



Salish Behavioral Health
Administrative Services Organization

**SALISH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATIVE
SERVICES ORGANIZATION**

**ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING**

DATE: Friday, September 19, 2025
TIME: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
LOCATION: Cedar Room, 7 Cedars Hotel
270756 Hwy 101, Sequim, WA 98382

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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)
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ACRONYMS

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



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Action Items

A. REAPPOINTMENT OF HELEN HAVENS

The current term for Helen Havens ends on November 30, 2025. Helen has expressed interest in volunteering to serve on the Advisory Board for another term.

Helen has an extensive background supporting individuals with Substance Use Disorder and Co-Occurring Disorders. She has served on the Salish BHASO Advisory Board representing Kitsap County for several years. She also represents Salish BHASO on the Kitsap County Mental Health, Chemical Dependency and Therapeutic Court Community Advisory Committee.

Staff seeks the Advisory Board's recommendation regarding Helen Haven's reappointment. Recommendations will be presented to the Executive Board for final approval at the October 17, 2025 meeting.

B. APPOINTMENT OF ADVISORY BOARD CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Section 7.a of the Salish BHASO Advisory Board Bylaws calls for the annual election of the Board chairperson and vice chairperson for a term beginning January 1 and ending December 31 of the calendar year following election.

Stormy Howell currently serves as the Salish BHASO Advisory Board Chair. Lori Fleming currently serves as Vice Chair.

Staff requests recommendations or volunteers from the Board for Chair and Vice Chair for 2026.

Informational Items

A. SALISH BHASO CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Staff will provide an overview of Salish BHASO administered Children's programs, including Children's Longterm Inpatient Program (CLIP), Family Youth System Partner Round Table (FYSPRT), and Salish Youth Network Collaborative (SYNC).

CLIP (Children's Longterm Inpatient Program)

CLIP is the most intensive inpatient psychiatric treatment available to WA State residents, serving youth, ages 5-17 years of age. CLIP treatment is funded by Federal and State Medicaid dollars. Private insurance and other income sources can be billed

if applicable. There are four CLIP programs with a total of 109 beds across Washington State.

The CLIP program consists of two components. Involuntary CLIP is applicable to youth already in facilities. Voluntary CLIP is under the coordination requirement of ASOs.

The Salish BHASO is the regional convener of the CLIP committee. The Salish CLIP Committee reviews referrals for voluntary CLIP treatment for youth under age 13 whose parents consent to CLIP treatment and youth over 13 that consent to CLIP treatment. There is a separate pathway for youth over age 13 that require involuntary CLIP treatment.

The Salish regional CLIP committee meets monthly, at a minimum of six times a year, to review referrals for CLIP treatment. During the committee meeting, the youth, family, and treatment providers provide a presentation of the youth's needs. The presentation is facilitated by the MCO liaison, if the youth has MCO benefits, or the Salish CLIP Liaison if the youth does not. The committee members conduct a vote to determine whether CLIP treatment is recommended. The Washington CLIP Administration makes the final determination of whether CLIP treatment is approved.

The Salish CLIP committee includes representation from regional behavioral health providers, youth serving professionals, representatives from regional Managed Care Organizations, and a parent with lived experience.

The Salish Children's Program Manager serves as the CLIP Liaison. The SBH-ASO CLIP Liaison also arranges the CLIP Committee meetings, referrals, consultations and SBH-ASO CLIP Committee Agreements.

FYSPRT (Family Youth System Partner Round Table)

The Salish BHASO is the regional convener for FYSPRT. FYSPRT brings together families, youth, system partners, and community members to work on improving behavioral health services and support for children, youth, and their families. FYSPRT acts as a sounding board for all the people involved in the care of young people who have developmental, emotional, and/or behavioral issues. FYSPRT creates spaces where opinions can be heard and ideas shared, resulting in better care for individuals and healthier communities.

The Salish BHASO convenes the regional FYSPRT committee, hosting at minimum 10 FYSPRT meetings a year and quarterly family fun outreach events, maintaining a website, and supporting engagement in Statewide FYSPRT advocacy. The Salish BHASO provides compensation and reimbursement to FYSPRT participants for FYSPRT meetings, events, outreach activities, training events, travel, and childcare.

