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ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

DATE: May 15, 2026

TIME: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

LOCATION: Hybrid – Bay/Blyn Room, 7 Cedars Hotel
270756 US-101, Sequim, WA 98382

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Agenda

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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
5. Approval of SBH-ASO Advisory Board Meeting Minutes for March 20, 2026 (Attachment 5)
6. Action Items
 - a. Recommendation for Appointment of Sherriff Andy Pernsteiner
7. Informational Items
 - a. April 2026 Youth Summit Recap
 - b. Kitsap County Behavioral Health System Assessment
 - c. Office of Behavioral Health Advocacy (OBHA) Updates
8. Opportunity for Public Comment (limited to 3 minutes each)
9. Adjournment



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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
BH-ASO	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	SUPTRS	Substance Use Prevention Treatment and Recovery Services
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 SBH-ASO
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. RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF SHERRIFF ANDY PERNSTEINER

The Salish BH-ASO Advisory Board Membership includes 3 representatives from each county and 2 Tribal Representatives. Current appointments include:

- Clallam County: Mary Beth Lagenaur, Molly Barnes, and 1 vacancy
- Jefferson County: 3 vacancies
- Kitsap County: Helen Havens, Naomi Levine, and Renee Hernandez Greenfield
- Tribal Representative: Stormy Howell and Morgan Allen

In April 2026 SBH-ASO received an Advisory Board application from Sherriff Andy Pernsteiner to serve as a representative for Jefferson County.

Sheriff Pernsteiner has served Jefferson County in law enforcement for 28 years. His experience includes extensive work with individuals experiencing mental health and substance use challenges, along with long-standing involvement in multiple community and public-service organizations. He has received ongoing training throughout his career related to behavioral health and has direct insight into system needs through his leadership of the county jail.

Informational Items

A. APRIL 2026 YOUTH SUMMIT RECAP

On April 29th, 2026, Salish BH-ASO hosted Strengthening Youth Behavioral Health: A Community Conversation. 47 people attended and represented a wide variety of youth-serving community partners from across the region including individuals from child welfare, education, juvenile justice, social services, community organizations, public health, managed care organizations, and community behavioral health agencies.

Participants engaged in collaborative conversations to identify key challenges facing youth in the Salish region, while also highlighting system strengths and increasing awareness of existing community programs and services. As a result of these group



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conversations, action steps emerged and there was a shared commitment to continued collaboration.

This group agreed to meet again in August, and then regularly thereafter. Salish BH-ASO will facilitate these events and will also extend invitations to additional youth-serving community partners to increase representation and participation.

B. KITSAP COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM ASSESSMENT

Kitsap 1/10th Committee completed a Behavioral Health System Assessment in 2026. The full report is pending. The report synthesized quantitative data, provider and community surveys, and key information interview to identify themes with Kitsap County. These identified included care coordination and system navigation; accessibility; housing and homelessness; and youth behavioral health services. Staff will provide an overview of the information available.

C. 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, March 20, 2026

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

**Alderwood Room, Jamestown S’Klallam Tribal Center
1033 Old Blyn Hwy, Sequim, WA 98382**

CALL TO ORDER –Stormy Howell, SBH-ASO Behavioral Advisory Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:07 am.

INTRODUCTIONS – Self introductions were conducted around the room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –

- Lori Fleming and Diane Pfeifle stepped down from the Board.
- Naomi Levine shared information about the Kitsap Public Health “Tough Love” campaign, a secondary/tertiary overdose prevention initiative that encourages people to show care and connection to those who use substances without stigma, judgment, or punishment. In Spanish, the tagline is adapted to “con amor” (with love). The campaign includes flyers, zines, and stickers to help community members offer support as neighbors and friends.

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

APPROVAL of AGENDA –

MOTION: Renee Hernandez Greenfield moved to approve the agenda as presented. Molly Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL of MINUTES –

MOTION: Naomi Levine moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented for the December 5, 2025 Combined Executive and Advisory Board meeting. Mary Beth Lagenaur seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

➤ **REAPPOINTMENT OF MARY BETH LAGENAUR**

The current term for Mary Beth Lagenaur ends on April 1, 2026. Mary Beth has expressed interest in volunteering to serve on the Advisory Board for another term.

She has served on the Salish BH-ASO Advisory Board representing Clallam County since 2023.

Staff seeks the Advisory Board’s recommendation regarding Mary Beth Lagenaur’s

reappointment. Recommendations will be presented to the Executive Board for final approval at the May 15, 2026 meeting.

