

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 31, 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.

Vice Chair Jeffreys moved to approve the March 10, 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:	Mental Health Block Grant between Department of Social and Health Services and Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Organization The federal block grant pays for services that are not covered under Medicaid. A plan is due June 30 th to define what services will be purchased.
Contact:	Mark Freedman, TMBHO Administrator
Action:	Vice-Chair Jeffreys moved to execute the Mental Health Block Grant between Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Organization and the Department of Social and Health Services for mental health treatment not covered by other fund sources, from April 01, 2016 through June 30, 2017, for a total maximum consideration not to exceed \$513,600. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.
b) Description:	Family Youth System Partner Round Table (FYSPRT) Contract between Department of Social and Health Services and Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Organization This contract resulted from the recent children's mental health lawsuit. The purpose is to provide an advisory structure for children's behavioral health services. Contact deliverables include providing evidence of 51% youth and family membership, monthly meetings, development of a needs assessment and strategic plan, and ongoing evaluations and a website.

Contact:	Mark Freedman, TMBHO Administrator
Action:	<p>Vice-Chair Jeffreys moved to execute the Family Youth System Partner Round Table (FYSPRT) Contract between the Department of Social and Health Services and Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Organization for regional and local support regarding the alignment of children's behavioral health from April 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, for a total maximum consideration not to exceed \$93,750. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.</p>
c) Description:	<p>Project for Assistance to Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Contract between Department of Social and Health Services and Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Organization</p> <p>PATH is a federal non Medicaid service which works with individuals to end chronic homelessness. The priority in our area has been to engage individuals who are typically resistant to accessing mainstream services, obtaining benefits and enrollment into treatment. Staff provide street outreach and the initial support that a person needs to successfully get into treatment.</p>
Contact:	Mark Freedman, TMBHO Administrator
Action:	<p>Vice-Chair Jeffreys moved to execute the Projects for Assistance to Transition from Homeless (PATH) contract for homeless outreach services between the Department of Social and Health Services and Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Organization from April 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016, for a total maximum consideration not to exceed \$56,939. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.</p>
d) Description:	<p>Enduris Insurance Resolution and Agreement between Thurston Mason BHO and Enduris</p> <p>The purchase of the additional insurance through Enduris is to cover the BHO since the County's risk pool only covers county employees. This insurance will indemnify TMBHO for errors and omissions or negligence on the performance of their duties. The BHO Board members while acting on behalf of the BHO will be covered under the new insurance policy with Enduris. Board members were concerned about the coverage limits being adequate. Mark explained that the contract has been reviewed by Risk Management. Individual treatment providers also all carry their own insurance. The Board is interested in having Tammy Devlin, Risk Manager, attend the next meeting to provide additional clarification.</p>

Contact:	Mark Freedman, TMBHO Administrator
Action:	Vice-Chair Jeffreys moved to approve the Resolution and Agreement between Enduris Insurance and Thurston Mason BHO to purchase liability and property insurance for the period April 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017 in the amount of \$32,691. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.
e) Description:	Administrative Service Resolution and Agreement between Thurston Mason BHO and Thurston County. This Agreement is to purchase administrative services from Thurston County for the first year (April 1, 2016-March 31, 2017). The Agreement pays for indirect costs of \$611,736 for the one year period. This does not include the cost of county personnel staff. Some discussion occurred about millage funds. Was it intended that these funds go through the BHO or remain at the County? A \$40,000 cost for Thurston Thrives was discussed. Was this intended to be BHO or RSN funds? It was noted that CJTA (Criminal Justice Treatment Account) funds are included in the State contract with the BHO. The CJTA Panel still has the same oversight of the funds. Discussion occurred about the BHO having a fund within Thurston County or merely have the fund reside with the Treasurer. Additional clarification was needed on many of these items.
Contact:	Mark Freedman, TMBHO Administrator
Action:	Vice-Chair Jeffreys moved to approve the Resolution and the Administrative Service Agreement with the revised Attachment A between the Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Organization Governing Board and Thurston County for the period April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017 for the amount as indicated on attachment A of \$611,736 plus direct service costs of "BHO Staff". Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4) Updates

- Last week 24 of the 29 tribes sent a letter to CMS (Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services) requesting that they stop the process of BHO integration based on the fact that due diligence was not done by them not being consulted. It is likely that substance use disorder funding for tribal services will be carved out of the allocations that have already gone to the BHO's. There are 56,000 tribal members on Medicaid statewide. This will result in a reduction to Thurston Mason's budget.

- Staff was just informed that Pierce County Optum BHO has purchased all the detox beds at Tacoma Detox, thus excluding all other BHO's from access. Without local detox, this has been the primary location for Thurston Mason clients to access detox services. Staff is looking at other options since this is a required Medicaid service. The next closest facility is either Seattle or Vancouver. Detox is included on the current PLR list.
- Thurston Mason will likely have Agreements with about 10 residential facilities across the state.
- The state budget has passed and RSN's will not be losing any of their reserve funding.
- The legislative bill which allows for suspension of incarcerated individuals' medical rather than termination has successfully passed. HCA has one year to comply.
- The Thurston Mason BHO Advisory Board would like to attend the July meeting for a staff briefing.
- Staff is still working to implement a website to access all the BHO documents. This will probably be done in two phases. The first being to have documents available and the second would be developing a secure HIPAA compliant website that providers would have access to as well.
- Mason County Recruitment. Vice-Chair Jeffreys moved to have the public information officer release a call for applicants. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5) Adjournment

Vice Chair Jeffreys moved to adjourn the meeting of March 31, 2016. Commissioner Wolfe seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:22.

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Thurston County, Washington

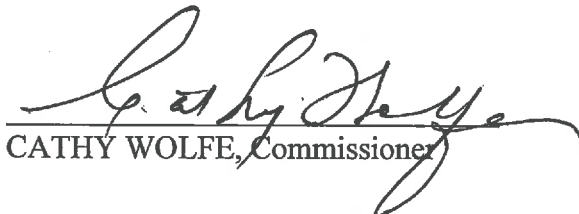
ATTEST:


BUD BLAKE, Chair


Tina Gehrig, Clerk of the Board

Date: 4/14/16


TERRI JEFFREYS, Vice Chair


CATHY WOLFE, Commissioner