SYNC (Salish Youth Network Collaborative)

SYNC seeks to address challenges experienced by youth with complex behavioral health needs through referral, coordination, and support. The program can serve all children/youth regardless of insurance benefits. Salish BHASO volunteered for the

first phase of implementation of the Youth Behavioral Health Navigator Program, implementing the SYNC program in August of 2023.

SYNC provides coordination and support through information and referral, coordination, and convenes multidisciplinary team meetings (MDTs) to address the needs of youth with complex behavioral health needs. The SYNC program is currently supported by a SYNC Coordinator and is supervised by the Salish BHASO Children's Program Supervisor, who serves as the SYNC Program Supervisor.

The SYNC Program is responsible for establishing and strengthening collaborative communication, mapping existing services, and improving service coordination to develop a responsive, robust system of care for youth and their families within Clallam, Jefferson, and Kitsap Counties. SYNC staff convene a regional steering committee and maintain a website with community resources.

B. ADVISORY BOARD TRAVEL REQUEST FORM

Salish BHASO Advisory Board members may receive reimbursement for expenses incurred by engaging in Board activities, including attendance at community events, conferences, and trainings. Travel requests can be submitted using the new online form: [BH Advisory Board Travel Request Form](#).

Staff will provide a tutorial of the online travel request form.

C. ADVISORY BOARD DIRECTED FUNDING

Washington Health Care Authority has dedicated funding in recent contracts specifically to support Behavioral Health Advisory Boards. This funding is intended to provide support and access for board members to attend meetings, participate in community events, and engage in training.

Salish BHASO would like to discuss how to align spending of this funding with board priorities.

D. OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVOCACY (OBHA) UPDATES

Nanine Nicolette will provide an update on behalf of the Office of Behavioral Health Advocacy.

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

**Friday, July 18, 2025
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Hybrid Meeting
Bay/Blyn Room, 7 Cedars Hotel
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CALL TO ORDER –Stormy Howell, SBHASO Behavioral Advisory Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 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 –

Recommendation to add action item for approval of Advisory Board applicant Renee Hernandez Greenfield.

MOTION: Helen Havens moved to approve the agenda as amended. Naomi Levine seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL of MINUTES –

MOTION: Lori Fleming moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented for the May 16, 2025 Advisory Board meeting. Naomi Levine seconded the motion. Motion carried with one abstention.

ACTION ITEMS

➤ **APPROVAL OF RENEE HERNANDEZ GREENFIELD**

In April 2025 SBHASO received an Advisory Board application from Renee Hernandez Greenfield to serve as a representative for Kitsap County. Renee was interviewed by SBHASO Administrator Jolene Kron and Advisory Board Chair Stormi Howell.

MOTION: Mary Beth moved to recommend the appointment of Renee Hernandez Greenfield to the Salish Behavioral Health Administrative Services Advisory Board. Helen Havens seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommendation to appoint Renee Hernandez Greenfield to the Salish BHASO Advisory Board will be presented to the Executive Board for final approval.

➤ **BLOCK GRANT PLANS**

Salish BHASO receives federal block grant funding through the Washington Health Care Authority (HCA) revenue contract. This funding has specific parameters and is provided for mental health under the Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG) and the Substance Use Prevention Treatment and Recovery Services (SUPTRS) block grant, previously called SABG. Block grant plans are completed annually and submitted to HCA for approval. This approval includes a letter from the Advisory Board in support of the plans for each ASO. The plans may be revised and resubmitted as needed.

The MHBG plan provides funding for the crisis system and transportation. Crisis services include crisis hotline and interpreter services. The plan format from HCA includes crisis services under the “Acute Intensive Services” category. The MHBG plan also identifies an estimate of the number of people to be served in each category. SBH-ASO Administration allowance is also included. Allocations are in line with the previous 6-month allocation. MHBG Co-Responder is a required category, and the allocation amount is pre-set by the Health Care Authority.

SUPTRS Plans Include:

PPW (Pregnant and Parenting Women) Outreach is a required category for all SUPTRS plans. A significant amount of funding is allocated for crisis services, which is categorized under “brief intervention” on this template. Brief intervention includes mobile crisis outreach services.

Interim services is a required category of all SUPTRS Plans. This line item is limited as there has not historically been a need for interim services in the Salish region. Therapeutic Intervention Services for Children is also a required category and specifically intended for services to children in residential facilities serving Pregnant and Parenting Women (PPW).

