

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

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

**Guests:**

1. **Call to Order and Introductions** – Chair Johnson
2. **Revisions to the Agenda** – Chair Johnson
3. **Ombuds Semi-Annual Report ...**(Available at meeting) ..... **Tab 1**
4. **Approval of October 5<sup>th</sup> and October 12<sup>th</sup> 2017, Minutes, Motion #17-90** – Chair Johnson..... **Tab 2**
5. **Comments & Announcements from the Chair**
6. **Reports from Members**
7. **Comments from the Public**
8. **Report from the Advisory Board.....**(Available at meeting)..... **Tab 3**
9. **Committee Report.....**(Available at meeting)..... **Tab 4**
  - **Quality Management Oversight Committee (QMOC)**
10. **Report from the Executive Director ...**(Available at meeting)..... **Tab 5**
11. **Report from the Finance Officer ..**(Available at meeting)..... **Tab 6**
12. **Report from the Governance Operations Committee**

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To review and approve the North Sound Behavioral Health claims paid from October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 through October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 in the amount of \$. Payroll for the month of \$ in the amount of \$ and associated employer benefits in the amount of \$.

Consent Agenda – Ken Mann – Motion # 17-91 ...(Available at meeting) .....Tab 7

13. Action Items

**For Executive Committee Approval**

**Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney**

*Following an Executive Session during the October 12<sup>th</sup> County Authorities Executive Committee meeting, it was determined this motion would be tabled until the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting to allow another month of research by the North Sound BHO Legal Counsel.*

- The PA’s office is asking the BHO to cover the costs of temporary staffing costs due to an Assistant PA out on maternity leave. North Sound reimburses the counties on a case rate basis, not on an hourly rate for ITA court services. This ask is in addition to the case rate we pay for ITA court services.

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**Evaluation and Treatment Center**

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**American Behavioral Health Services and Lifeline Connections**

American Behavioral Health Services (ABHS) is being awarded a Substance Use Disorder (SUD) outpatient contract in the North Sound, which will take effect on January 1, 2018. The service area will encompass Everett/surrounding area,

South Whidbey and Stanwood. ABHS is currently under contract for SUD Residential Services. This funding is being provided for startup costs such as, rentals, small tools, etc.

Lifeline Connections is being awarded a Substance Use Disorder outpatient contract in the North Sound, which will take effect on January 1, 2018. The service area will encompass Mount Vernon, Anacortes, Bellingham/surrounding area. Lifeline is currently under contract for SUD Residential services. This funding is being provided for startup costs, such as rentals, small tools, etc.

**Motion # 17-92**

North Sound BHO-ABHS-PSC-17-18 for the purpose of establishing outpatient facilities and staffing for SUD outpatient services in the North Sound Region. The maximum consideration is \$218,856 with the term of the contract October 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

North Sound BHO-Lifeline Connections-PSC-17-18 for the purpose of establishing outpatient facilities and staffing for SUD outpatient services in the North Sound Region. The maximum consideration is \$191,475 with the term of the contract October 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

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***For Executive Committee Ratification***

**Program Assistance to Transition from Homelessness**

Program Assistance to Transition from Homelessness (PATH) is an outreach program focused on individuals/families who are homeless and in need of treatment. There is a PATH grant for both Snohomish & Whatcom Counties, both grants performed by Compass Health.

- The total PATH grant for both counties is \$213,498

Compass Health is the provider of PATH services in both counties. Along with the Grant funds of \$213,498, additional funds are for 33% required match and funding to cover the actual costs of the programs.

- Snohomish County has a grant of \$164,501 with \$54,834 of 33% match and additional funds in the amount of \$141,000 to cover the actual costs of the program, for total of \$360,335.
- Whatcom County has a grant of \$48,997 with \$16,332 of 33% match and additional funds in the amount of \$59,137 to cover the actual costs of the program for a total of \$124,446.

