



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Snohomish County – Health Officer Coverage Interlocal Agreement
DATE: APRIL 11, 2023

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

- **Background and Purpose**

Under the rules set forth in RCW 70.05.070, local Health Officers are responsible for and empowered to enforce state and local laws, rules, regulations, codes, and ordinances with respect to public health. These powers and duties include but are not limited to, taking actions necessary to promote and protect the public's health and sanitation, prevent and control the transmission of communicable diseases, and to ensure a sanitary and hygienic environment for human health.

This Agreement outlines each parties' roles and responsibilities in providing Health Officer coverage in the event that either County's Health Officer is physically unavailable or absent from their respective County and when it is imperative that Health Officer advice and authority be available.

Council approval is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

There are no costs involved in this agreement.

- **Differences from Previous Contracts**

This is a new agreement, however, a similar agreement has been in place since 2001 (Whatcom County Contract #200111010). This agreement replaces references to Snohomish Health District with Snohomish County and removes Skagit County, who may enter into a separate agreement at a future date.

Please contact Erika Lautenbach, Director at 360-778-6005 (ELautenb@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions.

Encl.