



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Opportunity Council – Single Entry Access to Services Contract
DATE: JUNE 5, 2024

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

- **Background and Purpose**

This contract supports the Single Entry Access to Services (SEAS) line, which provides an effective, single point of entry in Whatcom County to connect families and professionals who are concerned about a child's development, to resources and services. Target populations for SEAS include pregnant and post-partum individuals concerned with perinatal mental health, low-income and/or at-risk children ages 0 – 5 and their families, and children ages 0 – 17 with or suspected of having developmental disabilities and delays.

Care navigation ensures coordination and follow-through with families and referral sources to ensure that timely connection to services are made.

This contract is awarded as a result of RFP 24-31 and Opportunity Council was the only respondent.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$450,000, is local DD millage funds, Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Developmental Disabilities Administration funds, and the Healthy Children's Fund. These funds are included in the 2024 budget. Council authorization is required per WCC 3.08.100, as funding exceeds \$40,000.

- **Differences from Previous Contracts**

This is a new contract; however, funding for these services has been provided through previous contracts since 2013. This contract combines the services in the current SEAS contract (WCC 201906014) and the Expanded Navigation Contract (WCC 202203007) but includes no additional significant revisions.

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

Encl.