



Salish Behavioral Health  
Administrative Services Organization

Providing Behavioral Health Services in  
Clallam, Jefferson and Kitsap Counties

## **SALISH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH** **ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ORGANIZATION** **EXECUTIVE BOARD** **MEETING**

**DATE:** Friday, April 18, 2025  
**TIME:** 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
**LOCATION:** Cedar Room, 7 Cedars Hotel  
270756 Hwy 101, Sequim, WA 98382

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## **A G E N D A**

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1. Call To Order
2. Announcements/Introductions
3. Opportunity to Address the Board on Agenda Topics (limited to 3 minutes each)
4. Approval of Agenda
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7. Opportunity for Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes each)
8. Adjournment

## ACRONYMS

<b>ACH</b>	Accountable Community of Health	<b>ITA</b>	Involuntary Treatment Act
<b>AOT</b>	Assisted Outpatient Treatment	<b>MAT</b>	Medical Assisted Treatment
<b>ASAM</b>	American Society of Addiction Medicine	<b>MCO</b>	Managed Care Organization
<b>BHA</b>	Behavioral Health Advocate; Behavioral Health Agency	<b>MHBG</b>	Mental Health Block Grant
<b>BHAB</b>	Behavioral Health Advisory Board	<b>MOU</b>	Memorandum of Understanding
<b>BHASO</b>	Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization	<b>OCH</b>	Olympic Community of Health
<b>CAP</b>	Corrective Action Plan	<b>OST</b>	Opiate Substitution Treatment
<b>CMS</b>	Center for Medicaid & Medicare Services (Federal)	<b>OTP</b>	Opiate Treatment Program
<b>CPC</b>	Certified Peer Counselor	<b>PACT</b>	Program of Assertive Community Treatment
<b>CRIS</b>	Crisis Response Improvement Strategy (WA State Work Group)	<b>PATH</b>	Programs to Aid in the Transition from Homelessness
<b>DBHR</b>	Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery	<b>PIHP</b>	Prepaid Inpatient Health Plans
<b>DCR</b>	Designated Crisis Responder	<b>P&amp;P</b>	Policies and Procedures
<b>DCYF</b>	Division of Children, Youth, & Families	<b>QACC</b>	Quality and Compliance Committee
<b>DDA</b>	Developmental Disabilities Administration	<b>RCW</b>	Revised Code Washington
<b>DSHS</b>	Department of Social and Health Services	<b>R.E.A.L.</b>	Recovery. Empowerment. Advocacy. Linkage.
<b>E&amp;T</b>	Evaluation and Treatment Center (i.e., AUI, YIU)	<b>RFP, RFQ</b>	Request for Proposal, Request for Qualifications
<b>EBP</b>	Evidence Based Practice	<b>SABG</b>	Substance Abuse Block Grant
<b>FYSPRT</b>	Family, Youth, and System Partner Round Table	<b>SRCL</b>	Salish Regional Crisis Line
<b>HCA</b>	Health Care Authority	<b>SUD</b>	Substance Use Disorder
<b>HCS</b>	Home and Community Services	<b>SYNC</b>	Salish Youth Network Collaborative
<b>HIPAA</b>	Health Insurance Portability & Accountability Act	<b>TEAMonitor</b>	HCA Annual Monitoring of SBHASO
<b>HRSA</b>	Health and Rehabilitation Services Administration	<b>UM</b>	Utilization Management
<b>IMC</b>	Integration of Medicaid Services	<b>WAC</b>	Washington Administrative Code
<b>IMD</b>	Institutes for the Mentally Diseased	<b>WM</b>	Withdrawal Management
<b>IS</b>	Information Services	<b>WSH</b>	Western State Hospital, Tacoma



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### **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**Friday, April 18, 2024**

#### **Informational Items**

##### **A. Fiscal Update**

###### **1) ARPA & Block Grant**

States received notice of the cancellation of COVID/ARPA funding. All ASO's have received letters of suspension of the funding effective March 24, 2025. Salish BHASO received a formal notice of rescinding the suspension on April 9, 2025. SBHASO has prioritized use of this funding that is set to expire September 30, 2025. All funds are in contract and expected to be expended by June 30, 2025. Current funds have been evaluated to manage any changes that may be implemented regarding this funding in the coming months.

