility of a pool of prosecutors from our Region to provide this service. Vice Chair Myhr stated that is a possible solution that may be sought working through this process.

Mr. Dean said don't want an adversarial relationship, the good news is the Prosecuting Attorney brought this to public attention, and likely we'll be seeing more of this in the future in governments and agencies, that unfunded mandates make it harder to do our jobs; we don't see Mr. Weyrich as an adversary and do want to work together.

Vice Chair Myhr called for the vote: 6 for, one abstention, **motion carried (#08-059)**.

4. Approval of Minutes– Vice Chair Myhr

To review and approve the minutes of the May 8, 2008

To review and approve the minutes of the Special Meeting held June 12, 2008

Mr. Gossett moved approval, seconded by Mr. Dean, opened for discussion. Chuck Benjamin stated that motions 08-053 & 08-054 should be Amendment 2, Mr. Gossett accepted the changes to the motion, seconded by Mr. Dean, all in favor, **motion carried (#08-055)**.

5. Comments & Announcements from the Chair

Mr. Myhr noted nice job in facility remodel and moving along nicely and maturing; making it a nice place to be. Anne asked for a floor plan to know where staff and meetings rooms are located.

6. Reports from Board Members

Ms. Delahunt stated on July 22nd Whatcom County Council will hold a public hearing on 1/10th of 1% sales tax and said everyone is welcome to attend.

7. Comments from the Public

None

8. Report from the Advisory Board – James Mead, Chair

Andrew Davis stated Advisory Board passed a motion stating that NSMHA should not pay the legal fees for ITA hearings. Andrew read into the record a statement from James Mead: It is my stance of Chairman of NSMHA Advisory Board that the Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney go to the county legislative authority to ask for funding as stated to resolve this issue. It is also his stance that the Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney has no legal authority to demand that funding come from NSMHA. Mr. Mead quoted a report from the Washington Institute for Mental Health Research and Training. Andrew provided highlights of the Advisory Board meeting, and was thanked for his report.

9. Report from the Executive/Personnel Committee – Dave Gossett, Chair

Dave Gossett reported that the committee met today but had nothing to report beyond what has already been discussed today.

10. Report from the Quality Management Oversight Committee – Anne Deacon, Chair

Anne Deacon reported:

- The meetings were held May 28, 2008 and June 25, 2008.
- Discussed integration of the Quality Management Oversight Committee and Quality Management Committee; first meeting will occur this month.
- Wraparound Pilot Training for program in Skagit County.
- MHD Audit of NSMHA and only two corrective actions.
- Administrative Audits are being done and all providers have passed to date.
- Some capacity issues in Whatcom County for providers. Some have closed their doors to new clients for brief periods of time.
- The next meeting will be July 23, 2008, and will be the first Quality Management Oversight Committee meeting since revising the charter and adding members.

Ms. Deacon was thanked for her report.

11. Report from the Planning Committee – Regina Delahunt, Chair

Regina reported:

Summary of June 6, 2008 meeting:

- New State Funding Allocation was discussed by the committee as Greg noted that on the current state funds plan we have costs over the available funding in the amount of \$176,000. The committee recommended the following reductions:
 - Reduce funding for service expansion for people without Medicaid coming out of community psychiatric hospitals/E&T's/Triage centers who have exhausted their benefit under FBG funds and appear to be eligible for Medicaid, by **\$114,704.00**.
 - Reduce funding for ongoing increased room and board costs for consumer in Aurora House if it was converted to an ARTF which is higher level of care, by **\$62,000.00**.

- A revised Federal Block Grant fund breakdown was distributed examining the level they have been spent so far. NW Youth Services and Stillaguamish told NSMHA they could not spend all funding and how to reallocate the \$28,000 in funds was discussed. The committee recommended the following transfers:
 - Transfer \$9500 to Sun Committee Services
 - Transfer \$10,540 to T.R.I.P.
 - Transfer \$1200 to Hope Options
 - Transfer \$2000 to Eating Disorder Services
 - Transfer \$4760 to CCS Skagit

Motion to approve the allocation of new state only funds by Ms. Delahunt, seconded by Mr. Dean, and opened for discussion. Vice Chair Myhr called for the vote, all in favor, **motion carried (08-060)**.

Summary of July 8th 2008 Planning Committee Meeting:

- The next round of federal block grant funding (starting October 2009-2010) was discussed, and the renewal applications for the current (22) recipients of federal block grant funds were reviewed by the committee. Greg proposed accepting the funding level allocation recommendations developed by NSMHA staff which was approved by the committee as a recommendation for the NSMHA Board of Directors.
- The Snohomish PACT program was discussed. Greg noted a state audit further stressed problematic issues NSMHA was already aware of, such as too few admissions and too low of service hours to clients, and that the state is requesting an action plan from the program and may put NSMHA under corrective action as well.

Other Discussed Items:

- Children's wraparound services are moving along well and extensive training has been done for staff.
- Supported employment and the children's high intensity treatment program are also going along very well, with note that LKI, the agency providing the high intensity treatment program, is new to the system yet has been doing well, with additional kudos due to Joanne Norman of Snohomish County Human Services as well as NSMHA staff for intervention and support of the program.
- State funding for the jail and the children's E&T has to be sent back as it was not spent, which is in the amount of \$900,000.
- The North Sound region is right at its cap at WSH. WSH is scheduled to close another ward in October, but MHD may be willing to propose to the legislature not closing any WSH beds in 2009.

