



**GOVERNING BOARD**

**Bud Blake, Chair**  
Thurston County District Three

**Terri Jeffreys, Co-chair**  
Mason County District Three

**John Hutchings, Commissioner**  
Thurston County District One

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**Thurston-Mason Behavioral Health Organization Governing Board**

**Minutes for January 19, 2017**

**Thurston County Courthouse, Bldg 1 Room 280**

**1. 1:00 p.m. Call Meeting to Order**

In Attendance: Bud Blake, Commissioner; Terri Jeffreys, Commissioner; John Hutchings, Commissioner; Mark Freedman, BHO Administrator; Joe Avalos, BHO Chief Operating Officer; Tara Smith, BHO Fiscal Manager, and Tina Gehrig, Clerk of the BHO Board

Chair Blake called the meeting to order at 1:01.

- a) Vice-Chair Jeffreys moved to approve the meeting agenda. Commissioner Hutchings seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- b) Vice-Chair Jeffreys moved to approve the December 2 and 15, 2016 meeting minutes. Commissioner Hutchings seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**2. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board**

- a) Advisory Board Presentation.

Dr. Cassey Jankowiak, Advisory Board chair was introduced. She has been an Advisory Board member for 5 years, and chair for 2 years. Her purpose in attending the meeting was to propose regular attendance at the Governing Board meetings so that the relationship between both the Advisory Board and Governing Boards can be strengthened. The Advisory Board has grown to 15 members, 4 of which are from Mason County. Commissioner Jeffreys suggested that Advisory Board update be a permanent agenda item. Dr. Jankowiak will ask the Advisory Board whether they would prefer a designated staff attend each meeting or a rotating staff.

**3. Consent Items**

Vice-Chair Jeffreys moved to approve consent items 3a-3h. Commissioner Hutchings seconded the motion. The motion carried.

- a) Description: Behavioral Health State Contract Amendment between Department of Social and Health Services and Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Organization  
Action: **Move to execute the Behavioral Health State Contract Amendment with the Department of Social and Health Services from January 2, 2017 through June 30, 2017 for a total maximum consideration not to exceed \$360,800 for a revised contract total of \$7,620,721.**

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- b) Description: Contract Amendment with American Behavioral Health Services  
Action: **Move to approve the contract amendment with American Behavioral Health Services for substance use residential treatment services from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, for a total maximum consideration not to exceed \$685,384, for a revised contract total of \$1,227,884; and authorize the Administrator of TMBHO to execute the contract and any future amendments that do not change the amount or duration by more than 15% of the amendments.**
- c) Description: Contract Amendment with Alternatives Professional Counseling.  
Action: **Move to approve the contract amendment with Alternatives Professional Counseling for substance use outpatient treatment services from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, for a total maximum consideration not to exceed \$72,792, for a revised contract total of \$127,386; and authorize the Administrator of TMBHO to execute the contract and any future amendments that do not change the amount or duration by more than 15% of the amendments**
- d) Description: Contract with Eric J Bruns, PhD for consultation services  
Action: **Move to approve the contract with Eric J Bruns, PhD behavioral health consultation services from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, for a total maximum consideration not to exceed \$25,000; and authorize the Administrator of TMBHO to execute the contract and any future amendments that do not change the amount or duration by more than 15% of the amendments.**
- e) Description: Contract Amendment with Pierce County Alliance  
Action: **Move to approve the contract amendment with Pierce County Alliance for Medicaid substance use disorder treatment services from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, for a total maximum consideration not to exceed \$686,196, for a revised contract total of \$1,029,294; and authorize the Administrator of TMBHO to execute the contract and any future amendments that do not change the amount or duration by more than 15% of the amendments.**
- f) Description: Contract Amendment with Prosperity Wellness Center  
Action: **Move to approve the contract amendment with Prosperity Wellness Center for substance use residential treatment services from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, for a total maximum consideration not to exceed \$726,942, for a revised contract total of \$1,276,942; and authorize the Administrator of TMBHO to execute the contract and any future amendments that do not change the amount or duration by more than 15% of the amendments.**
- g) Description: Contract Amendment with Sea Mar Community Health Centers  
Action: **Move to approve the contract amendment with Sea Mar Community Health Centers for behavioral health treatment services from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, for a total maximum consideration not to exceed \$377,705, for a revised contract total of \$659,758; and authorize the Administrator of TMBHO to execute the contract and any future amendments that do not change the amount or duration by more than 15% of the amendments.**
- h) Description: Contract Amendments with Fee-for-Service Substance Use Residential Network Providers

