



**GOVERNING BOARD**

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

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

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

**Thurston-Mason Behavioral Health Organization Governing Board  
Minutes for January 18, 2018**

**Thurston County Courthouse, 2000 Lakeridge Drive SW, Bldg. 1, Room 280, Olympia**

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

In Attendance: Bud Blake, Chair; John Hutchings, Commissioner; Mark Freedman, BHO Chief Executive Officer; Joe Avalos, BHO Chief Operating Officer; Tara Smith, Chief Fiscal Officer; Sherri Nehl, Chief Human Resources Officer

Chair Blake called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

a) Approval of Agenda

**Vice- Chair Drexler moved to approve the agenda. Chair Blake seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

b) Approval of Minutes

**Vice- Chair Drexler moved to approve the December 8<sup>th</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting minutes. Chair Blake seconded the motion. The motion carried.**

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

Dennis Neal, owner of NW Resources, spoke to the Governing Board about their growth in 2017. NW Resources opened a new location on Lilly Road in Olympia with an onsite ARNP that assists with medications for clients. Neal expressed that the co-occurring service model that Thurston-Mason BHO follows is a contributing factor to NW Resources ability to expand services in 2017. Commissioner Blake invited Dennis to share NW Resources success at the next Thurston County Board of Health meeting.

**3. Update from the Thurston-Mason BHO Advisory Board**

N/A

**4. Consent Items**

N/A

**5. Action Items**

a) Description:	Approve Thurston-Mason BHO voucher list for December, 2017
Action:	<b>Vice-Chair Drexler moved to approve the Thurston-Mason BHO voucher list in the amount of \$4,680,583.24 for the period December 1-31, 2017. Commissioner Hutchings seconded the motion. The motion carried.</b>
b) Description:	Behavioral Health Housing Subsidy Program
Action:	<b>Vice-Chair Drexler moved to execute the Behavioral Health Housing Subsidy Program Contract between Thurston-Mason Behavioral Health Organization and the Department of Social and</b>

6. Updates


- TMBHO staff expressed a concern with the lack of available intake placement at Western State Hospital; together with the Governing Board, it was agreed that a letter would be drafted with TMBHO legal advisors to address the issue.
- Currently Behavioral Health Resources is contracted to provide in jail treatment services; BHR is requesting to amend their current contract for those services.
- January 19, 2018, there will be a Sequential Intercept Model (SIM) kick-off meeting held at the TMBHO conference room. Plans are being made to coordinate a Mason County meeting.
- With Washington State Legislature in session, there are several bills that TMBHO staff are monitoring the progress of - Senate House Bills 2799, 2401, and 2572.
- Human Resources is actively recruiting for peer support staff and Designated Mental Health Professional positions.
- Fiscal staff has successfully printed their first checks with the new accounting software.
- Vice-Chair Drexler wanted TMBHO staff to know that she was thankful for a meeting in Mason County, held today, to initiate the Sequential Intercept Model (SIM).

7. Adjournment

**Vice-Chair Drexler moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hutchings seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 2:24 pm.**

THURSTON-MASON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION GOVERNING BOARD  
Thurston County, Washington

ATTEST:

  
BUD BLAKE, Chair

  
Molly McIver, Clerk of the Board

  
TERRI DREXLER, Vice-Chair

Date: 2/9/18

  
JOHN HUTCHINGS, Commissioner