**Motion # 17-93**

DSHS-DBHR-North Sound BHO-PATH-17-18 for the purpose of providing homeless outreach in Snohomish County. The maximum consideration on this contract is \$164,501 with a term of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

DSHS-DBHR-North Sound BHO-PATH-17-18 for the purpose of providing homeless outreach in Whatcom County. The maximum consideration on this contract is \$48,997 with a term of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

North Sound BHO-Compass Health-PATH-17-18 for the purpose of providing homeless outreach in both Snohomish and Whatcom Counties. The maximum amount on this contract is \$484,801 with a term of October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018.

**14. Review of the 2018 North Sound BHO Budget.....see link below.....Tab 8**

[http://northsoundbho.org/Assets/PDFs/Budget/2018\\_Proposed\\_Budget.pdf](http://northsoundbho.org/Assets/PDFs/Budget/2018_Proposed_Budget.pdf)

**15. Adjourn**

*Next meeting: December 14th, 2017*

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

- Jill Johnson, Chair, Island County Commissioner; Board of Island County Commissioners
- Rebecca Clark, Skagit County Health Services; designated alternate for Jennifer Johnson; designated alternate for Commissioner Ken Dahlstedt
- Barbara LaBrash, San Juan County Coordinator; designated alternate for Council Member Jamie Stephens
- Cammy Hart–Anderson, Snohomish County Human Services; designated alternate for County Executive Dave Somers
- Robert Knoll, Snohomish County Council; designated alternate for Council Member Brian Sullivan
- Ken Mann, Whatcom County Council; Vice-Chair North Sound BHO County Authorities Executive Committee
- Anne Deacon, Whatcom County Human Services Manager/County Coordinator; designated alternate for Ken Mann, Whatcom County Council
- David Kincheloe, Chair; North Sound Behavioral Health Organization Advisory Board

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

- Joe Valentine, Executive Director; North Sound Behavioral Health Organization (BHO)
- Bill Whitlock, Fiscal Officer; North Sound Behavioral Health Organization
- Margaret Rojas, Contracts/Human Resource Manager; North Sound BHO
- Joanie Williams, Administrative Manager; North Sound BHO (recording)

**Guests:**

- Julie DeLosada, Skagit County Public Health
- Philip Buri, Legal Counsel

**Call to Order and Introductions**

Chair Johnson called the meeting to order and initiated introductions.

**Revisions to the Agenda**

Chair Johnson asked if there were any revisions to the agenda, there were none.

**Approval of September 8th, 2017 Special Meeting Minutes and September 14th, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes 2017, Motion #17-80**

Chair Johnson asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes from both September meetings. Cammy Hart-Anderson moved the motion for approval, Ken Mann seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

**Comments & Announcements from the Chair**

The chair gave the County Authorities Executive Committee members accolades for effective collaboration during a difficult topic at last week's special mid-adopter meeting.

**Reports from Members**

The chair asked if there were any reports from members, there were none.

**Comments from the Public**

The chair asked if there were any comments from the public, there were none.

**Report from the Advisory Board**

David Kincheloe, Advisory Board Chair, informed the CAEC members of the vacancies on the North Sound BHO Advisory Board Council. He also said one half of the advisory board members will be attending the North Sound BHO Opioid Summit on October 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Committee Report**

The chair noted there was no Quality Management Oversight Committee (QMOC) meeting in October, therefore no report was provided.

**Report from the Executive Director**

- **Opioid Summit**.....Attachment
- **Introduction of New North Sound BHO Attorney, Phil Buri**.....Attachment

Joe Valentine gave the Executive Director Report and spoke of the Opioid Summit taking place on October 25<sup>th</sup> and referenced the attachment provided.

He introduced Philip Buri, the new North Sound BHO Attorney who will be providing legal counsel. After referencing the attached bios, he asked Phil to speak about himself and his association with the Furlong/Butler Firm. Phil spoke about his association, experience, current practice and partners Karen Funston and Tom Mumford. He followed up with the applicable services the firm will be providing the North Sound BHO.