Action: **Move to approve the Fee-for-Service Residential Program Contract amendments with 1) Cowlitz Family Health Center, 2) Excelsior Residential, 3) Lifeline Connections, 4) New Horizons Care Centers, 5) Olalla Recovery Centers, 6) Seadrunar, 7) Sea Mar Community Health, 8) Sundown M Ranch, and 9) Triumph Treatment for residential substance use disorder treatment services from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017, for a total maximum consideration not to exceed \$627,840, for a revised contract total of \$1,684,577; and authorize the Administrator of Thurston-Mason Behavioral Health Organization to execute the contracts and any future amendments that do not change the amount or duration by more than 15% of the amendments.**

#### 4. Action Items

- a) Approve Thurston-Mason BHO Voucher List for December, 2016

**Vice-Chair Jeffreys moved to approve the Thurston-Mason BHO voucher list in the amount of \$3,392,115.73 for the period December 1-31, 2016. Commissioner Hutchings seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

- b) Approve Resolution and Agreement between Thurston-Mason Behavioral Health Organization Governing Board and Mason County Public Utilities District #3 for purchase of a building for a Mason County Triage Facility

A resolution has been previously approved to transfer funding from Mason County to purchase the building at 307 W Cota Street, Shelton. This item is for the actual purchase of the building from PUD #3. TMBHO has received the Department of Commerce grant funding for renovation of the building. This facility will function as a diversion to jails and emergency departments. It will also include a fully functioning court system and handle both involuntary and voluntary cases. Commissioner Jeffreys expressed her thanks for making this much needed service come to fruition.

**Vice-Chair Jeffreys moved to approve the Resolution and Interlocal Agreement with Mason County Public Utilities District #3 to purchase the building located at 307 W. Cota, Shelton Washington to be renovated and used as a Triage Facility by the Thurston-Mason Behavioral Health Organization in the amount of \$275,000. Commissioner Hutchings seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

- c) Funding Increase for the Fee-for-Service Substance Use Residential Network Providers

Since TMBHO began authorization of residential care, a significant increase in the numbers served has resulted in the need to increase the funding for the period April-December, 2016. Prior to April, 2016, about 500 Thurston-Mason clients received residential treatment. In the first 9 months of BHO operation, about 850 accessed residential treatment. Residential treatment services are now an entitlement and services must be available without a wait list. This is in part due to the increased rates and having access to a larger pool of treatment facilities. All services are authorized prior to admission by TMBHO care managers.

**Vice-Chair Jeffreys moved to approve the increase to the allocated funding for the Fee-for-Service Residential Program Contracts combined funding for residential substance use disorder treatment services from April 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016, for a total maximum consideration not to exceed \$550,000, for a revised contract total of \$1,056,737. Commissioner Hutchings seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

## 5. Updates

- Legislative – Mark Freedman highlighted some key items to be aware of: 1) HB 1047 medication disposal system, HB 1162 involuntary treatment notice, SB5060 Adult family homes/numbers, SB 5223 Safe injection sites. Another bill (1388) moves the functions of the Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery over to the Health Care Authority. Management of Western State Hospital is excluded and will be a stand-alone; and Licensing/Certification is moving to Department of Health. HB 6430 which relates to Medicaid suspension versus termination is being implemented this year. This should allow for individuals being released from jails to be able to resume their benefits immediately and not have to reapply for services.
- Advisory Board Annual Legislative Information Day – The Advisory Board is working with the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) Legislative day to be held on President’s Day. The day is spent educating law makers.
- Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion –Mark Freedman visited the King County LEAD program. The program is working very well in King County and it was a positive meeting.
- Syringe Exchange Program – Staff is still exploring the possibility with Department of Health allowing the money to be moved to a subcontract relationship (Capital Recovery Center).
- Accountable Communities of Health – Further clarification is needed with HCA re: the ACH and what role the BHO shall play in particular to their request for data on projects that the BHO is doing. The waiver funding is available and is going directly to the Cascade Pacific Action Alliance (the local ACH). The ACH Board has 1 slot for BHO’s, but will be shared between Thurston-Mason and Great Rivers due to the shared geographic area.
- Diversion House - Staff continue to work with housing agencies to develop a diversion house where police can bring clients to try to engage them with a clinician.
- Licensure Process – A timeline was distributed. Staff have begun to work on policies and procedures. Bringing on additional staff will assist with the increased workload. At the request of the internal auditor, an NOI is being released for the Human Resources Manager position.
- E&T RFP – The RFP has closed. Three bids were received and are in the process of being reviewed. Some local legislators are interested in touring the Triage facility.

6. **Adjournment**

Vice Chair Jeffreys moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hutchings seconded the motion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:10.

THURSTON-MASON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION GOVERNING BOARD

Thurston County, Washington

ATTEST:

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BUD BLAKE, Chair

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Tina Gehrig, Clerk of the Board

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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TERRI JEFFREYS, Vice Chair

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JOHN HUTCHINGS, Commissioner