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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive  
County Council

**FROM:** Rob Ney, Project & Operations Manager  
Chris Quinn, Chief Civil Deputy for the Prosecuting Attorney's Office  
Malora Christensen, Manager, Health and Community Services

**RE:** Division Street Lease for Swinomish Health Services dba Didgwalic  
Wellness Center

**DATE:** December 3, 2024

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Attached for your review and signature is the lease agreement between Whatcom County and Swinomish Health Services doing business as Didgwalic Wellness Center for the County's Prosecuting Attorney's Office Division of Child Support Services, located at 2028 Division Street, Bellingham, Washington 98226.

### ▪ **Background and Purpose**

This lease is for the purposes of securing facility space for the provision of clinical, behavioral health, and medication services for people with Opioid Use Disorder in Whatcom County.

This lease agreement will provide necessary office space for the Didgwalic Wellness Center to both provide mobile medication services and clinical and behavioral health services as well as office space for operation of a satellite facility in Whatcom County.

The lease is expected to run for three years from date of lease execution.

### ▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The lease is \$10 per month to be paid by the 5<sup>th</sup> of the month. The lease is subsidized by Whatcom County as in-kind for the more than \$1M investment Didgwalic is making in staffing, mobile units, tenant improvements, and start-up costs. Didgwalic is responsible for paying for janitorial services, waste and medical waste removal, and all utilities. The cost of Facilities maintenance will be covered by opioid settlement funds for the duration of the contract, following Council approval for spending authority.

- **Differences from Previous Contract**

This is a one-time contract.

Please contact Rob Ney at extension 5360 or Chris Quinn at extension 5729 , if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Enclosures