**Report from the Finance Officer**

Bill Whitlock presented the Finance Officer Report and referenced the related information in each of the member packets. He also noted the state auditor’s recommendations. Joe added that the auditors will be at the North Sound BHO at 3:30 today to discuss the results of the audit. He also noted the CAEC Members are invited to attend.

**Report from the Governance Operations Committee**

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To review and approve the North Sound Behavioral Health claims paid from September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in the amount of **\$12,980,877.43**. Payroll for the month of September in the amount of **\$277,568.21** and associated employer benefits in the amount of **\$182,889.26**.

**Consent Agenda – Ken Mann – Motion # 17-81**

Ken Mann, North Sound BHO CAEC Vice-Chair, noted that the payroll and payments were reviewed during the Governance and Operations meeting.

Ken Mann moved the motion for approval, Barbara LaBrash, seconded, all in favor, motion#17-81 carried.

## Action Items

### *For Executive Committee Approval*

#### Skagit County Prosecuting Attorney

*It was determined during the September 14<sup>th</sup> CAEC Meeting that this motion would be tabled until the October Meeting.*

- The PA's office is asking the BHO to cover the costs of temporary staffing costs due to an Assistant PA out on maternity leave. North Sound reimburses the counties on a case rate basis, not on an hourly rate for ITA court services. This ask is in addition to the case rate we pay for ITA court services.

#### **Motion #17-74**

- Approve payment in the amount of \$4,859.44 for the temporary staffing costs to cover leave for the ITA court services personnel.

Per RCW 42.30.110 (h): this motion was moved into an Executive Session for 10 minutes due to potential litigation. All BHO staff and guests left the room except for the Executive Director and the County Authorities Executive Committee. The executive session began at 2:07 p.m. and concluded at 2:17 p.m.

The chair noted that no decisions were made during the executive session.

Ken Mann moved to table the motion for another month of research by North Sound BHO legal counsel, Robert Knoll seconded the motion, all in favor, motion 17-74 tabled.

#### Professional Service Contracts

- Asian Counseling & Treatment Services (ACTS) is a new Substance Use Disorder provider in South Snohomish County serving a niche population. The funding is for startup costs, with an emphasis on modifying their data system and staff training, which began in March 2017.
- Northshore Youth & Family Services (NSYFS) is a Substance Use Disorder provider serving youth in the Northshore School District. This funding is to pay for additional staff to serve the Medicaid population in the Northshore School District.
- Catholic Community Services NW (CCS NW) is requesting an additional \$29,742.93 to complete the remodel of their new offices in Burlington WA. The increase reflects extra demolition and construction to move rest rooms to ground level for ADA accessibility as a ramp would not work in the space available. The fire marshal is also requiring a concrete divider where a welded steel door currently divides CCS space from the space next door.

#### **Motion #17-82**

- North Sound BHO-ACTS-PSC-17 for the purpose of funding startup costs for preparation for contracting with the North Sound BHO. The maximum consideration on this contract is \$65,021 with a term of March 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

- North Sound BHO-NSYFS-PSC-17 for the purpose of funding startup costs for preparation for contracting with the North Sound BHO. The maximum consideration on this contract is \$10,235 with a term of October 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.
- North Sound BHO-CCSNW-PSC-17 Amendment 1 for the purpose of increasing funding by \$29,742.93 for a new maximum consideration of \$190,205.93 with the term of the contract remaining the same August 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017.

Ken Mann moved the motion for approval, Anne Deacon seconded, all in favor, motion 17-82 carried.

### **Wraparound with Intensive Services (WISe)**

The case rate for WISe services is being increased from \$3,400 to \$3,900 to reflect actual costs of the WISe program for Compass Health in Island and Snohomish Counties.

#### **Motion #17-83**

- North Sound BHO-Compass Health-WISe16-18 Amendment 3 for the purpose of increasing funding by \$681,000 for a new maximum consideration of \$12,084,600 with the term of the contract remaining the same April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2018.

