

Regular Meeting  
August 28, 2019

MINUTES

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:**

Meeting was called to order at 9:02 am

Board Members:

- Kevin Shutty, BOCC
- Patricia Dean, Behavioral Health Organization (BHO)
- Marilyn Vogler, Citizen
- Beau Bakken, Citizen
- Peggy VanBuskirk, MC Board of Health
- Eric Onisko, Council, City of Shelton
- Randy Olson, Citizen

Staff Members:

- Lydia Buchheit, MC Public Health
- Casey Bingham, MC Public Health
- Todd Parker, MC Public Health

Guest Presenters:

- Mark Freedman, CEO, BHO
- Lara Toney, BHO

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Eric Onisko and seconded by Marilyn Vogler to approve the agenda.  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Eric Onisko and seconded by Marilyn Vogler to approve the regular minutes from July 24, 2019 meeting. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## 5. HOUSING:

### a. HOMES FIRST UPDATE:

The single-family home has been vacant since October 2018. The duplex, also under this contract project with Mason County, had questions raised about Homes First policies around proof of required income for occupancy.

There was a discussion on next steps on contract compliance due to extended vacancy times and income policies for duplex tenants. **See action item # 2**

### b. 2060 AWARDS-RECOMMENDATIONS ON PERFORMANCE MEASURES

There was a discussion on what needs to be added to the contracts and performance measures. The board agreed with the performance measure process Public Health is following - if it is a building/construction project then licensed contractor, permitting and inspections. If services are provided, then outcomes from the services will be formatted as contract deliverables.

### c. 5- YEAR PLAN

The needs assessment needs updated, where are the gaps? We also need to know what housing stock there is and the number of single occupancy rooms, and multifamily homes.

Is there any way to request that the city/county change some building regulations and adjust fees to help with housing? **See action item #3**

## 6. BEHAVIOR HEALTH-TREATMENT SALES TAX:

The board will review annual reports from the Behavioral Health Agencies at the September 25, 2019 meeting. **See Action #5**

The BHO is losing about 30% of the non-Medicaid funding so services will be more limited in 2020. Still not clear at this time what services will be lost. **See Action item #4**

Olympic Health Recovery is currently providing mental health service at the Mason County Jail and are looking into developing peer counseling services. A presentation about the intensive case management and true blood programs was provided by the BHO.

Staff handed out a report of Treatment sales Tax revenue and fund balance from 2011-2018 for board to review. **See Action item #6**

## 7. ADJOURN:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

## 8. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: SEPTEMBER 25, 2019

**Action Items:**

- 1. Todd will invite Dr. Stein to attend the next meeting**
- 2. Pursue legal advice for the Homes First Contract and bring information back to the board.**
- 3. Board to review the objectives and strategies in the 5-year plan and get back to Todd with any input. The board to emphasize the “recommendations to the state” section and help summarize the top priorities that will have the greatest impact on reducing homelessness.**
- 4. BHO to provide a BHO to MCO transition plan to the advisory board so they can evaluate what services will continue and where gaps may be created to help with future funding decisions.**
- 5. Review annual reports from the Behavioral Health Agencies**
- 6. Review TST revenue & budgets handout from 2012-2018**