

**WHATCOM COUNTY CONTRACT  
INFORMATION SHEET**

Whatcom County Contract No.  
202204006 - 1

Originating Department:	85 Health
Division/Program: (i.e. Dept. Division and Program)	Response Systems Division
Contract or Grant Administrator:	Malora Christensen
Contractor's / Agency Name:	PeaceHealth

Is this a New Contract?	If not, is this an Amendment or Renewal to an Existing Contract?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	If Amendment or Renewal, (per WCC 3.08.100 (a)) Original Contract #:	202204006	

Does contract require Council Approval?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	(Exclusions see: Whatcom County Codes 3.06.010, 3.08.090 and 3.08.100)
Already approved? Council Approved Date:		

Is this a grant agreement?	If yes, grantor agency contract number(s):	CFDA#:
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Is this contract grant funded?	If yes, Whatcom County grant contract number(s):	
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Is this contract the result of a RFP or Bid process?	Contract Cost Center:
Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If yes, RFP and Bid number(s):	124119 / 660200

Is this agreement excluded from E-Verify?	No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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If YES, indicate exclusion(s) below:

<input type="checkbox"/> Professional services agreement for certified/licensed professional.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract for Commercial off the shelf items (COTS).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contract work is for less than \$100,000.	<input type="checkbox"/> Work related subcontract less than \$25,000.
<input type="checkbox"/> Contract work is for less than 120 days.	<input type="checkbox"/> Public Works - Local Agency/Federally Funded FHWA.
<input type="checkbox"/> Interlocal Agreement (between Governments).	

Contract Amount:(sum of original contract amount and any prior amendments):	Council approval required for, all property leases, contracts or bid awards <b>exceeding \$40,000</b> , and professional service contract amendments that have an increase greater than \$10,000 or 10% of contract amount, whichever is greater, <b>except when:</b>
In 2022 – Funding may not exceed \$29,060 (\$24,026 one-time implementation + \$839/month July-Dec)	1. Exercising an option contained in a contract previously approved by the council.
2023-2025 – Funding may not exceed \$10,068 annually (\$839 monthly)	2. Contract is for design, construction, r-o-w acquisition, prof. services, or other capital costs approved by council in a capital budget appropriation ordinance.
	3. Bid or award is for supplies.
	4. Equipment is included in Exhibit "B" of the Budget Ordinance
	5. Contract is for manufacturer's technical support and hardware maintenance of electronic systems and/or technical support and software maintenance from the developer of proprietary software currently used by Whatcom County.

Summary of Scope: This contract provides funding for the access to and use of PeaceHealth's Community Connect Electronic Health Records technology system.

Term of Contract:	3 Years	Expiration Date:	04/13/2025
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Contract Routing:	1. Prepared by:	JT	Date:	10/13/2022
	2. Health Budget Approval:	KR/JG	Date:	10/20/2022
	3. Attorney signoff:	RB	Date:	10/18/2022
	4. AS Finance reviewed:	Bbennett	Date:	10/27/2022
	5. IT reviewed (if IT related):		Date:	
	6. Contractor approved:		Date:	
	7. Submitted to Exec.:	JT	Date:	11/10/2022
	8. Council approved (if necessary):	AB2022-623	Date:	11/09/2022
	9. Executive signed:		Date:	11-14-22
	10. Original to Council:		Date:	12-16-22



**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Satpal Sidhu, County Executive  
**FROM:** Erika Lautenbach, Director  
**RE:** PeaceHealth – Community Connect Electronic Health Record Access & Use Agreement  
**DATE:** November 10, 2022

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

▪ **Background and Purpose**

Community access to electronic health records (EHRs) extends technology to improve the continuity of care for a patient-centered approach to care and services with community healthcare partners. This contract extends access to PeaceHealth's Community Connect EHR technology system, EPIC, to the Health Department at an 81% subsidized rate compared to purchasing access directly through a vendor.

