



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization, LLC –
Integrated Care Network Agreement Amendment #10

DATE: June 29, 2022

Attached is an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization for your review and signature.

▪ Background and Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to consent to participation in the North Sound Integrated Care Network (ICN) administered by the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (NS BH ASO). In order to provide behavioral health services to Medicaid-insured individuals in the North Sound Regional Service Area (NSRSA) which includes Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties, participation in the ICN is required. The NS BH ASO is the authorized administrator of these behavioral health services for the NSRSA, per the Washington State Health Care Authority. This amendment extends the agreement for six months and increases funding for the extended agreement period. In addition, this amendment adds a statement of work and funding for the Law Enforcement Co-Response Outreach Program to provide field-based outreach services, designed to enhance first responder capacity to immediately provide field-based interventions and ensure referral and linkage to ongoing behavioral health treatment when appropriate.

▪ Funding Amount and Source

Funding for this contract period (07/01/2022 – 12/31/2022) is expected at \$484,460 and funding for the entire contract period (07/01/2019 – 06/30/2022) is \$2,333,280. Funding is provided by the Dedicated Marijuana Account, Jail Services, Trueblood, and Law Enforcement Co-Response Outreach Programs, as well as the federal Substance Abuse Block Grant (CFDA 93.959), each passed through the NS BH ASO. Council approval is required as new grant funds exceeding \$40,000 are provided by this amendment.

Please contact Perry Mowery, Behavioral Health & Special Projects Supervisor at 360-778-6059 (PMowery@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Kathleen Roy, Assistant Director at 360-778-6007 (KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us) if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