Ms. Delahunt moved approval of the new FBG funding recommendations, seconded by Mr. Gossett, all in favor, **motion carried (08-061)**.

Ms. Delahunt was thanked for her report.

12. Report from the Executive Director – Chuck Benjamin, Executive Director

Chuck Benjamin reported:

- In the past under-spent the FBG funds. Decided to work recipients to ensure funding was spent or reallocated. Thanked Stilliguamish and Northwest Youth Services for making sure funds they couldn't spend were reallocated to programs that could expend the funding.
- Remodel moving all, almost done and will get a diagram of the office for visitors.
- Wraparound program going well.
- High intensity program in Snohomish County; partnership of Children's Administration, Snohomish County and NSMHA, started in May and going well. Go to the family to help them work holistically with the family and making sure they are stabilized prior to leaving.
- Chuck welcomed Ken Stark to the North Sound Region and stated he feels Mr. Stark will be an asset to our region. Mr. Myhr thanked Mr. Stark as well.

Mr. Benjamin was thanked for his report.

13. Report from the Finance Officer – Bill Whitlock, Fiscal Officer

Bill Whitlock reported:

- The June revenues are in line with the budgets. However, the Federal Block Grant has a negative variance of \$84,984. This is timing variance and should become positive some time out during the year. The RSN operating budget has some negative variances in repair and maintenance in the amount of \$3,585 and in capital in the amount of \$9,314. These are probably permanent variances.
- The Agency/County/other service provider's expenditures have a negative budget variance of \$2,073,981 and the inpatient is over by \$965,115. We will have our contract reconciliation and fund balance completed for the end of June done by the next meeting. This information will let us know if this how we are doing overall.
- The state asked for the unspent Jail funds from June 30, 2007 in the amount of \$663,818.52 and the children's E&T funds in the amount of \$272,000. We received a letter on February 27, 2008 stating we did not owe any jail funds back. However, we requested to spend those funds last month during our PATH audit by MHD. As a result of this request we received a collection letter on July 7, 2008.
- We passed our fiscal PATH review for Whatcom and Snohomish County. The Snohomish County clinical PATH review received praise form the state and the other RSN peer reviewers. They contacted 500 homeless consumers in one year and connected 120 people to services.

Mr. Whitlock was thanked for his report.

14. Report from the Finance Committee – Ward Nelson, Chair

Anne Deacon reported:

- The committee met today, reviewed expenditures, ITA costs, returning jail services funding to the State, financial statement, etc. and recommends approval of all.

Anne was thanked for her report.

15. Consent Agenda – Bob Myhr, Vice Chair

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Motion #08-056

To review and approve North Sound Mental Health Administration's claims paid from May 1, 2008 through May 31, 2008 in the amount of \$6,927,945.20. Payroll for the month of May in the amount of \$114,927.96 and associated employer paid benefits in the amount of \$45,131.94.

Motion #08-057

To review and approve North Sound Mental Health Administration's claims paid from June 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008 in the amount of \$4,431,914.66. Payroll for the month of June in the amount of \$111,124.38 and associated employer paid benefits in the amount of \$45,131.94.

Mr. Gossett moved the consent agenda, seconded by Mr. Dean, all in favor, **motion carried (08-056 and 08-057).**

16. Action Items

Motion #08-058

To approve NSMHA-T.R.I.P.-SMHC-WRAPAROUND-08-09 for the provision of parent partner administrative functions for the Skagit County Wraparound Pilot Program. The term of this Agreement is July 10, 2008 through June 30, 2009 for a maximum consideration of \$40,000.

Chuck Benjamin provided an explanation of motion #08-058. Mr. Gossett moved approval, seconded by Ms. Deacon, all in favor, **motion carried.**

17. Introduction Items

None

18. Recess

The meeting was recessed at 2:55 p.m. and will reconvene on Monday, July 14 at 1:30 p.m.

19. Reconvene the Meeting

Dave Gossett convened the meeting at 1:35 on Monday, July 14, 2008. Participants included:

Board Members Present Via Telephone:

Dave Gossett, Snohomish County Council member

Ward Nelson, Whatcom County Council member

John Dean, Island County Commissioner

Anne Deacon, designated alternate for Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon

Regina Delahunt, designated alternate for Whatcom County Executive Pete Kremen

James Mead, NSMHA Advisory Board Chair

Bob Myhr, San Juan County Council member

Ken Dahlstedt, Skagit County Commissioner

Others Present Via Telephone:

Brad Furlong, NSMHA Legal Counsel

Staff Present:

Chuck Benjamin, Annette Calder

20. Executive Session

Ward Nelson asked for a 30 minute Executive Session to discuss potential litigation and there may be action after the Executive Session.

21. Resume the Meeting

The meeting was resumed at 2:05 p.m. Mr. Myhr asked Chuck Benjamin to read the following motion into the record:

NSMHA Board of Directors elected officials will have each member county government review what regional relief can be reached as an interim resolution to this matter by September 10, 2008. In addition, NSMHA, County Elected Officials, including prosecuting attorney's from the five counties, will seek State Legislative relief in the next session. NSMHA will also include Prosecuting Attorneys and Public Defenders in the Planning Committee Workgroup reviewing the Involuntary Detention rates within the North Sound Region.

Mr. Gossett moved approval, seconded by Mr. Dean, Mr. Myhr called for the vote: 6 in favor, one opposed, no abstentions, **motion carried (08-062).**

22. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Annette Calder

Executive Assistant

NOTE: The next meeting will be held on Thursday, August 14, 2008, at 1:30 p.m. in the NSMHA Conference Room.