



Thurston-Mason Behavioral Health Organization (TMBHO) Agenda Setting Meeting

Date:	April 14, 2017	Time:	9:00am
Location:	Thurston County Courthouse, 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Bldg 1, Room 280		
Subject:	Agenda Setting		
Staff Contact/ Author:	Tina Gehrig, Clerk Phone: 360-867-2509		
Commissioners:	Bud Blake, TMBHO Chair Terri Jeffreys, TMBHO Vice-Chair John Hutchings, Commissioner Erin Birkliid, Kelli Kennedy		
Thurston-Mason Behavioral Health Organization:	Mark Freedman, Administrator Joe Avalos, Chief Operating Officer Sherri Nehl, Human Resources Manager Tara Smith, Fiscal Manager		
3a-3e Consent Items	<p>The following contracts on the consent calendar were reviewed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3a – The voucher list is for the month of March 2017. • 3b - Consejo Counseling This is a new contract for a new provider for services to be delivered in Mason County. • 3c – Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department This is a new contract for opiate substitution treatment services provided to Thurston-Mason BHO clients in Pierce County prior to transition to the Thurston-Mason provider. • 3d – Eugenia Center This is a new contract for SUD treatment services provided to BHO border clients in South Thurston County. This agency is also able to provide treatment for Spanish speaking individuals. • 3e – Kitsap Recovery Center This is a new contract for SUD residential services to have additional capacity for treatment for Thurston-Mason BHO clients. Provides improved access for Mason County border clients. 		
LLC Discussion	Discussed the State Auditor's Office (SAO) recent correspondence about the status of the BHO as a separate legal entity and what designation the BHO could use to register with the Secretary of State's Office in order to gain access to the year-end reporting portal with the State Auditor's Office. Consideration was given to the pros and cons of becoming an LLC and		

	to amending the agreement establishing the BHO as a separate agency to include becoming an LLC. Additional information was requested and will be provided by the BHO's legal counsel.
Budget Amendment	The BHO fiscal team is currently reviewing the budget revenue and expenditures and may come to the Board in the future to seek approval for any budget amendments needed based on additional revenue received and expected expenditures. The Board requested an overview of the expenditures and reserve fund balances at the May meeting.
Human Resources Update	<p>The requirements of becoming a licensed Behavioral Health Agency (BHA) were discussed with the Board. The BHA will have to have a functional site that is reviewed and approved by the State prior to receiving a license to provide services. TMBHO may want to start looking for a space to lease in order to meet the timelines for becoming a BHA that have been established.</p> <p>HR has been working on gathering information regarding the BHO's option of continuing with PEBB (Public Employees Benefit Board) and Department of Retirement Services, position descriptions and Policies and Procedures. A meeting with the Governing Board, County HR and the BHO HR Consultants is scheduled for next week to facilitate both parties meeting and discussion options for separation.</p>
County Analysis of Separation Impact	The Board followed up with a discussion that was had in January regarding the County preparing an analysis of the impact to the County Departments when the BHO separates. 2018 rates are being developed and should include removing the BHO in the 2018 rates.
BHO Proviso/Bill Amendment discussion	SB 5329 is still being consider. In addition to the previously submitted amendment language, BHOs have asked for a Leadership Committee to be established and development of a dispute resolution process so that there is a process for local leadership to have input and to file any grievances when the state implements full integration in all regions.
Other Business	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Board requested a review of the 2017 expenditures and budget balances and well as the reserve fund balances for the May meeting.

I certify this is a true and correct copy of the original document maintained in the Office of the Thurston-Mason Behavioral Health Organization.

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 Tina Gehrig, Clerk of the Board

Date: May 18, 2017