

Regular Meeting  
March 24, 2021

MINUTES

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

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 am

**Board Members:**

- Kevin Shutty, BOCC
- Beau Bakken, Citizen
- Eric Onisko, Council, City of Shelton
- Peggy VanBuskirk, MC Board of Health
- Mark Freedman, Administrative Service Organization (ASO)
- Cappy Shapiro, Citizen
- Ray Olson, Citizen

**Staff Members/Guests:**

- Lydia Buchheit, MC Public Health
- Abe Gardner, MC Public Health
- Dr. Jim States, Area Command
- Joe Avalos, Olympic Health & Recovery Services
- Casey Bingham, MC Public Health

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

**3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Motion was made by Eric Onisko and seconded by Peggy Van Buskirk to approve the agenda.  
**Motion carried unanimously.**

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:**

Motion was made by Peggy Van Buskirk and seconded by Eric Onisko to approve the regular minutes from February 2021. **Motion carried unanimously.**

**5. OLYMPIC HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICE (OHRS):**

BHO-Behavioral Health Organization changes to ASO- Administrative Service Organization. There has been an overall increase in crisis services since the beginning of the pandemic. In 2021 the average number a call a month is 2200. Involuntary treatment has also increased by 23% in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 2020.

There is a crisis system of care meeting that is the 1st Tuesday of the month. There are many stakeholders, and anyone can attend. Some topics are, transportation, legislation changes, RCW updates, agency updates. The group is looking for any support that they can get.

**6. TREATMENT SALES TAX:**

There was discussion at the last meeting about being short on funding, after looking the funding is fine, however we need to look at gaps and focus on those gaps. The crisis group may be able to help with where the gaps are and some ideas that will help. Next meeting the board will discuss gaps and funding ideas.

Would be interesting to see if there is any money saving with the new possession laws now in effect. Might be worth inviting Therapeutic Courts to the next meeting to discuss this.

**7. TREASURY RENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (T-RAP):**

Mason County was awarded \$3, 459, 027 that needs to be used by 12/31/2021. Discussion about if the board wants to subcontract to other agencies or keep the funds with the current agencies that have already been doing the rental assistance. It was discussed due to the timeline of the funding to keep with the already existing contracts and expand them, also to check in to PUD programs for help with COVID funding there as well.

**8. GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

Abe gave an update on the LEAD program. It is going well and making progress. There have been conversations regarding gaps in the system. Any thought and ideas regarding transportation and crisis response would be helpful.

**9. ADJOURN:**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 a.m.

**10. NEXT REGULAR MEETING: April 18, 2021 via Zoom**