

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned To:
Originator: County Council		11/06/95		11/14/95	Council
Division Head:					
Dept. Head:					
Prosecutor:					
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:					

SUBJECT:

Administrative Changes in the North Sound Regional Support Network

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution

SUMMARY STATEMENT: *Please complete sections of box as appropriate & explain the item below.*

Related County Contract #:	Should clerk schedule a hearing? (Y/N) N	Requested Date:
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The proposed resolution would support transitioning 2 Area Resource Coordinator positions from that of county employees to employees of the central administration of the NSRSN. This change is proposed as a result of recommendations of the NSRSN Board of Directors in order to improve administrative management and service delivery.

CLERK'S RECOMMENDED MOTION (for final action):

I move to approve the resolution.

COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:

1995-441-
 11/14/95: Introduced
 11/28/95: Approve 7-0

Related File Numbers:

Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item only):

SPONSORED BY: HARRIS

PROPOSED BY: HARRIS

INTRODUCTION DATE: 11/14/95

1 RESOLUTION NO. 95-076

2 SUPPORTING CHANGES IN THE ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE
3 OF THE NORTH SOUND REGIONAL SUPPORT NETWORK

4 WHEREAS, the North Sound Regional Support Network (NSRSN) is a consortium
5 of Whatcom, Snohomish, Island, Skagit, and San Juan counties formed in 1989 to provide
6 mental health services on a regional basis; and

7 WHEREAS, over the past several years the administration of NSRSN operations has
8 been unsatisfactory, causing problems for service consumers and service providers alike; and

9 WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the NSRSN conducted extensive discussions
10 in regards to solving the administrative problems observed; and

11 WHEREAS, the Board of Directors secured the services of an independent
12 consultant to review operations and advise on possible solutions, and the result of that
13 review were recommendations that the central administrative operation of the regional
14 structure be strengthened in order to provide proper coordination and oversight in
15 operations; and

16 WHEREAS; the current operation of the NSRSN provides for a local "Area
17 Resource Coordinator" and a "Childrens Area Resource Coordinator" position in each
18 county, funded by an allocation of funds from the NSRSN to the counties for those
19 positions; and

20 WHEREAS, after review of the consultant's recommendations the members of the
21 Board of Directors determined that transfer of local Area Resource Coordinator positions
22 from the status of local county staff to regional staff would work towards the recommended
23 strengthening of administrative control and will help resolve existing operational problems;
24 and

25 WHEREAS, the Board of Directors further determined that this transfer of positions
26 should be made individually by each County, and recognizes that this change in personnel
27 and funding should be implemented in conjunction with adoption of budgets for 1996; and

28 WHEREAS, this proposal has been forwarded for discussion by Whatcom County
29 NSRSN representatives Larry Harris and Shirley Van Zanten to the Whatcom County


1 Mental Health Advisory Board, and that Board has indicated support for the concept of this
2 transfer of positions;

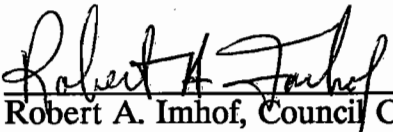
3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Whatcom County Council that the
4 transfer of the two Area Resource Coordinator positions to the administrative responsibility
5 of the North Sound Regional Support Network is appropriate and proper, and that necessary
6 steps should be taken to reflect this change in the 1996 Whatcom County Budget.
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8 APPROVED this 28 day of November, 1995.

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10 ATTEST:

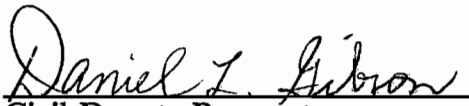
WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

11 
12 Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council


Robert A. Imhof, Council Chair

13 APPROVED AS TO FORM:

() Approved () Denied

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5 Civil Deputy Prosecutor