Barbara LaBrash moved the motion for approval, Ken Mann seconded, all in favor, motion 17-83 carried.

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### **Snohomish County Crisis Triage**

Funding is being increased to Compass Health for the Snohomish County Triage Center to reflect actual costs for the capacity funded program. The funding is being provided to increase unit clerk staffing for 24x7 coverage, including weekends.

#### **Motion #17-84**

- North Sound BHO-Compass Health Triage-16-18 Amendment 3 for the purpose of increasing funding by \$552,000 for a new maximum consideration of \$10,127,176 with the term remaining the same April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2018.

Ken Mann moved motion, Cammy Hart-Anderson seconded, all in favor, motion 17-84 carried.

### **Evaluation and Treatment Center**

Funding is being increased for the Snohomish County Evaluation & Treatment Center to reflect actual costs for the capacity funded program. The funding is provided to add three FTE personnel for data entry and correction for a budgetary error on the pass-through funding for Snohomish County to pay for facility improvements.



**Motion #17-85**

- North Sound BHO-Compass Health-E&T-16-18 Amendment 5 for the purpose of increasing funding by **\$1,159,440** for a new maximum consideration of **\$10,729,916** with the term remaining the same April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2018.

Discussion ensued regarding this motion.

The CAEC tabled the motion until next month. Bill Whitlock was asked to bring back specific information after consulting with Compass.

Motion 17-85 tabled until November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Behavioral Health State and Medicaid Contracts**

- Compass Health funding is increased for Crisis Services and Residential Services to reflect actual costs for the capacity funded programs. The funding is covering the increase in operating costs for Aurora, Haven and Green House residential facilities. The funding is also covering the increase in costs for the Crisis Prevention Intervention Teams and ITA services.
- Asian Counseling and Treatment Services (ACTS) is a new Substance Use provider in South Snohomish County. The contract is for the services ACTS will provider on behalf of the North Sound BHO.
- Northshore Youth & Family Services (NSYFS) is a new Substance Use provider serving youth in the Northshore School District (Bothell). The contract is for the services NSYFS will be providing on behalf of the North Sound BHO.

**Motion #17-86**

- North Sound BHO-Compass Health-BHSC-16-18 Amendment 10 for the purpose of increasing funding by **\$49,914** for a new maximum consideration of **\$11,841,401.98** with the term of the contract remaining the same April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2018.
- North Sound BHO-Compass Health-Medicaid-16-18 Amendment 9 for the purpose of increasing funding by **\$1,569,774** for a new maximum consideration of **\$55,971,900** with the term of the contract remaining the same April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2018.
- North Sound BHO-ACTS-BHSC-17-18 for the purpose of providing Substance Use Disorder outpatient services in South Snohomish County. The maximum consideration on this contract is **\$38,304** with a term of October 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
- North Sound BHO-ACTS-Medicaid-17-18 for the purpose of providing Substance Use Disorder outpatient services in South Snohomish County. The maximum consideration on this contract is **\$365,601** with a term of October 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
- North Sound BHO-NSYFS-BHSC-17-18 for the purpose of providing Substance Use Disorder outpatient services to youth in the Northshore School District. The maximum consideration on this contract is **\$6,840** with a term of October 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
- North Sound BHO-NSYFS-Medicaid-17-18 for the purpose of providing Substance Use Disorder outpatient services to youth in the Northshore School District. The maximum consideration on this contract is **\$36,000** with a term of October 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Anne Deacon moved the motion for approval, Barbara LaBrash seconded, all in favor, motion 17-86 carried.

### **Tele-Prescribing Services**

North Sound BHO is updating the fee schedule to add an administrative fee of \$62.40 per hour for using Tele-Prescribing Services.

#### **Motion #17-87**

The motion is to update the North Sound BHO fee schedule to add the Tele-Prescribing services administrative fee of \$62.40 per hour.

