

# Public Safety Review Panel

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** May 5, 2025

**Location:** Maple Lane DSHS Facility 20311 Old Hwy 9 SW, Centralia, WA 98531

**Call to Order:** The meeting convened at approximately 10:00 a.m.

**Present Attendees:** Donte Harper, Brooke Burbank, Kari Reardon, Lori Melchiori, Jane Schilling, Pearlette Ramos, Ashley Beckley, Tony Bowie, Aaron Goddu, Kevin Bovenkamp, Brian Waiblinger, MD, Tom Kinlen, Ph.D., Elizabeth Zinda, Ph.D., Elena Lopez, Psy. D., Pearlette Ramos, Elizabeth Bolinger, Erik Nygard, Kevin Bovenkamp, Thomas Kinlen, Aaron Goddu, Elizabeth Zinda, Jennifer Paige, Elena Lopez, Darrin Hall, Brian Waiblinger, Shawn Greenwood, Sharlaine Ortiz-Diaz, Nancy Mkumbwa, Norman Goodenough.

### 1. **Greeting on behalf of BHA Assistance Secretary – Tom Kinlen, Ph.D.**

- **Reimagining DSHS** – Dr. Kinlen shared DDA facilities and SOLA are a part of the Behavioral Health and Habilitation Administration (BHHA) effective May 1, 2025.
  - i. **How will this impact the HMM units?**

The HMM units will remain business as usual with dedicated teams to manage the units. Collaboration will be more streamlined with other DDA facilities/homes.
  - ii. **Will the Community Protection Program (CPP) change?**

There was a CPP bill that went through legislation, but did not pass. HCLA is looking at increasing specialized services in the community for the DDA population.

### 2. **NGRI Updates and Discussion Items - Elizabeth Zinda, Ph.D., Tom Kinlen, Ph.D.**

- **Treatment across facilities** – Dr. Zinda explained unescorted grounds privileges in terms of risk and mitigation are looked at similarly across the facilities based on the patient's ability to manage their symptoms and follow-rules.
  - i. **When a referral packet is sent to the PSRP, does it include details related to the patient's ability to manage their symptoms and follow rules?**

When a packet is sent, it should clearly identify mitigated risk. The Panel is requesting more information in the packets across all the facilities. Dr. Kinlen has discussed this with the Forensic Risk evaluators. The important piece will be to emphasize what the patient is doing when they are using the privilege – the hospital agreed to highlight this more clearly. The request from the hospital is for the Panel to consider the privilege being requested – all campuses sufficiently mitigate risk for the privilege that is supported.
  - ii. **If an individual is transferred from one campus to another are privileges reviewed for risk mitigation?**

Dr. Zinda confirmed risk mitigation is always considered and looked at.
  - iii. **What is the size difference of the three campuses – ESH, WSH, and Maple Lane?**

Dr. Zinda will look for campus maps to share with the Panel.

- **Forensic Risk Assessments (FRA)** – Dr. Kinlen shared a process was implemented 2-3 years ago to get patients on an annual schedule for forensic risk assessments. WSH is up to date, and ESH is anticipated to be up to date by August 1, 2025. The gap is for individuals living in the community; BHHA is currently considering the resources needed to meet this need. The goal is to add these individuals to an annual FRA schedule as well. FRA supervisors are working to identify the number of individuals in the community right now.
  - i. **Is data available showing who needs an assessment?**  
BHHA uses RedCap data tracking system – this system reports how many NGRI patient do and don't have current FRA's.
  - ii. **Are contracted FRA evaluators who live outside of Washington subject to subpoena?**  
FRA evaluators are from all over the country. They can be available online or in-person if required.
  - iii. **What type of training are contracted evaluators receiving?**  
The same training as all other evaluators hired by DSHS.
  - iv. **When an FRA doesn't reflect a patient's current level of functioning (in between assessment cycle), clear documentation in the referral is necessary.**  
The complete RRB meeting notes are helpful for the Panel to review to assess risk. The Panel is requesting full RRB meeting details in the absence of a current FRA. Dr. Zinda noted that the patient assessment update form is used as a prompt to highlight areas related to risk mitigation. A Panel member noted that the treatment mall notes highlighting patient participation have been helpful this last quarter.

3. **Day to day NGRI treatment and activities at Maple Lane** – Elizabeth Bolinger, Ph.D., Erik Nygard, Ph.D., Nancy Mkumbwa, Sharlaine Ortiz, Ph.D.

- Maple Lane is in the process of hiring a SUDP to offer level 1 -1.7 treatment and assessment similar to what is offered at ESH and WSH.
- Treatment Mall hasn't gained full occupancy – in the process of hiring psych associates and supervisors. Treatment Mall currently takes place on the units.
- Cascade Unit:
  - i. Facilitates 4 groups a day, totaling 24 per week, Monday through Saturday.
  - ii. Groups are 45 minutes long. 3 therapeutic groups, 1 recreational group per day.
- Columbia Unit:
  - i. Patients graduate from the Cascade Unit to the Columbia Unit.
  - ii. Columbia follows the same group curriculum model as Cascade.
- **Question: Are SECOs ever used to incentivize participation?**  
*Response:* Engagement in recreational groups can demonstrate a patient's coping skills, ability to manage symptoms, and readiness for SECO.

4. **Utilizing the Baker Unit at Maple Lane** – Aaron Goddu

- The Baker Unit will open in June with capacity for 32 single patient rooms.
- BHHA will be transitioning 4 patients per week.

- *Aaron is overseeing the process of reviewing 58 WSH patients to determine who will be selected to transfer. Some criteria being considered for the transfer include family involvement, professional guardian in-person requirements, and mobility- ability to ambulate on stairs.*
  - *There is not a formal process for patients to request a transfer to Maple Lane. However, PA's and Social Workers are discussing transfer options with patients.*
- *An evaluator from Texas is contracted to complete discharge review assessments.*

#### **5. Campus Tour**

- *NGRI Units (Cascade & Columbia)- Erik Nygard, Ph.D., Sharlaine Ortiz, Ph.D., Nancy Mkumbwa*
- *Civil SFVF Units (Bake Unit) - Norman Goodenough*

**The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:05 p.m.**

*Next Monthly Review Meeting is via ZOOM, May 19, 2025.*