MOTION: Molly Barnes moved to recommend the reappointment of Mary Beth Lagenaur to the Salish Behavioral Health Administrative Services Advisory Board for a three-year term from April 1, 2026 – March 30, 2029. Helen Havens seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

➤ **RECOMMENDATION FOR APPOINTMENT OF DIOSELÍN GONZALEZ**

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- Jefferson County: Diane Pfeifle, Lori Fleming, and 1 vacancy
- Kitsap County: Helen Havens, Naomi Levine, and Renee Hernandez Greenfield
- Tribal Representative: Stormy Howell and Morgan Allen

In December 2025 SBH-ASO received an Advisory Board application from Dioselín Gonzalez to serve as a representative for Clallam County.

Ms. Gonzalez has post-graduate training in public policy and governance, with experience supporting policy development and engagement with governmental partners. She is a committed advocate for mental health services and is interested in deepening her understanding of, and contribution to, the Salish region's service delivery.

Ms. Gonzalez was interviewed by SBH-ASO Administrator Jolene Kron and Advisory Board Chair Stormy Howell.

MOTION: Helen Havens moved to recommend the appointment of Dioselin Gonzalez to the Salish Behavioral Health Administrative Services Advisory Board as a representative of Clallam County. Morgan Allen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Advisory Board recommendation for reappointment will be presented for approval at the next Executive Board meeting.

➤ **RFP SUBCOMMITTEE FOR R.E.A.L. PROGRAM**

Salish BH-ASO's Recovery Navigator Program, R.E.A.L. (Recovery, Empowerment, Advocacy, and Linkage), has provided community-based outreach, assessment, and service connection through five teams across the region: two in Kitsap County, two in Clallam County, and one in Jefferson County. The R.E.A.L. program has been operational across the region since December of 2022.

The Recovery Navigator Program has been identified as an area of increased efficiency. The program took a 20 percent reduction in the last legislative session and is anticipated to take an additional 10 percent cut in the current legislative session. SBH-ASO supplements this program with General Fund-State to support the current infrastructure. It has been determined that program efficiencies can be increased by reducing teams to one per county. This will allow for better streamlining

without a reduction in the services being provided. The change in structure will increase the size of a single team and streamline the positions to better meet program needs. SBH-ASO released a request for proposal to determine which of the two teams in Kitsap and Clallam will continue with this program. This RFP is only open to existing R.E.A.L. Teams. The contract change will be effective July 1, 2026.

Staff is seeking volunteers for an RFP Subcommittee to review proposals and make recommendations to the Executive Board on behalf of the Advisory Board. Volunteers must be available to complete an independent review of proposals between April 10, 2026 and May 1, 2026. Volunteers must also be available to participate in an RFP review conference in person on a date to be determined between May 1, 2026 and May 12, 2026.

MOTION: Stormy Howell moved to appoint Helen Havens, Renee Hernandez Greenfield, and Molly Barnes to the R.E.A.L. Program RFP Subcommittee.

Helen Havens, Renee Hernandez Greenfield, and Molly Barnes volunteered to serve on the R.E.A.L. RFP Subcommittee.

May 12, 2026 was tentatively scheduled for an in-person R.E.A.L. RFP review conference. Salish Staff will contact volunteers to provide RFP materials and further coordination.

➤ **BLOCK GRANT PLANS**

Salish BH-ASO will present updated Block Grant plans for January 1, 2026 through June 30, 2026 and seeks the Board's approval of these plans. Current plans align with the approved budget and identified priorities.

Mental Health Block Grant (MHBG)

The MHBG plan provides funding for residential treatment and outpatient treatment services. The plan also includes funding for supports including transportation and interpreter services. The MHBG plan 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 Advisory Board priorities. MHBG Co-Responder is a required category, and the allocation amount is pre-set by the Health Care Authority.

Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services (SUPTRS)

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 for 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 allocated to sub-acute withdrawal management, Intensive Inpatient Residential Treatment, and general outpatient treatment. Funding has also been

allocated for outreach services for R.E.A.L. Team enhancements.

Under the “Recovery Supports” category, the following line items are allocated funding: Transportation for PPW, Transportation, and high-risk services and support. Both Transportation for PPW and Transportation are required categories.

Under the “Other SUPTRS activities” funding is allocated to 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

MOTION: Naomi Levine moved to approve the Salish BH-ASO Mental Health Block Grant plans for January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026 as presented. Molly Barnes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Mary Beth Lagenaur moved to approve the Salish BH-ASO Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant plans for January 1, 2026 – June 30, 2026 as presented. Renee Hernandez Greenfield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion centered around whether the proposed reallocations increasing outpatient and peer support line items would help sustain and strengthen existing services for under- and uninsured individuals.

Board members asked clarifying questions about whether these outpatient dollars would maintain existing programs versus create new ones, how agencies would identify and fill gaps, and how SUPTRS requirements for pregnant/parenting women, transportation, childcare, and naloxone projects are being met within the revised allocations.

