

TO: Stephanie Wright, Chair, Snohomish County Council

FROM: Dave Somers, Snohomish County Executive

DATE:

**SUBJECT: Appointment to North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services
Organization Advisory Board**

I am pleased to recommend the appointment of Michele Meaker to the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization Advisory Board for an initial three-year term commencing upon appointment.

The North Sound BH-ASO Advisory Board advocates for the interests of mentally ill persons and their families and substance use disorder persons, and provides recommendations to the North Sound BHO Board of Directors, consisting of elected officials from Island, San Juan, Skagit, Whatcom, and Snohomish Counties. The Advisory Board is comprised of twenty-six (26) members, nine (9) from Snohomish County.

Ms. Meaker has been an advocate for public health and mental health services for the majority of her career. Ms. Meaker is the former Executive Director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Eastside, providing a vital link between public mental health providers and the community at large. Ms. Meaker resides in Council District #2 and is applying for an initial three-year term commencing upon appointment.

Pursuant to SCC 2.03.030, I am pleased to recommend Michele Meaker for confirmation to the North Sound Behavioral Health Organization Advisory Board for an initial three-year term.

Thank you for your consideration.