



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Health and Community Services
ECAF: 2023-0408
Ordinance: 23-040

Analyst: Nicole Gorle
Date: April 20, 2023

Consideration:

Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Restated Joint County Authority BH-ASO Interlocal Operating Agreement.

Background:

The North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (NSBH-ASO) contracts with the Washington State Health Care Authority to provide crisis related services due to mental illness or substance abuse. Services are provided to individuals within the five participating counties: Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish and Whatcom County.

The Board of Directors for the NSBH-ASO is comprised of elected officials from the five participating counties. The Board of Directors meets monthly, and prior to Covid meetings were in person. During Covid, the Governor enacted rules¹ that allowed governing bodies to meet and vote remotely. The rule enacted during Covid is no longer in effect, therefore meetings must return to in person or an amendment be made to the operating agreement to allow for remote participation.

Current Proposal:

Scope: Amend section 7.7 of the existing agreement to allow the Board of Directors to participate in person and remotely, compared to only in person. Designated alternates are still allowed to vote in the absence of their board member.

Duration: Life of contract

Fiscal Impact: None

2023 Budget: No

Future Budget Impact: No

Handling: Normal

Approved-as-to-form: No

Risk Management: Yes

Executive Recommendation: Approve

Request: Move to Administrative Matters on GLS May 3rd to set time and date for a public hearing on May 24th at 10:30 a.m.

¹ Emergency Proclamation 20-28