Anne Deacon moved the motion for approval, Rebecca Clark seconded, all in favor, motion 17-87 carried.

#### **Motion #17-89** (*Motion #17-88 is below*)

The Executive Committee approves the North Sound BHO recommendation to move all employees to a higher deductible plan and institute the Health Reimbursement Arrangement of \$5,000 per employee (\$10,000 per family).

Barbara LaBrash moved the motion for approval, Anne seconded, all in favor, motion 17-89 carried.

### ***For Executive Committee Ratification***

#### **Snohomish County Drug Court**

Funding has been received to continue the juvenile drug court program in Snohomish County. This amendment continues the program through June 30, 2018. The funding has historically been contracted directly through the State to Snohomish County.

#### **Motion #17-88**

- North Sound BHO-Snohomish County Superior Court-16-18 Amendment 1 for the purpose of providing the 2018 funding and extending the contract end date. The increase in funding is \$139,800 for a new maximum consideration of \$271,996 with an extended term of April 1, 2016 through June 30, 2018.

Anne Deacon moved the motion for approval, Cammy Hart-Anderson seconded, all in favor, motion 17-88 carried.

#### **Discussion Items:**

- Debrief October Special CAEC Meeting and discuss next steps

Discussion took place regarding the next steps on the motion sent to the Health Care Authority.

Joe noted the updates will be brought back to the next meeting.

Adjourn 2:51 p.m.

*Next meeting: November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

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**State Auditors Exit Conference Invitation, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017, 3:30 p.m.**

**Present:**

- Elizabeth Cocoran, Acting Audit Manager
- Julie Styrna, CPA, Audit Lead
  
- Bill Whitlock, North Sound Behavioral Health Organization, Fiscal Officer
- Darrel Heiner, North Sound Behavioral Health Organization, Accounting Specialist
- Barbara Jacobson, North Sound Behavioral Health Organization, Accounting Specialist
- Joe Valentine, North Sound Behavioral Health Organization, Executive Director
- Sharon Toquinto, North Sound Behavioral Health Organization, Substance Use Disorder Manager
- Joanie Williams, North Sound Behavioral Health Organization, Administrative Manager (Recorder)

The Washington State Auditors initiated the North Sound Behavioral Health Organization Exit Conference which began at 3:31 p.m. following introductions.

Elizabeth and Julie handed out the results of the audit from the Office of Washington State Auditor, Pat McCarthy, as well as the Financial Statements and Federal Single Audit Report for the North Sound Behavioral Health Organization, Skagit County, for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016. Published September 29, 2017, Report no. 1020009.

Below is the Table of Contents which was inclusive of the 2017 audit findings:

- Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
- Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards
- Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance with the Uniform Guidance
- Independent Auditor's Report on Financial Statements
- Financial Section
- About the State Auditor's Office

Adjourn: 3:55 p.m.

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- Ken Mann, Whatcom County Council, Vice Chair North Sound BHO, County Authorities Executive Committee
- Anne Deacon, Whatcom County Human Services Manager/County Coordinator; Designated Alternate for Ken Mann, Whatcom County Council
- Cammy Hart-Anderson, Snohomish County Human Services; Designated Alternate for County Executive Dave Somers
- Darcy Cheesman, Snohomish County; Designated Alternate for Snohomish County Council Member Sam Low
- David Kincheloe, Chair, North Sound Behavioral Health Organization Advisory Board
- Jamie Stephens, San Juan County Council Member
- Rebecca Clark, Skagit County Health Services; Designated Alternate for Jennifer Johnson, Designated Alternate for Commissioner Ken Dahlstedt
- Robert Knoll, Snohomish County Council; Designated Alternate for Council Member Brian Sullivan

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

- Joe Valentine, Executive Director, North Sound Behavioral Health Organization
- Betsy Kruse, Deputy Director, North Sound Behavioral Health Organization
- Margaret Rojas, Contracts/Human Resource Manager, North Sound Behavioral Health Organization
- Bill Whitlock, Fiscal Officer, North Sound Behavioral Health Organization
- Joanie Williams, Administrative Manager, North Sound Behavioral Health Organization (recording)

