

Program Council

Summary of responsibilities

The Program Council is chartered by the North Sound ACH Board of Directors to provide oversight for the planning, implementation, evaluation and on ongoing improvement of NS-ACH programming and services.

Most immediately, the Council is being asked to recommend a set of Medicaid Transformational projects to the Board that meets HCA guidelines.

Project Focus Areas	HCA Guidance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Integration of behavioral health and medical services 	Required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opioid use public health crisis 	Required
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Care coordination Diversion from ED and criminal justice Care transitions 	Chose one of the three projects we want to pursue, or a combination of the three.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health equity and chronic disease Maternal child health Access to oral health 	Chose one of the three projects we want to pursue, or a combination of the three.

Work Groups

The Council will charter project workgroups which will have organizational sponsors and /or designated leads. The sponsor role is to convene a work group and work with the Program Council and staff to meet established deadlines. The work groups will be composed of experts, consumers and service providers. Additionally, the Council will charter an *Assessment & Measures* workgroup which will carry responsibility for completing the Regional Health Needs Inventory, (RHNI).

Resources

The Council and the workgroups will receive technical assistance and staff support from the North Sound ACH contract consultants and staff. Work group sponsoring organizations, as well as other organizations and associations can be called upon for assistance.

Membership

The Council membership is designed to be a cross-sector decision making body that includes representatives from medical and social service provider organizations, health insurance plans, consumers and others associated with affecting social detriments of health. The assumption is that we all have an interest in working together for a common good.

Operating principles

The time line to stand up the Program Council, convene work works and select projects is short. Thus, the North Sound ACH has embraced principles that will help us move quickly enough, while not skipping essential steps necessary to ensure truly transformative projects. These principles include: 1) bias for action; 2) commitment to transparency and inclusiveness; and 3) engagement with the communities that comprise the North Sound region.