

CLEARANCES	<i>Initial</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Date Received in Council Office</i>	<i>Agenda Date</i>	<i>Assigned to:</i>
<i>Originator:</i>			RECEIVED JUL 22 1998 WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL	7/28/98	Council
<i>Division Head:</i>					
<i>Dept. Head:</i>	CRB	7/22/98			
<i>Prosecutor</i>	KAE	7/21/98			
<i>Purchasing/Budget:</i>					
<i>Executive:</i>					

SUBJECT:

Resolution supporting Sun Community Services and housing for the mentally ill

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution
Memo from Charles Benjamin regarding resolution.

Related County Contract #: _____ *Should Clerk schedule a hearing: NO / / YES / ___ / Requested Date:* _____

<p>SUMMARY STATEMENT:</p> <p><i>This resolution supports housing for the mentally through Sun Community Services.</i></p> <p>1998 - 304 7/28/98: Approved 6-0, Nelson absent, Resolution # 98-055</p>	Distribution Request	
	<i>Indicate those who should receive a copy after Council action. List specific names to the right.</i>	
	ADS Facilities Management	
	ADS Finance	
	ADS Human Resources	
	ADS Info Services	
	Assessor	
	Auditor	
	Cooperative Extension	
	District Court	
	Executive	
	Health	Chuck Benjamin & John Hooper
	Hearing Examiner	
	Jail	
	Juvenile	
	Parks	
	Planning	
	Prosecutor	
	Public Works	
	Sheriff	
Superior Court		
Treasurer		
Other		

Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item): RES # 98-055

SPONSORED BY: Barbara Brenner

PROPOSED BY: Charles Benjamin

INTRODUCTION DATE: 7/28/98

RESOLUTION NO. 98-055

SUPPORTING HOUSING FOR THE MENTALLY ILL

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Council is concerned about the availability of safe affordable housing for our mentally ill residents; and

WHEREAS, the Whatcom County Mental Health Advisory Board at it's July 20, 1998 Board meeting passed the following motion unanimously:

That the Whatcom County Mental Health Advisory Board is concerned about the timelines for corrective action established by the Mental Health Division (MHD) License Review team audit of Sun Community Services. (Community Mental Health License September, 1998 and Residential License July 1998)

The Board requests the Mental Health Division allow an additional thirty days before any order to require the closure of the Sun House or to terminate the agency's license.

This recommendation is dependent upon clear evidence that the Sun Community Services agency has made significant progress towards addressing the MHD Audit Team findings.

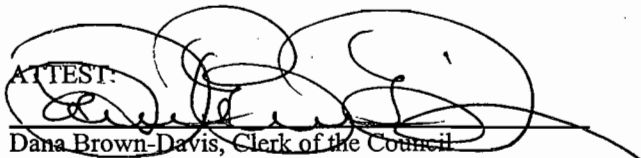
And, further that there will be active oversight by the Whatcom County Health and Human Services Department and North Sound Regional Support Network; and

WHEREAS, Sun Community Services has made appropriate application to and is subject to timelines established by the Residential Licensure Department of DSHS and can't obtain licensure as an Adult Family Home prior to the July deadline;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Whatcom County Council that Whatcom County Council requests the Mental Health Division extend reasonable flexibility regarding timelines established for:

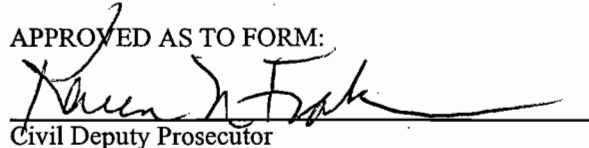
- Residential licensure requirement to be Licensed as an Adult Family Home that are beyond the control of Sun Community Services.
- Community Mental Health Licensure if justified by demonstrated and supported by efforts of Sun Community Services to be in substantial compliance with all appropriate RCWs and WACs by the scheduled September follow-up audit.

APPROVED this 28 day of July, 1998.

ATTEST: 
 Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL
 WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

 Robert Imhof, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

 Civil Deputy Prosecutor