



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: National Alliance on Mental Health Illness (NAMI) of Whatcom County – Community Education and Support Contract

DATE: DECEMBER 19, 2024

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and NAMI of Whatcom County for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides funding for a variety of bilingual community mental health education and support programs provided to Whatcom County residents. Whatcom County residents who personally experience, or have loved ones who experience mental illness are better able to lead productive lives when provided education and support. In the first six months of 2024, 2,369 Whatcom County residents, including 626 school-aged youth and 272 Spanish-speaking residents, received mental health support and education through NAMI Whatcom and hundreds more were reached through outreach activities.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$38,000, is provided by the Behavioral Health Program Fund. These funds are included in the 2025 budget. Council authorization is required as cumulative funding over all future contract periods is expected to exceed \$40,000.

- **Differences from Previous Contracts**

This is a new contract; however, funding for these services has been provided through previous contracts since 2011. This contract include reimbursement of personnel, supplies, and indirect only which is the primary difference between this contract and the contract ending on 12/31/2024 (WC Contract #202009036).

Please contact Ann Beck, Community Health and Human Services Manager at 360-778-6055 (ABeck@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions.

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