

2021 Annual Report

Housing and Behavioral Health Advisory Board

Board Members:

- Kevin Shutt, Chair, Board of County Commissioners
- Eric Onisko, City of Shelton Council Member
- Peggy VanBuskirk, Board of Health
- Mark Freedman, Administrative Service Organization, Behavioral Health
- Cappy Shapiro, citizen member
- Randy Olsen, citizen member
- Beau Bakken, citizen member

The board met 10 times in the calendar year 2021.

Guest Speakers:

- Jim Morrell, CEO Peninsula Credit Union, Workforce Housing
- Kell Rowen, Community Development Administrator, Planning Commission Advisory Board overview
- Mark Freedman, CEO Administrative Service Organization (Behavioral Health) – discussed the transition in Medicaid Behavioral Health funding from Behavioral Health Organizations to Managed Care Organizations. Further discussed the role of Olympic Health and Recovery Services, licensed Behavioral Health Agency, and the services provided in Mason County.
- Dr. Jim States: Area Command Social Service Task Force update and overview
- Sharon Lee, Executive Director, Low Income Housing Institute (LIHI): Housing First and permanent supportive housing presentation
- Alex Paysse, Environmental Health Manager, provided an overview of RV living in Mason County
- Sam Badgley, Case Worker Therapeutic Courts: update on the house that provides shared living for a few of the program participants

Items supported by the Board and recommended to bring to the Board of County Commissioners

Homeless Crisis Response System:

- HB 1590: an additional one-tenth of one percent tax by councilmanic vote for development and operations of affordable housing for targeted subpopulations under 60% Area Median Income
- Approval to renew contracts for the homeless crisis response system
- Eviction Prevention Funding
- Housing Needs Assessment
- Amendment to Consolidated Homeless Grant for a Hotel/Motel Leasing and Rapid Rehousing Program
- A letter of support for the Workforce Housing project within the City of Shelton

Behavioral Health: Treatment Sales Tax

- Updated policies and procedures
- Use of funds to support a position within Public Health

- Use of funds to support a 0.5 FTE navigator position, shared with Olympic Health and Recovery Services in the LEAD program
- Renew contract with Northwest Resources and end the contract with Consejo Counseling
- Transportation Program