**Guests Present:**

- Anji Jorstad, Snohomish County Human Services
- Barbara LaBrash, San Juan County Health and Human Services
- Skye Newkirk, Island County Human Services Behavioral Health Coordinator (via phone)
- Phil Buri, Brian Funston Mumford Furlong PLLC, North Sound BHO Counsel
- Karen Funston, Brian Funston Mumford Furlong PLLC, North Sound BHO Counsel
- Janet St. Clair, Island County, Community Health Advisory Board
- Pat Morris, Volunteers of America, Senior Director of Behavioral Health
- Lynda Richards, Island County
- Julie DeLosada, Skagit County Public Health

**Call to Order and Introductions**

Chair Johnson called the North Sound Behavioral Health Organization (BHO) County Authorities Executive Committee (CAEC) Meeting to order and initiated introductions.

**Revisions to the Agenda – Chair**

The Chair asked if there were any revisions to the agenda, there were none.

### **Draft Minutes from September 8<sup>th</sup> Special Meeting and September 14<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting**

- Action to be taken during 10/12 regular meeting

The Chair referenced the minutes from the September meetings. She noted the minutes are placed in the member packets for review. She informed the committee action would be taken during the October 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### **Comments & Announcements from the Chair**

Chair said she had no comments or announcements.

### **Comments from the Public**

Pat Morris, Senior Director of the Behavioral Health Volunteers of America (VOA), noted the VOA has been working with North Sound Behavioral Health Organization for decades providing crisis response services. She went on to say the VOA is a centralized call center hub consisting of professionally staffed employees providing integrated crisis response services. She noted the collaborations with the BHO, counties and various teams regarding the integrated, robust, interactive and fluid crisis response services currently being provided. She continued, stating she believes the CAEC will not see this model should they bring in an outside vendor. The integrated crisis response model has received national attention, she added. A consultant from Beacon Health sought out the North Sound VOA a year ago, hoping to make the model a best practice for a sustainable funding model for crisis centers.

She stated she attends all oversight meetings and county events and emphasized that Beacon Health will not attend such meetings.

She provided support for the Oso mudslide disaster as well as the Marysville Pilchuck school shooting; Beacon Health will not be present for this type of need, she said.

She thanked the CAEC for their time.

### **Reports from Counties**

The Chair referenced the reports from the counties behind the respective tab. Each of the county representatives gave their corresponding reports regarding mid-adopter.

### **Motion for the October 5, Special Meeting of the County Authorities Executive Committee**

- 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**

- 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.

Cammy Hart-Anderson moved the motion for approval, Darcy Cheeseman seconded, discussion followed to include an amendment.

Rebecca Clark, Skagit County, asked that binding Letter of Intent be sent subject to conditions.

Additional discussion followed as the chair referenced Joe, who noted, should the CAEC decide to send in the Letter of Intent with conditions, as in the Skagit Letter, the negotiated Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) would come back to the CAEC for approval and ratification. At that point, county representatives would then go back to their respective county councils and commissions to determine if conditions in the MOU would be acceptable.

This would give the counties an opportunity to vote on whatever conditions were agreed to during the negotiation process, he added.



Cammy Hart Anderson moved Motion #17-79 for approval, Darcy Cheesman seconded to amend Motion #17-79 to include all the Skagit County conditions with the amendment to remove Skagit County's condition #5 and to substitute the condition #6 from the motion in #17-79, all in favor, motion passed.

Cammy Hart-Anderson moved that North Sound BHO Executive Committee amend the motion, as amended, to reflect the conditions and the BHO Executive Director negotiate on behalf of North Sound BHO with the HCA and bring back any resulting MOU to the BHO County Authorities Executive Committee for review and approval. All were in favor.

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**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

*Next meeting: October 12, 2017*