###### **2) GFS Funds Evaluation**

Salish BHASO has evaluated current existing funding as requested by HCA for the return of funds not expended in previous periods. SBHASO met with HCA to discuss the plan and process on February 24, 2025. This discussion included developing the process to identify what funding streams will be included in the return. HCA has been flexible in working with SBHASO to evaluate the

##### **B. BLOCK GRANT PLANNING PROCESS**

Federal Block Grant planning is in process. Currently, staff are evaluating the availability of funding. SBHASO will release an RFP by the end of April for funding starting in July. This process includes submission of responses from our existing contracted network. The applications are then reviewed by the Salish Behavioral Health Advisory Board. Recommendation will then be brought forward to the Executive Board for approval in the June meeting.

##### **C. CONTRACTS UPDATE**

The contracting process has been very challenging over the past year. Internal bandwidth, change in county process, and change in county staffing has caused significant lags in contract execution. SBHASO will continue to work on internal processes. The new contract position is still in process with round 2 of recruitment. SBHASO hopes to have a candidate in the next several weeks.

SBHASO is making internal changes to our contract formatting to increase clarity on eligible expenses and fund sources. Changes were implemented in the January 1, 2025, rollout and further changes will be implemented in July 1, 2025 contracts. Program explanations will be included to assist in the clarity of the program expectation for fiscal staff.

HCA has issued a letter identifying changes to the contract process that will require a 28-day turnaround. They are also changing payment processes. HCA will not longer release funds without the fully executed contract in place. Feedback was submitted last week for the July contract updates. HCA anticipated release of the contracts the first week of June to be executed by July 1, 2025.

D. TEAMONITOR UPDATE

Salish BHASO Staff recently received a document request from HCA related to the annual TEAMonitor audit. Submission of requested documents is due to HCA in June 2025. The onsite portion of TEAMonitor is scheduled for August 14, 2025.

E. OPIOID ABATEMENT COUNCIL UPDATE

Salish staff is working with the cities in Kitsap County to transfer city funds to the county pool. Staff submitted invoices for review to verify the amounts the city received are aligned with the reported amounts. Funds have been released to Clallam and Jefferson Counties for 2024. SBHASO plans to provide an annual funds release with current funds available moving forward.

Plans for all 3 Counties are pending. SBHASO hopes to bring plans to the executive Board in June for final approval.

Salish BHASO released a survey regarding opiate abatement strategies and recommendations. Staff are currently working to synthesize the data to provide additional information to support decision-making. The survey offered the list of approved strategies and an opportunity for direct explanation of implementation suggestions. This survey received 50 responses across the region.

**MINUTES OF THE  
SALISH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES ORGANIZATION  
ADVISORY BOARD**

**Friday, February 21, 2025  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
VIRTUAL ONLY**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Commissioner Mark Ozias, Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:08 am.

**INTRODUCTIONS** – Self introductions were conducted around the room.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA TOPICS** – None.

**APPROVAL of AGENDA** –

**MOTION:** Commissioner Dudley-Nollette moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Commissioner Ozias seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**APPROVAL of EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES** –

**MOTION:** Commissioner Dudley-Nollette moved to approve the meeting minutes as submitted for the December 13, 2024 meeting. Commissioner Ozias seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**ACTION ITEMS**

➤ **ELECTION OF SBHASO EXECUTIVE BOARD CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**

The SBHASO Interlocal Agreement dictates that, annually, the Board shall elect a Chair and Vice-Chair by majority vote. For the past two years, Commissioner Ozias served as Chair. Staff respectfully requests that the Executive Board Elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2025.