The Health Department's Communicable Disease & Epidemiology (CDE) Division maintains a small clinic to support disease control in Whatcom County residents. This includes treatment of both active (infectious) and high-risk latent Tuberculosis, sexually transmitted infections, hepatitis, and immunization access for adults and children who do not have access through a provider. For the CDE Division, access to and use of EPIC will help Health Department providers and public health nurses better manage care for patients.

The Health Department's Ground-Level Response and Coordinated Engagement (GRACE) Program focuses on high utilizers of health care services who are often engaged in multiple health organizations. For the GRACE Program, access to and use of EPIC will improve the continuity of care through communication of a patient's clinical picture.

This amendment updates the language in Section 3.1 of the original agreement to indicate that licensed medical providers will comply with applicable identification standards, necessary to provide system access to authorized users.

There was an oversight by the Health Department and the term of the contract and expiration date indicated in the County's Contract Information Sheet is incorrect in the original contract; total funding described in the paragraph below and the Contract Information Sheet to follow in this amendment, have been updated to reflect the correct term and expiration date.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract in 2022 may not exceed \$29,060 (\$24,026 one-time implementation + \$839/month from July-Dec). Thereafter, funding may not exceed \$10,068 annually (\$839/month). Funding is provided by the Behavioral Health Program GRACE fund and general funds. These funds are included in the 2022 and will be included in subsequent budgets. Council approval is required as funding for the entire term of this contract will exceed \$40,000.

Please contact Malora Christensen, Response Systems Manager at 360-778-6131 ([MChriste@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:MChriste@co.whatcom.wa.us)), or Kathleen Roy, Finance & Administrative Services Manager at 360-778-6007 ([KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us](mailto:KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us)), if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.





## First Amendment to EHR Access and Use Agreement

This First Amendment (this "Amendment") to the System Access and Use Agreement (the "Agreement") effective as of the date of the last party's signature below ("Effective Date"), between PeaceHealth, a Washington public benefit corporation with its principal place of business at 1115 SE 164<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, Washington 98683, and Whatcom County, a Washington government entity with its principal place of business at 509 Girard Street, Bellingham, WA 98225 ("Recipient").

### RECITALS

- A. PeaceHealth and Recipient are parties to that certain Agreement dated or about \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. PeaceHealth and Recipient desire to amend the Agreement as set forth herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual representations and covenants of the parties, the parties hereby agree as follows:


1. **Identity Proofing.** Section 3.1 of the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the foregoing:

**"Medical Staff Licensure & Identity Proofing.** Recipient will assure that each Authorized User who is a licensed medical provider maintains, at all times, all applicable licenses and registrations and comply with applicable identity proofing standards required under applicable laws, rules and regulations. For each Authorized User, Recipient will provide PeaceHealth with a copy of the applicable Drug Enforcement Agency license and such other identify proofing material as PeaceHealth may request (the "Identifying Information"). Upon providing the Identifying Information to PeaceHealth, Recipient represents and warrants to PeaceHealth that such information is accurate. Recipient acknowledges and agrees that PeaceHealth will not provide System access to any Authorized User until Recipient provides the applicable Identifying Information."

2. **Miscellaneous.** Except as expressly modified by this Amendment, all terms and conditions of the Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and in acknowledgment that the parties hereto have read and understood each and every provision hereof, the parties have executed this Amendment on the dates set forth below.

#### PEACEHEALTH

Signature: Steven Glenn 

Printed Name: Steven Glenn

Title: EVP/CAO

Date: 11/28/2022  
01:27 PM EST

#### Whatcom County

Signature: Satpal Singh Sidhu

Printed Name: Satpal Singh Sidhu

Title: County Executive

Date: 11/14/22

**WHATCOM COUNTY:**

PROGRAM APPROVAL: Approved by email CH/JT 10/13/2022  
Cindy Hollinsworth, Communicable Disease Manager Date

DEPARTMENT APPROVAL: *Erika Lautenbach* 11/10/2022  
Erika Lautenbach, Director Date

APPROVAL AS TO FORM: Approved by email RB/JT 10/18/2022  
Royce Buckingham, Senior Civil Deputy Prosecutor Date

**CONTRACTOR INFORMATION:**

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