

CLEARANCES	Initial	Date	Date Received in Council Office	Agenda Date	Assigned to:
Originator:	JH	1/27	<b>RECEIVED</b>  <b>FEB 03 1999</b>  <b>WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL</b>	2/9/99	Council
Division Head:					
Dept. Head:	CRB	1/29			
Prosecutor	RW	2/5/99			
Purchasing/Budget:					
Executive:	PK	2-1-99			

**SUBJECT:**

*Resolution supporting Whatcom County participation in Mental Health services planning process.*

**ATTACHMENTS:**

*Cover Letter  
Resolution*

Related County Contract #:

Should Clerk schedule a hearing: **NO / X / YES / \_\_\_ / Requested Date:**

**SUMMARY STATEMENT:**

*The Mental Health Advisory Board passed a resolution clarifying their expectation that mental health representatives, advocates, and family groups shall be able to participate in the Associated Provider Network (APN) planning process.*

*Approval of the ordinance will reinforce Mental Health representatives' conversations with the APN.*

**Distribution Request**

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Juvenile	
Parks	
Planning	
Prosecutor	
Public Works	
Sheriff	
Superior Court	
Treasurer	
Other	

**COUNCIL ACTION TAKEN:**

1999 - 78 2/9/99: Approved 7-0, Res. #99-008

**Ordinance or Resolution Number (this item): RES. # 99-008**

1/29/99

SPONSORED BY: Brenner

PROPOSED BY: HEALTH

INTRODUCTION DATE: 2/9/99

RESOLUTION NO. 99-008

SUPPORTING WHATCOM COUNTY PARTICIPATION IN MENTAL HEALTH  
PLANNING

WHEREAS, Whatcom County has a well documented history of supporting community based mental health resources for our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Whatcom County has provided significant county tax funding and support for the development of residential and outpatient mental health services; and

WHEREAS, the Associated Provider Network (APN) has been awarded the North Sound Regional Support Network Outpatient Integrated Crisis Response Contract; and

WHEREAS, the contract grants the responsibility and authority to the APN to manage resources to the development of an integrated, consumer-driven approach to the delivery of quality community mental health service to be provided efficiently and cost effectively; and

WHEREAS, the parties are mutually committed to maximizing the availability to provide needed mental health services in the region, and

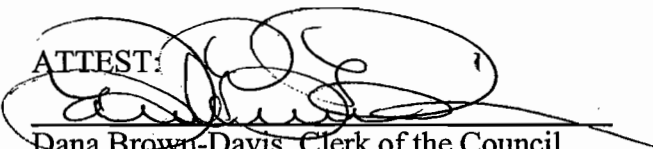
WHEREAS, while the NSRSN-APN Integrated Contract delegates this operational management authority to the APN, it also required cooperation with local county government, consumers, advocates and family representatives, and

WHEREAS, these stakeholders must be included in an ongoing process of decision-making, planning, implementation and evaluation of the APN network.

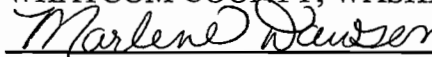
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Whatcom County Council that the Whatcom County Mental Health Advisory Board respectfully requests that the Associated Provider Network develop and comply with a written policy to assure the meaningful and timely involvement of the advisory board, consumers, and family members of Whatcom County in any and all future planning for the management of mental health resources in this county.

APPROVED this 9th day of February 1999.

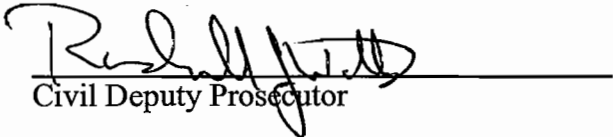
ATTEST:

  
Dana Brown-Davis, Clerk of the Council

WHATCOM COUNTY COUNCIL  
WHATCOM COUNTY, WASHINGTON

  
Marlene Dawson, Council Chair

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
Civil Deputy Prosecutor