



Memorandum

TO: SATPAL SIDHU, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

FROM: Ann Beck, Human Services Supervisor

DATE: 10/29/21

RE: Presentation from Human Services staff to review interim shelter options over the winter season.

Attached is a brief PowerPoint presentation reviewing interim shelter options available this winter.

- **Background and Purpose**

Whatcom County, in partnership with the City of Bellingham, is maximizing available resources and increasing emergency shelter bed capacity for the 2021-22 winter season. This presentation will highlight the work that has been done with community partners to provide additional shelter beds during the winter months. The successful development of additional resources has been accomplished despite ongoing workforce and disease prevention challenges arising from the COVID-19 pandemic and in a way that maintains a focus on permanent housing solutions in a rapidly escalating housing market. The presentation will share details about shelter options within the context of broader housing strategies.

Please call Ann Beck at 7088 if there are any questions. Thank you.

