Olympic COMMUNITY of HEALTH

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Board of Director's Meeting Minutes

Date: 09/12/2022	Time: 1:00 PM	Location: OCH Office, Port Hadlock
Chair In-Person: Michael Maxwell, *North Olympic Healthcare Network* **Members Attended In-Person:** Brent Simcosky, *Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe*; Cherish Cronmiller, *Olympic Community Action Programs*; G'Nell Ashley, *Reflections Counseling*; Jennifer Kreidler-Moss, *Peninsula Community Health Services;* Laura Cepoi (arrived at 1:26), *Olympic Area Agency on Aging*; Stephanie Lewis, *Salish Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization*; Stephen Kutz, *Suquamish Tribe*; Stormy Howell, *Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe*; Susan Buell*, YMCA of Pierce and Kitsap Counties;* Wendy Sisk*, Peninsula Behavioral Health* **Members Attended Virtually**: Bobby Beeman, *Olympic Medical Center*; Caitlin Safford, Amerigroup; Roy Walker (voted in as new member at 1:33) **Non-Voting Members Attended In-Person**: Brian Burwell, *Suquamish Wellness Center*; Jim Novelli, *Discovery Behavioral Healthcare;* Jolene Kron, *Salish Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization* **Non-Voting Members Attended Virtually:** Matania Osborn*, Anthem;* Siobhan Brown*, Community Health Plan of WA* **Guests and Consultants Attended In-Person:** Lori Fleming, *Jefferson County Community of Health Improvement Plan* **Guests and Consultants Attended Virtually:** **OCH Staff:** Amy Brandt, Ayesha Chander, Celeste Schoenthaler, Debra Swanson, Miranda Burger, Ren Mack-Hazelwood		

Minutes

Facilitator	Topic	Discussion/Outcome	Action/Results
Mike Maxwell	Welcome, introductions, land acknowledgement, housekeeping		
Mike Maxwell	Consent agenda	It is suggested that we engage in further discussion regarding the letter to the HCA and remove it from the consent agenda.	Consent Agenda **APPROVED** unanimously **with item 3 (Letter to HCA) removed for further discussion.**
Mike Maxwell	Public Comments (2-minute max)		
Celeste Schoenthaler	Board Member Elections	Ciela Meyer was not able to attend today. Celeste read her bio aloud. Roy Walker has been a	**Motion 1:** The Board of Directors elects Wendy Sisk and Jim Novelli to a new 2-year term in the mental health treatment sector through September

		wonderful board member in the past, yet we are looking to expand the table. Welcoming Ciela from OESD would do just that. Ciela could be on a committee, before becoming a voting member. We know Roy well and he has been a very engaged board member. Ciela is interested in other ways to get involved if she is not a member of the board.	2024. **APPROVED** unanimously **Motion 2:** The Board of Directors elects Keith Sprague and Lori Kerr to a new 2-year term in private/not-for-profit hospital sector through September 2024. **APPROVED** unanimously **Motion 3:** The Board of Directors elects Roy Walker to complete the term for the community at-large seat through September 2023. 9 votes – Roy Walker 3 votes – Ciela Meyer Abstentions: Steven Kutz and Caitlin Safford Roy Walker approved. **Motion #4:** The Board of Directors directs staff to implement next steps as described above. **APPROVED** unanimously
Celeste Schoenthaler	Cross-ACH Statewide Association & Lobbyist	Don't you need to know what you want before you set up an association? Lobbying is usually set up when the legislative agenda is determined. We need to know who is leading this and the agenda? What problem are we trying to solve through a lobbyist? There is no reason you need an entity to hire a lobbyist. But not having an identity structure is a concern. As a region, we are the outlier, there could be a lot of 8 to 1 votes. This is a concern. If there was some governance structure, then maybe we would consider this. You must have an independent voice in the legislature. I am surprised people don't see the benefit here. We can push for things to benefit our region and have a very	**Motion** made by Stephanie Lewis to continue to approve participation in the lobbyist contract only. Next month we will consider participation in a statewide association. **APPROVED** Abstentions: Steven Kutz, Stormy Howell, Brent Simcosky, Laura Cepoi, Caitlin Stafford

		affective voice. There is an active dynamic role here. The unknowns can be worked on. I don't think the votes will be 8/1, because much of WA is rural. It is helpful to have a voice that is separate from the HCA. An association makes sense. We can come together with a cohesive voice and go to hearings when they are happening. It takes a while to onboard a lobbyist. With only 3 months left until the session, it might not be as useful as hoped. You still need structures in place for how the lobbyist handles each ACH viewpoint. These can be misunderstood. To clarify, the association will not be set up until January. The lobbyist contract would be held by North Sound ACH, then an MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) will be created. ACHs are supposed to be neutral, so keep that in mind. You are representing many entities. Perhaps an association could be useful for developing a clear role in our region, a clear identity. There are so many unknowns and so many potentials for conflict. We are so different from other parts of the state, I would hate to see us lose that with a larger association. All the ACHs are participating. Could we join later?	

		There are concerns, but no matter what this is going to happen for all ACHs. We will either choose to participate or not. I think not being involved has greater risk. Although there are areas for conflict, if we are not at the table, that is a greater risk. For better or worse, we need to participate. There is a lot of history of trust and representation. There is an attempt to formalize the structure. Usually, the loudest voices are heard. I don't necessarily see this leading to efficiency but maybe. The other ACHs have very different goals. What is the common denominator? A year ago, we didn't know what would happen to ACHs. State support for ACHs is clear now. Behavioral Health sector has concerns about competing for resources. The ACHs are planning to determine the lobbyist soon. Other decisions may happen more slowly. There is not a clear timeline. Do you need an actionable motion? Yes, for funding. We have money for this, but it is not clear in the budget. I am not against the statewide association but rather the process that is the problem. Today our money would go towards a lobbyist, but once it becomes a formal association, we will have to	

		decide if we are in or out. We can always leave the association later if it's not working. Clarification: Ok to use MTP money for lobbyist? Yes. Clarification: We don't know what's on the lobbyist agenda yet. That will be determined later.	
Ren Mack-Hazelwood & Miranda Burger	Care Connect Overview	Delayed due to time constraints.	
Miranda Burger	Expanding the Table funded projects		
Amy Brandt	Fourth Coffee Break Video	Delayed due to time constraints.	
Mike Maxwell	Good of the Order – Board member and public comments (2-minute max)	Jason McGill preparation – response to MCO procurement letter and VBP group presentation. Think he is coming virtual despite invitations to come in person. Comment: Jason is not interested in discussing particulars of RFP at this time. Keep saying that provider input matters. Question: Can a few providers sit on the review team? Last time there was a provider from each region reviewing. Comment: MCOs are not all created equal. Comment: BH statewide association recommended to HCA to do a provider survey on what's working and what's not.	Celeste will prepare slides with bullets from letter and Board will chime in with additional thoughts.
Mike Maxwell	Next meeting & Adjourn **October 10** Location: 7 Cedars Hotel		

	& Casino Lunch provided prior to the meeting, and everyone is welcome at a post-meeting happy hour.		