

Regular Meeting Minutes
July 28, 2021

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Meeting was called to order at 9:01 am

Board Members:

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

Staff Members:

- Lydia Buchheit, MC Public Health
- Casey Bingham, MC Public Health
- Todd Parker, MC Public Health
- Shelly Belisle, MC Public Health
- Abe Gardner, MC Public Health

Guests/Public: None

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Motion was made by Eric Onisko, and seconded by Peggy VanBuskirk to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion was made by Peggy VanBuskirk and seconded by Eric Onisko to approve the regular minutes from June 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

5. MEETING TOPICS:

a. Guest Speakers:

Casey Bingham, Grant Budget Update: Casey shared a document with current Behavioral Health funds, Income & Expenses.

b. Overview 2- Year cycle- Todd Parker reviewed the grant subcontracting cycle and how we work with the partner agencies. He also showed a two-year timeline for board and staff tasks and will send out the spreadsheet to the board.

c. Behavioral Health:

- i. 1310—Update- Abe Gardner gave an update on the bill that changes the way law enforcement responds to certain calls, restricts response due to needing

proof of a law violation. Community is staying informed and meeting together to work on local response.

Mark Freedman shared the confusion in the State due to Behavioral Health impact of this bill. ASO is talking with State agencies about policies, amendments and/or interpretation needed. There is a significant reduction in Emergency department behavioral cases and empty beds in behavioral health treatment centers.

Beau Baaken-Fire fighter response without law enforcement response is real issue. Volume of calls have gone up significantly, shared some actual incidents they could not go out without law enforcement.

Board discussion.

- ii. Transportation Pilot Project Update- Abe updated the board that the proposal was briefed with the County Commissioners and a Request For Qualifications (RFQ) will be released in the next few weeks.

d. Homelessness and Housing:

- i. Community Lifeline—Overview of Federal, State and Local Funding to Support Community Lifeline- Todd reviewed some of the improvements and support the COVID-19 EHG, Local document recording fees and Shelton Program funding was and is accomplishing. Bed expansion capacity went from 28 to 51 beds. There are current staffing and other challenges, and Public Health is working with the Community Lifeline board to follow the progress.

HB 1590- Todd described the use of HB 1590. In 2020, the legislature passed HB 1590 bill that allows local government to implement by a vote of the council or commission a 1/10th of 1% sales tax increase to fund housing and behavioral health. Prior to this bill passing, this tax increase had to be submitted to voters for approval. Letters of support have been gather from other community organizations.

Action: Peggy VanBuskirk motioned to move to our county commissioners for a vote and Randy Olson seconded the motion. The vote was approved unanimously.

6. **GOOD OF THE ORDER:** Beau mentioned Gov Inslee is on soon to hear on COVID update. Request for Casey Bingham to share in an email with the ESG & TRAP funding spenddowns in place of next meeting. Todd asked if any board members wanted to attend the LiHi agency tour on August 13, 2021.
7. **CLOSURE-** Meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM
8. **NEXT MEETING—September 22, 2021**