



Spokane County Regional Behavioral Health (Administrative Services Organization) (SCRBH (ASO))

July 2022 Provider Bulletin

SCRBH Contact Info

Mailing Address

1116 W. Broadway Avenue
Spokane, WA 99260

*Please note our physical
address has changed:

NEW CSHCD SCRBH Physical Location

(August 2022):

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Resources for Contracted Providers

[www.spokanecounty.org/2908/
SCRBH-Provider-Resources](http://www.spokanecounty.org/2908/SCRBH-Provider-Resources)

SCRBH Requests for Proposal, Information, and Letters of Interest (RFP/RFI/RFLI)

[www.spokanecounty.org/4811/
RFPRFIRFLI](http://www.spokanecounty.org/4811/RFPRFIRFLI)

GENERAL UPDATES

July 1st Contract Amendment Update

The SCRBH ASO recently received the final Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) Contract Amendment for July 1, 2022. Contracted provider agencies can expect to receive contract amendments by the second week of July. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to get these amendments out.

If you have any questions, please contact our Contracts Team at SCRBHContracts@spokanecounty.org.

The CSHCD Department is Moving!

Effective July 5, 2022, the Spokane County Community Services, Housing, and Community Development Department (CSHCD) will be transitioning all essential business operations currently conducted at the 312 W. 8th Avenue, Spokane, WA 99204 location to a temporary location at 211 W. Augusta Avenue, Spokane, WA 99205, while we prepare to move to our final physical location. To ensure continuity of services and maintain business operations until we move into our final location, CSHCD will continue all other business operations and services in our full-time teleworking environment. This includes the following CSHCD Department Divisions: (1) Spokane County Regional Behavioral Health (Administrative Services Organization) Division (SCRBH (ASO)); (2) Developmental Disabilities Division (DD); (3) Housing and Community Development Division (HCD); and (4) all department business, fiscal, information systems, contracts, and other administrative services and functions. All CSHCD Department mailed communications remain unchanged and should continue to be sent to the following address:

Spokane County Community Services, Housing, and Community Development Department (CSHCD)

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Statewide Behavioral Health Ombuds Coming in October 2022

With the passing of Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill (E2SHB 1086), the WA Legislature will be replacing the regional Ombuds with a new State Office of Behavioral Health Consumer Advocacy. Peer Washington was selected by the Washington State Department of Commerce to oversee this new office as of July 1, 2022. Regional Ombuds Services, including all behavioral health consumer advocacy services, will transition to Peer Washington beginning October 1, 2022. For more information, please visit the HCA's Office of Recovery Partnerships.

Regional Workforce Development Project Reminder

As a reminder, a notice was sent out on May 23, 2022, sharing information regarding the SCRBH (ASO) Workforce Development Project. There are some providers who have not utilized their allocation of Workforce Development Funds; although it is not required that providers utilize their Workforce Development Project funds, we want to make sure this opportunity is utilized by those providers who would like to do so while the funding is still available. Any unspent funds not utilized by March 2023 must be returned to HCA, providing a short window for the implementation of the Workforce Development Project.

Current Funding: Current workforce development allocations provided in the January 1, 2022, agreements will be available until the end of the contract period (December 31, 2022). However, if you know that you will not be spending all your Workforce Development Project funds currently in your 2022 contract, please contact us as soon as possible so that we can re-allocate any available funds.

Next Steps:

- A. Please review your CY 2022 workforce development contracted allocations; if you know that you will not spend out all these funds, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can re-allocate those funds.
- B. Agencies who have not utilized any Workforce Development Project funds since the implementation of the Project will not have any additional funds allocated for the upcoming July 1, 2022 Contract Amendment. Agencies will continue to have access to the funding allocated in their January - December, 2022 contract funding exhibits, but will not have access to additional funds until current allocations are expended. Once agencies have expended, or have planned to expend, the allocated funding before August 31, 2022 - they may be able to access additional funds (within available funding) via step C below.



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- C. Agencies who have used their allocations, and/or desire to continue accessing these funds moving forward must resubmit a new Workforce Development Project request to access additional funding allocations. The Workforce Development Project request must include: 1) The intended Project goals the funding will be utilizing; and 2) The approximate funding amount needed to support these goals. This will be reflective within the July 1 – December 31, 2022, contract period, and must meet the stipulations of the overall project goals. Plans and funding allocation requests will be reviewed, and funding distributions determined upon agency need, historical use, and overall intent of the Project. Requests must be received no later than August 1, 2022, to ensure sufficient review and proper allocation.

Contact Justin Johnson, Assistant Director, at jdjohnson@spokanecounty.org or the Contracts Team at: SCRBHContracts@spokanecounty.org with any questions.

HCA Provider Relief Funds - \$100 Million to Community Behavioral Health Providers

As most of you may already be aware, the WA State Legislature passed ESSB 5693 providing \$100 Million in Provider Relief funds to address workforce challenges experienced by Community Behavioral Health Treatment Providers due to the global pandemic. In order to ensure proper communication and support our community providers in accessing these funds, we wanted to ensure each of your organizations can access the most updated information in order to apply to receive provider relief funding. HCA will be pushing out GOV Delivery Notifications once additional information is posted, but we recommend checking the official webpage for updated information (see the link below). If you would like to know more, or if you have any questions, please use the following links provided by HCA.

- Information and Provider LINK -> [Contractor and provider resources | Washington State Health Care Authority](#)
- Email Communication -> HCADBHRinformation@hca.wa.gov

SCRBH (ASO) NEW PROGRAMS

School-Based Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SB-SBIRT) Pilot Project

The SCRBH (ASO) will be working to expand the SB-SBIRT Project in Spokane County in the coming months through the implementation of Phase 2 of the Project. Phase 2 will see the release of a Request For Proposal (RFP) for procurement of a new team to provide expanded services.



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The selected provider will work to implement a SB-SBIRT program in a new school district within Spokane County, supporting the program goals of providing critically needed behavioral health services to Youth. The intent of the SB-SBIRT and Engagement Pilot Project is to promote overall student wellness through identifying behavioral health needs and resources, providing necessary services, improve student success, and provide clinically necessary treatment services without limitations or barriers. The provider selected for the Phase 2 project will work with existing SB-SBIRT teams to develop, shape, and enhance existing project objectives. To stay abreast of the pending SB-SBIRT RFP release, please check our RFP/RFI/RFLI webpage for updates at:

<https://www.spokanecounty.org/4811/RFPRFIRFLI>.

For additional information, you can contact Jessica Thompson at jsthompson@spokanecounty.org or Katy Rice at krice@spokanecounty.org.

Homeless Outreach, Stabilization, and Transition (HOST) Services

The SCRBH (ASO) will be working to establish a Homeless Outreach, Stabilization, and Transition (HOST) Program in Spokane County to support Individuals experiencing homelessness and/or repeated loss of housing, who are also experiencing behavioral health challenges and experiencing challenges in developing and maintaining linkages to critical resources.

The HOST Program will utilize a multi-disciplinary team approach to serve and engage Individuals where they are by providing comprehensive engagement outside conventional avenues and without the restriction of brick-and-mortar confines. The HOST program RFP will be open to providers located and able to provide outreach and engagement services within Spokane County.

The SCRBH (ASO) will be selecting a provider for the HOST project via a competitive procurement process. To stay abreast of the pending HOST RFP release, please check our RFP/RFI/RFLI webpage for updates at: <https://www.spokanecounty.org/4811/RFPRFIRFLI>.

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