*Commissioner Ozias volunteered to continue serving as Executive Board Chair for 2025.  
Commissioner Dudley Nollette volunteered to serve as Vice-Chair.*

**MOTION:** Commissioner Dudley Nollette moved to approve the nomination of Commissioner Ozias as Chair and Commissioner Dudley Nollette as Vice Chair to the Salish BHASO Executive Board. Commissioner Ozias seconded the motion. **Motion carried unanimously.**

➤ **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF THE 2025 SBHASO RISK ASSESSMENT**

In accordance with 45 CFR §164.308, the SBHASO is required to maintain, review, and update a Risk Assessment. This document provides a process by which the SBH-ASO continually monitors its operations to identify areas of potential risk and opportunities for mitigation. In order to ensure this document is comprehensive, SBHASO Staff worked collaboratively to identify areas of risk in all avenues of its business operations. For the 2024/2025 Risk Assessment, the top 3 identified risks include:

- Frequency of change to data submission requirements at the State level creates risk of incorrect and untimely data submissions. Challenges in programmatic changes occurring prior to adequate stakeholder involvement.
- Changes to Regional Crisis System as a result of State level (i.e., judicial, legislative, regulatory) changes could inhibit community response to behavioral health crises, HB1688 planning and implementation, and the increase in complexity of service delivery with lack of clarity around organizational responsibilities.
- Delays in timely issuance of revenue contracts or amendments creating cascading delays in amending subcontracts to include updated terms and issuing payments.

This document is attached for review, comment, and approval by the Executive Board.

*Discussion regarding the identification and prioritization of risks, with concern for rapid administrative changes at the state and federal levels.*

*Question regarding coordination with other ASOs to identify common risks and strengthen advocacy efforts. Staff noted that while all ASOs meet monthly, not all ASOs statewide are HIPAA covered entities and therefore not required to complete a risk assessment. Salish BHASO meets quarterly with HCA to discuss concerns. The risk assessment is reviewed by a Quality and Compliance committee comprised of regional providers prior to finalization and presentation to the Board.*

*Discussion around Executive Board support in sharing risk assessment with members of legislature and other committees/parties. Staff will work on making the risk assessment available to the public on the Salish BHASO website.*

**MOTION: Commissioner Dudley-Nollette moved to approve 2025 SBHASO Risk Assessment as presented. Commissioner Ozias seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **APPROVAL of ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES –**

**MOTION: Lori Fleming moved to approve the meeting minutes as submitted for the November 1, 2024 meeting. Stormy Howell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **➤ COMMEMORATION OF ADVISORY BOARD MEMBER SANDY GOODWICK**

Salish BHASO Staff recently learned of the passing of Advisory Board member Sandy Goodwick on September 20, 2024. Sandy served on the Advisory Board for many years, where she made significant contributions to the mission and vision of SBHASO since its inception in 2020. Sandy was a steadfast advocate for peer-led initiatives and disability justice. Her absence is deeply felt, and her legacy will continue to inspire the work of SBHASO Staff and the Advisory Board.

*Staff, Executive Board, and Advisory Board members expressed their gratitude for Sandy's contributions. A dedication in her memory will be made during the introduction to eCPR training March 4, 2025. Recognizing the significant gap left by her absence, the Board recommended recruiting new members with similar skills and interests to continue her impactful work.*

*Brief discussion around open seats on the Advisory and Executive Boards. Executive Board members will follow up on efforts to recruit tribal representation for the Executive Board.*

➤ **2025 ADVISORY BOARD PRIORITIES & STRATEGIC PLANNING**

The 2025 strategic planning process offers an opportunity for the Salish BHASO Advisory and Executive Boards to discuss and align priorities that will guide the organization's future work, ensuring it continues to address the complex needs of the community.

The following previously identified priorities are provided to inform the discussion:

**Historical Board Priorities:**

- Overarching Priorities:
  - Integrative Behavioral Health Continuum: Emphasizing peer-directed services as part of a comprehensive behavioral health model.
- Mental Health Priorities:
  - Housing support services and access to affordable housing
  - Childcare services
  - Children's intensive services (including inpatient care)
  - A full spectrum of intensive services (including peer respite services, stabilization, and inpatient services)
- SUD Priorities:
  - Housing support services and access to affordable housing
  - Childcare services
  - A full spectrum of intensive services (including withdrawal management, stabilization, and residential services)

**SUD Summit-Identified Gaps/Needs:**

1. MAT Detox Locally, dual detox locally/more local detox beds
2. Transportation
3. Safe use sites/more harm reduction
4. Discrimination or stigma from providers/community partners
5. More funding for peers/direct service staff
6. Lack of youth inpatient services

**Training Priorities Identified in 2024:**

1. Behavioral Health System Changes
2. Behavioral Health Crisis Response for First Responders and Law Enforcement
3. Community-focused Behavioral Health Trainings
4. Trauma Sensitivity
5. Youth-focused Trainings

**FYSPRT Needs Assessment Priorities**

1. Community engagement to share about local behavioral health services and supports
2. Making behavioral health training for community members more accessible
3. Outreach to diverse communities

## Opioid Response Community Survey

The Opioid Response Community Survey is currently underway. Preliminary response data indicates the following priorities as being consistently identified.

