

Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Organization Governing Board

Bud Blake, Thurston County Commissioner, Chair
Terri Jeffreys, Mason County Commissioner, Vice-Chair
Cathy Wolfe, Thurston County Commissioner

Minutes for March 10, 2016

1) 3:00 p.m. Call Meeting to Order

In Attendance: Bud Blake, Commissioner; Cathy Wolfe, Commissioner; Terri Jeffreys, Commissioner; Tom Stuebner, Public Health and Social Services Department Director; Mark Freedman, Interim BHO Administrator; Joe Avalos, BHO Chief Operations Officer; and Tina Gehrig, Clerk of the BHO Board

Chair Blake called the meeting to order.

The agenda was revised to delete action item 3c. This item is the Mental Health Block Grant contract and it is missing \$129k for a one year continuation of the COD Rochester Project. Vice Chair Jeffreys moved to approve the revised meeting agenda. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Vice Chair Jeffreys moved to approve the February 29, 2016 meeting minutes. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

2) Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board – No public comment was given.

3) Action Items

a) Description:	<i>Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan</i> Contract between Department of Social and Health Services and Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Organization This contract is for Medicaid services only and shifts from RSN to BHO and the first contract which combines mental health and substance use disorders services. The contract is for the period April 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017. The contract includes both inpatient and outpatient. The reference to “inpatient” is a federal government designation. In the future the Commissioners would like to have a brief summary of the scope of services for each contract submitted for signature.
Contact:	Mark Freedman, TMBHO Administrator
Action:	Vice-Chair Jeffreys moved to execute the Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan Contract between Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Organization and the Department of Social and Health Services from April 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 for a total

	<p>maximum consideration not to exceed \$49,861,433. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.</p>
<p>b) Description:</p>	<p><i>Behavioral Health State</i> Contract between Department of Social and Health Services and Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Organization</p> <p>This contract is for services that Medicaid does not pay for, i.e., state general funds. This pays for services such as: room and board at the E&T, crisis services, jail transition, etc. This contract also combines mental health and substance use disorders services into one contract. Commissioners Jeffreys requested additional information on the contracted services at the Mason County Jail. Thurston County Jail services include: an FTE at the City of Olympia Jail, 2-3 at the Thurston County Jail, a new position at the Nisqually Jail and a new position at Capitol Recovery Center to work with those who are resistant to mainstream treatment. This position would help to stabilize the individual first and then try to assist them in accessing services that they otherwise wouldn't accept. This position would work with the downtown homeless population who are usually resistant to treatment.</p>
<p>Contact:</p>	<p>Mark Freedman, TMBHO Administrator</p>
<p>Action:</p>	<p>Vice-Chair Jeffreys moved to execute the Behavioral Health State Contract between Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Organization and the Department of Social and Health Services April 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 for a total maximum consideration not to exceed \$7,025,517. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.</p>
<p>c) Description:</p>	<p><i>Substance Abuse Block Grant</i> between Department of Social and Health Services and Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Organization</p> <p>The federal block grant pays for services that are not covered under Medicaid as well. However, it does come with restrictions such as priority populations (pregnant parenting women, injecting drug users). Historically this has helped to pay for substance use supportive housing for pregnant and parenting women. These funds also have typically been used on residential services for facilities larger than 16 beds. However, Medicaid has recently said that they will pay for these larger residential facilities, so these funds can be spent elsewhere. A plan is due June 30th to define what services will be purchased.</p>

Contact:	Mark Freedman, TMBHO Administrator
Action:	Vice-Chair Jeffreys moved to execute the Substance Abuse Block Grant between Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Organization and Department of Social and Health Services for substance abuse disorder treatment not covered by other fund sources, from April 01, 2016 through June 30, 2017, for a total maximum consideration not to exceed \$1,496,453. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.
d) Description:	Resolution #BHO 16-01 establishing the time for holding regular Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Governing Board meetings for the conduct of business. The regular meeting of the Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Governing Board will be the 2 nd Thursday at 3:00pm. Commissioner Jeffreys would like to host a meeting in Shelton as well.
Contact:	Mark Freedman, TMBHO Administrator
Action:	Vice-Chair Jeffreys moved to execute Resolution #16-01 of the Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Organization Governing Board establishing regular meetings. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4) Updates

a) Legislative Update

There has not been a budget passed as of yet. Legislators will be going into Special Session.

- HB1213 –Expanding the definition of veteran for the purposes of the county Veterans assistance fund. This bill has passed.
- SB6430 – Suspension rather than termination of Medicaid for incarcerated persons. This bill has passed. HCA has one year to make the changes to accommodate this rule.
- HB 1713 – Integrating the involuntary treatment systems for mental health and chemical dependency and development of secure detox facilities. This will most likely be going to a workgroup.
- There has been no additional information on the how the RSN reserves will be spent. Mark Freedman was at a Senate Ways and Means Committee where they received information on the proposed use of the funds and they were supportive.

b) Additional Meeting

The next meeting will be March 31, 2016. After that the meetings will be held on a monthly basis. This special meeting agenda will include the approval of a large amount of service provider contractors for the April 1st start date, the administrator services contract (which is still being reviewed), and the additional insurance coverage.

c) 2017 Legislative

The Board would like to begin thinking about what items they would like to have input on for the next session. In particular further discussion must occur about the role of the County/BHO in meeting full integration of SB6312.

d) Triage Facility

Mark has met with Telecare, the company who will be operating the triage. They have visited the facility and began to engage in the process.

e) April 1st Transition

Staff is working very hard to make sure that there are no disruptions in services on April 1st.

f) Joint Board of Health/BHO Meeting

Commissioner Blake suggested that the Mason County meeting follow a joint meeting with the Mason County Board of Health. It was recommended that the June meeting be held in Mason County. The Board would also like to have a 15 minute pre-meeting from 3:00-3:15 to briefly discuss the following meeting's agenda items that may be more complicated.

g) Meeting with Advisory Board

The Board would like to have a list of Advisory Board meeting dates so that they can plan to attend one of the meetings, possibly in April or May.

h) Behavioral Health Conference Update

Commissioners Blake and Jeffreys expressed their appreciation for being able to attend the Behavioral Health conference. There were a lot of great sessions presented and there are a lot of changes happening in the system, many of which are undefined. Topics included: science of addiction, due diligence in boards, marijuana: a slippery slope, affordable housing, etc.

i) BHO Internet

Staff is still researching the best option for a stand-alone website, who would develop and maintain, assuring HIPAA compliance, have accessible for providers to bill and submit client data, etc.

j) Adjournment


Vice Chair Jeffreys moved to adjourn the meeting of March 10, 2016. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:55.

THURSTON MASON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH GOVERNING BOARD

Thurston County, Washington

ATTEST:


BUD BLAKE, Chair


Tina Gehrig, Clerk of the Board

Date: 3/31/16


TERRI JEFFREY, Vice Chair


CATHY WOLFE, Commissioner

