

# A new organizational structure

Bellevue-Seattle-Everett Washington, USA



## History of Clubhouses in Washington State

- From the late 80s to the mid- 2000's, Washington State had over 13 Clubhouses, which over half were accredited
- Medicaid (A government insurance program) was the primary funding source for all Clubhouses
- In 2012, the funding source (called the 1915 (b) OR B-3 Waiver for Medicaid) went away for all Clubhouses
- By 2014, only two Clubhouses remained in Washington State
  - ► HERO House in Bellevue, Washington (founded 2005)
  - ► Evergreen Club in Spokane, Washington (founded 1981)



#### The need for a new structure

#### Seattle Clubhouse

- The need to bring a Clubhouse back to Seattle, Washington was extremely important
- Efforts started by Larry Clum in 2016
- January 2018, it was unanimously determined by both Board of Directors of HERO House and Seattle Clubhouse to merge into one entity

#### **HERO** House

- Survived the 2012 budget cuts due to diversity of funding sources
- Purchased a new building in 2016 for expansion purposes
- Renamed Bellevue Clubhouse in 2018 with the merger of Seattle Clubhouse
- ▶ 2018: HERO House NW was born



## Benefits of an "umbrella" organization

- Cost effectiveness
  - Shared services & economies of scale
    - Accounting -Administrative support- Fundraising
- Larger voice and presence to the community
  - Broaden networking capability among key government and private sectors
- More attractive to private and public donors and government funders
  - Larger footprint in our community
- Stronger structure to withstand economic and/or political adversity
  - Alleviates administrative burdens placed on small organizations
  - Braided funding with private and public dollars
  - Allows us to focus on providing quality services and deliverables while maintaining full Accreditation



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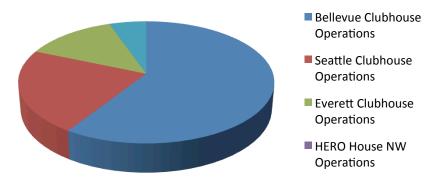
- Integration into the behavioral health communities
  - ► Ensures long-lasting sustainability for recovery for those living with mental illness
  - Only will operate and expand Accredited Clubhouses
  - Guards against similar programs duplicating efforts administratively and competing for funding
- MOST IMPORTANT: Increased member options with more Clubhouse opportunities!



## **Cost Comparison**

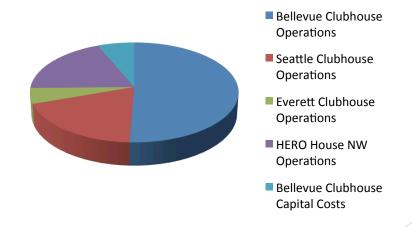
#### Without HHNW- 3 Clubhouses

## 2019 projected expenses without HHNW ~\$1.9 million



#### HHNW as one organization

## 2019 HHNW projected expenses ~\$1.6 million





## Challenges we have faced

- Identity of individual clubhouses vs. HERO House NW
- The first few years of the organizational structure
  - ▶ Going from two Executive Directors of individual Clubhouses to a CEO and COO
- Splitting the work of HERO House NW amongst the three Clubhouses
  - ▶ Who has ownership?
- Different county/government structures for each Clubhouse
  - Different funding streams for each region



### What is HERO House NW?

#### **HERO House NW**

- ► HERO House NW became the new name of the entire organization
  - Our Vision: We envision a world where people living with serious mental illness thrive in communities of hope and opportunity
  - Our Mission: To champion behavioral health recovery by facilitating Clubhouse expansion throughout the Puget Sound region.

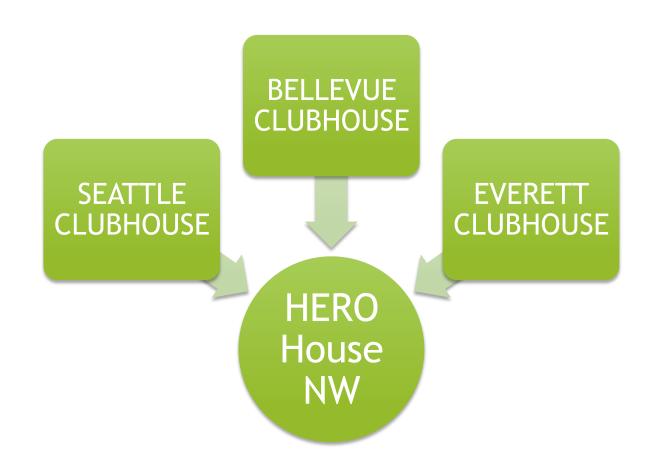
#### Our 3 Clubhouses





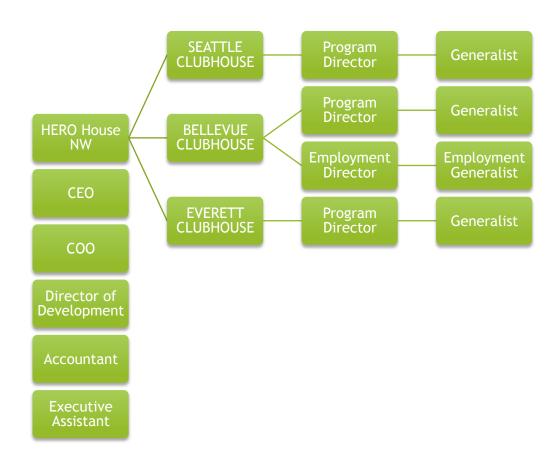


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## Map of where we are...