1. Making it easier and quicker for people at risk of OUD to access care and support.
2. Expanding and improving treatment services for people with OUD
3. Strengthening support for people currently in treatment or recovery from OUD

*Staff provided an overview of the history and primary functions of Salish BHASO, as well as previously identified priorities.*

*Question about the impact from the discontinuation of ARPA funding in September 2025 on existing SBHASO programs. ARPS has been used to supplement the crisis system, outpatient services, and provide some additional supportive services.*

*Question about the exclusion of recovery housing from the list of SUD Summit-identified gaps. Housing was recognized as a regional need; however, SBHASO's housing scope is limited, and the focus was placed on addressing system gaps within its purview.*

*Advisory Board member Lori Fleming shared that recently identified priorities in Jefferson County centered around integrated or co-located behavioral health and primary care for underserved populations, including the potential for medical respite and transitional housing for individuals exiting hospital, behavioral health, or detox programs. Funding, leadership changes, and agency bandwidth were taken into consideration as potential barriers. It was noted that strategic planning is essential to developing a pilot program that maximizes community benefit while also benefiting rural hospitals.*

*Discussion around co-response models, including a Mason County Community Paramedic program wherein primary care and behavioral health providers conduct home/community visits for self-referred individuals, offering substance use disorder assessments and extending care beyond the initial evaluation. Discussion of co-response models in Kitsap County, including former DCR co-response in Kitsap County and CARES. Staff noted work at the State level to engage ASOs in standardization of co-response programs.*

*Commissioner Ozias recommended identifying specific follow-up actions or areas of focus for Staff, the Advisory Board, and Executive Board to ensure clarity on the respective roles of each group when establishing and implementing a strategic plan.*

*Discussion around understanding Salish BHASO's unique role in providing a regional perspective for community interventions, noting the potential for SBHASO to connect resources across different partners and counties that individual agencies cannot achieve alone. Comment regarding fiscal support for Advisory Board members to attend outside meetings and educational opportunities to support future work.*

*Plan to continue discussions on priorities, including expanding existing partnerships to support crisis enhancement needs, and ensuring funding alignment while avoiding duplication. Board members are encouraged to send additional thoughts and ideas to Staff as they arise following today's meeting.*

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Kate Jasonowicz expressed gratitude for Sandy Goodwick.



## GOOD OF THE ORDER

- None.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Consensus for adjournment at 11:14 am

## ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS	STAFF	GUESTS
<b>Executive Board Members Present:</b>	Jolene Kron, SBHASO Executive Director	Jenny Oppelt, Clallam County Health & Human Services
Commissioner Mark Ozias	Doug Washburn, Human Services Director	Bella B, Western Washington University
Commissioner Heather Dudley-Nollette	Amy Browning, SBHASO Clinical Manager	Nanine Nicolette, Office of Behavioral Health Advocacy
<b>Excused:</b>	Ileea Clauson, SBHASO Director of Operations	Kate Jasonowicz, Community Health Plan of Washington
Commissioner Christine Rolfes	Nicole Oberg, SBHASO Executive Assistant	
Celeste Schoenthaler	Kelsey Clary, SBHASO Outreach Program Manager	
<b>Advisory Board Members Present:</b>	Dani Repp, SBHASO IS Manager	
Helen Havens	Oluwadamilola Ladejobi, SBHASO Data & Quality	
Kathryn Harrer	Matt Carlin, SBHASO Fiscal Analyst	
Dep. Casey Jinks	Jessie Parsons, SYNC Program Coordinator &	
Lori Fleming	Danielle Jenkel, SYNC Program Coordinator	
Mary Beth Lagenaur		
Naomi Levine		
Stormy Howell		
<b>Excused:</b>		
Diane Pfeifle		

**NOTE:** These meeting notes are not verbatim.