

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 93-57

OF THE
SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is the Governing Body of the Squaxin Island Indian Reservation by authority of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Squaxin Island Tribe, as approved and adopted by the General Body and the Secretary of the Interior on July 8, 1965; and

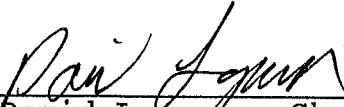
WHEREAS, under the Constitution and By-laws of the Tribe, the Squaxin Island Tribal Council is charged with the duty of protecting the health, security, education and general welfare of tribal members; and

WHEREAS, the Council has reviewed a proposed agreement between the Tribe and the Thurston/Mason County Regional Support Network which will make available to tribal members, a more comprehensive network of mental health services.

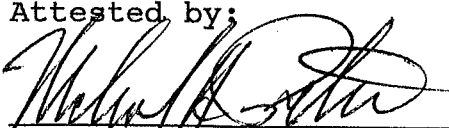
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council is in full favor of this agreement and hereby adopts this Regional Support Network agreement.

C E R T I F I C A T I O N


The Squaxin Island Tribal Council does hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Squaxin Island Tribal Council, held on this 26th day of August, 1993, at which a quorum was present and was passed by a vote of 4 for, and 0 against with 0 abstentions.



David Lopeman, Chairman

Attested by:


Mike Peters, Secretary



David Johns, Vice-Chairman

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THURSTON/MASON REGIONAL SUPPORT
NETWORK (RSN)**

AND

SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBAL COMMUNITY

Purpose of the Agreement

The purpose of this agreement is to establish procedures and responsibilities to facilitate the efficient admission coordination for tribal members who require the mental health services provided by Thurston/Mason Regional Support Network (T/M RSN). Further, such an agreement could identify specific actions which each entity can take to enhance persons served by Squaxin Island Tribal Services ability to receive services in a coordinated fashion from the RSN.

Further, both parties understand that this is a new undertaking and will require time to work out details related to this agreement. Thus, this agreement represents a starting point for continued development.

Definitions

T/M RSN: Thurston/Mason Regional Support Network; The mental health administrative body for the counties of Thurston and Mason in Washington State.

Squaxin Island Tribe: The community of Squaxin Island Tribal Members and their families, and the organizational structure through which services are delivered; governed as a sovereign nation by the Squaxin Island Tribal Council.

MHCRL: Mental Health Community Resource Liaison; Individuals employed by T/M RSN who assist mental health consumers in accessing mental health services from T/M RSN contractors. Serves as a primary point of contact from hospital and community for consumers unknown to the mental health system.

Mental Health Counselor: Provides counseling, assessment and referral to persons who receive services from the Squaxin Island Health and Social Services Department.

Education and Services Liaison: Coordinates the At-Risk Pilot Project for Indian Youth. Acts as Case Manager for children enrolled in the C-STARS dropout prevention program and their families. Provides a variety of educational support services to persons served by the Squaxin Island Educational Department.

It is therefore, mutually agreed that: The agreement period shall commence on September 1, 1993 and continue through June 30, 1995 unless amended for continuation after such date.

Thurston/Mason RSN or its Designee Shall:

1. Provide needs assessment within 72 hours of request excluding weekends and holidays. Mental health needs assessments may be arranged by calling 786-5585, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
2. Provide a full range of crisis intervention and involuntary treatment evaluation services on a 24 hour per day basis for individuals referred to the Crisis Response System. 24 hour phone number for this service is 438-1900.
3. Provide psychiatric and psychological consultation to tribal mental health professionals upon request up to 3.5 hours per month for the term of the contract period.
4. Provide psychological and psychiatric evaluations including, but not limited to, evaluations for medication services for up to 5 individuals during the contract period.
5. Provide mental health services to individuals who are referred by Squaxin Island Tribe up to 10 total individuals at any given time.
6. This agreement shall be applicable only to individuals who reside in Thurston or Mason Counties.

Squaxin Island Tribe Shall:

1. Identify and prioritize up to 10 individuals for referral to the public mental health system at any given time.
2. No less than 50% of referred individuals shall be Medicaid and/or Medicare recipients.
3. Provide, within available resources, evaluative and medical services to referred individuals.
4. Instigate a work relationship with the Crisis Response Team of Thurston/Mason Counties within sixty (60) days of the start of this working agreement to ensure efficient and effective crisis response in the involuntary treatment evaluation within the borders of the Squaxin Island reservation or in any location within the boundaries of Thurston and Mason Counties when the person needing evaluation is eligible for services provided through Squaxin Island Tribal Services.
5. By January 1, 1994, the Squaxin Island Tribe will establish a working agreement with the Crisis Response Team of Thurston/Mason Counties.
6. Reserve the right to employ Traditional Native American Healers as part of the package of services available to persons referred by the Squaxin Island Tribe.

Dispute Resolution Procedure

Any dispute involving this agreement shall be resolved in accordance with the principal of resolution at the lowest level. Any dispute must not impact the planned or ongoing services of a consumer.

Amendments of this Agreement

Either party may submit to the other party an amendment to this agreement. The amendment shall be accepted when both parties sign the amended agreement.

Evaluation of the Agreement

The RSN and Squaxin Island Tribal Community representative shall meet every six months to review progress in complying with the terms of this agreement. Proposed changes to the agreement shall be discussed at the meeting and the RSN shall be responsible to modify the agreement for review no later than the subsequent meeting.

Having read and agreed to the above, the undersigned have affixed their signatures:

Doni Lepum
Squaxin Island Tribe

Kathy K...
Thurston/Mason Regional
Support Network

9/9/93
Date

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