Funding is also allocated to both Sub-Acute Withdrawal Management and Intensive Inpatient Residential Treatment which are line items under the “Out of Home Residential Services” category.

Under the “Recovery Supports” category, the following line items are allocated funding: Transportation for PPW, Transportation, and Childcare Services. Both Transportation for PPW and Childcare Services are required categories.

Under “Other SABG activities” funding is allocated for Interpreter Services and SBH-ASO Administrative allowance. SUPTRS Co-Responder is a required category, and the allocation amount is pre-set by the Health Care Authority.

ARPA block grants are ending effective September 30, 2025. ARPA is the continuation of COVID block grants that have been in place since 2020. SBHASO is working to complete spend out of these funds.

MOTION: Stormy Howell moved to approve the Salish Behavioral Health Administrative Services Block Grant Plans as presented for July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026. Helen Havens seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Review of slides outlining recommended MHBG and SUPTRS allocation.

Discussion focused on proactive planning for future funding fluctuation, particularly as ARPA funds are set to end in September 2025. Board members raised concerns about potential shallow spots in funding and the need for priority setting in January. The conversation also touched on data tracking across counties and the importance of understanding various funding sources and their potential intersections.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

➤ **SALISH BHASO SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PROGRAMS**

Staff will provide a detailed overview of Salish BHASO administered substance use disorder programs, including types of services and funding sources.

Types of Services include:

- Withdrawal Management
- Outpatient Treatment
- Residential Treatment
- Secure withdrawal management and stabilization (SWMS)

Funding Sources include:

- Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA)
- Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services (SUPTRS) Block Grant
- General Fund State (GFS)

Discussion regarding the complexities of substance use disorder services, particularly the challenges of providing treatment for youth. Board members raised questions about the lack of youth-specific secure withdrawal management facilities in Washington state and the implications for involuntary treatment. The conversation also explored funding sources, particularly the Criminal Justice Treatment Account (CJTA), and how different funding streams intersect to support individuals with substance use disorders.

➤ **SALISH BHASO BRANDING AND NEW LOGO**

As Salish BHASO continues to be more out-facing, we needed to upgrade the current market materials as we progress as an organization. Our previous logo was created internally and was not versatile in the ability to manipulate the image for our business purposes. SBHASO worked with a designer to provide a selection of proofs. Staff then determined the final version presented here today.



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➤ **OFFICE OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVOCACY (OBHA) UPDATES**

Nanine Nicolette will provide an update on behalf of the Office of Behavioral Health Advocacy (OBHA).

OBHA had 10 active cases from the Salish region between May – July 2025. No formal grievances were filed. Trends included concerns from individuals about regaining access to behavioral health services following termination. Recovery navigators and other peer support have played an important role in helping individuals re-enter services.

Recent feedback from peers included the need for more mental health training, particularly Mental Health First Aid (MHFA), as well as a need for more in-field SUD assessments. Nanine also noted that the Olympic Connect care hub has been a good resource for providing individuals with resources and addressing broader needs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Naomi Levine announced the expansion of the UW Medicine Telebuprenorphine Hotline into Salish region. This expansion will connect individuals to more regionally specific resources.

The role of the Opioid Abatement Council (OAC) was briefly discussed, as well as recent conversation at the Executive Board meeting around improving regional awareness and cross-county information sharing.

ADJOURNMENT – Consensus for adjournment at 12:02 pm

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS	STAFF	GUESTS
<i>Present:</i>	Jolene Kron, SBHASO Executive Director	Erin Martin, Kitsap County Community Member

Lori Fleming	Ileea Clauson, SBHASO Director of Operations	Jason Buchannan, Kitsap County Community Member
Mary Beth Lagenaur	Nicole Oberg, SBHASO Executive Assistant	Renee Hernandez Greenfield, Kitsap County Community Member
Helen Havens	Kristina Didricksen, SBHASO Contract Specialist	Nanine Nicolette, Office of Behavioral Health Advocacy (OBHA)
Naomi Levine		Kate Jasonowicz, Community Health Plan of Washington (CHPW)
Diane Pfeifle		
Stormy Howell		

NOTE: These meeting notes are not verbatim.