



Memorandum

TO: SATPAL SIDHU, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

FROM: ERIKA LAUTENBACH

DATE: JUNE 6, 2024

RE: OPERATIONS PLAN FOR FENTANYL EXECUTIVE ORDER

Whatcom County Health and Community Services' (WCHCS) stated purpose is to promote health through policy and systems improvement, prevent disease and injury, provide accurate and reliable health communication, prepare for and respond to emergencies, and preserve a healthy community where everyone can thrive. To that end, WCHCS plays a central role in community-wide planning around emergency threats to human health and the natural environment.

In response to the County Council's Resolution to Declare a State of Emergency re: fentanyl and the Executive's Fentanyl Order, this Operations Plan describes how WCHCS will provide leadership and tangible action to address fentanyl and overdoses in Whatcom County. This document should be considered a thumbnail sketch of key priorities for WCHCS in the coming 3-6 months, as well as additional strategies within and beyond a year of this plan's release. The plan will be updated and revised as more information becomes available.

Please call Erika Lautenbach at (360) 778-6000 with questions. Thank you.