➤ **TRAINING RECOMMENDATIONS**

In May 2024, the Salish BH-ASO Advisory Board identified the following top five training priorities for the region:

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

Since adoption of these priorities, Salish BH-ASO has expanded training availability for providers, partners, and community members in alignment with these areas.

Provider and Community Training Efforts in 2025:

- March 2025 Introduction to Emotional CPR Community Training
- May 2025 1st Annual Washington State Deflection and Diversion Summit
- June 2025 Reentry Simulation in partnership with Kitsap Strong, Up From Slavery Initiative, All Hands Whatcom, and the WA State Secretary of State
- On-demand virtual trainings through Change Company
- Regional Crisis System Trainings for Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams

- Suicide Awareness Training
- Substance Use Quarterly Meeting Panels o Transportation (February 2025)
- Housing (May 2025)
- Peer Services (February 2026)

Additional training efforts are anticipated for 2026, including:

- 2nd Annual Washington State Deflection & Diversion Summit
- Stigma Education for Law Enforcement and Hospitals

Training recommendations should be based, as indicated above, on the 2024 Board-adopted priorities, training efforts already completed, and regional needs.

Salish BH-ASO requests Advisory Board recommendations for trainings to sponsor in 2026 that serve the community, support the Salish BH-ASO provider network, and engage stakeholders across the behavioral health spectrum. There is designated funding available to support 2026 training efforts.

The Board recommended prioritizing 2026 trainings that provide community conversations and adult-to-adult support sessions, community-focused “Behavioral Health 101” and stigma-reduction/“how to talk about it” trainings (e.g., QPR, CALM, MHFA, eCPR, NAMI), and business-focused behavioral health and resource trainings, delivered in partnership with local organizations.

Discussion around youth-focused trainings emphasized early intervention and parent/caregiver education, including how to talk with children about substance use and recognize mental health and developmental concerns early, with likely partnership through existing prevention programs. Board members also highlighted needs for school/teacher trainings on youth mental health and substance use, and youth rights and privacy education (especially ages 13–17) to help both youth and parents understand consent and confidentiality in behavioral health care.

Formal vote deferred; Board agreed to Staff determination of available trainings within priority areas with plan to report back at a future meeting.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

➤ **COLLECTIVE IMPACT FORUM WORKSHOP DISCUSSION**

Naomi Levine recently attended a workshop hosted by the Collective Impact Forum entitled, “The Pursuit of Systems Change: Balancing Today’s Needs and Long Term Impact”. Naomi will share information and takeaways gathered with the Board.

The Collective Impact Forum workshop centered around frameworks for systems-change, and focused on how sustainable change requires aligning policy and resource shifts with relationship-building, attention to power dynamics, and shifts in underlying “mental models.” Naomi shared a framework for navigating rapid change and uncertainty (protecting, resisting, building, and bridging), noting it as being particularly relevant to current behavioral health work.

➤ **ADVISORY BOARD TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES DISCUSSION**

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.

There are forms available for Board members to submit training and reimbursement requests. A list of potential trainings is attached.

Link to Travel Request Form: [BH Advisory Board Travel Request Form](#)

Link to Reimbursement Form: [BH Advisory Board Reimbursement Form](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Stephanie Akin, Reflections Counseling Services Group, provided an update on the stigma training effort for hospitals. She reported that the team is meeting on Monday and hopes to finalize the hospital-focused curriculum and return it to Nicole. She noted that the team’s primary challenge is making connections with hospitals in order to present the training and requested that any board members with hospital contacts help connect the team so they can offer these presentations.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Jolene Kron provided an update on the work groups formed out of the Substance Use Disorder Summit
- The Salish BH-ASO Executive and Advisory Board strategic planning work group is scheduled to meet in person on April 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Ironwood Room at Red Cedar Hall. The purpose of this meeting is to begin developing the agenda for the May 15 joint meeting and to move strategic planning efforts forward.

ADJOURNMENT – Consensus for adjournment at 11:56 am.

ATTENDANCE

BOARD MEMBERS	STAFF	GUESTS
<i>Present:</i>	Jolene Kron, SBH-ASO Executive Director	Nanine Nicolette, Office of Behavioral Health Advocacy (OBHA)
Stormy Howell, Chair	Nicole Oberg, SBH-ASO Executive Assistant	Dioselín Gonzalez, Clallam County
Naomi Levine, Vice Chair		Stephanie Akin, Reflections Counseling Services Group

Morgan Allen		G'Nell Ashley, Reflections Counseling Services Group
Molly Barnes		Kate Jasonowicz, Community Health Plan of Washington (CHPW)
Mary Beth Lagenaur		Amanda Zahler, Molina Healthcare
Helen Havens		
Renee Hernandez Greenfield		
Excused:		

NOTE: These meeting notes are not verbatim.