



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director
RE: Whatcom Family & Community Network – Prevention Services Contract
DATE: SEPTEMBER 12, 2023

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and Whatcom Family & Community Network for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides funding for youth prevention programs designed to reduce risk for substance use and poor mental health by providing evidence-based programming to promote healthy youth, families, and communities. Services include mentoring, family programming, case management and wrap-around supports, restorative and conflict resolution practices, public education, training on behavioral health issues, and coalition coordination and community building. These services have demonstrated both cost-savings and positive outcomes.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract is provided by the Behavioral Health Program Fund in an amount not to exceed \$185,000. These funds are included in the 2024 budget and Council approval is required as funding exceeds \$40,000.

- **Differences from Previous Contracts**

This is a new contract resulting from RFP #23-28 and Whatcom Family and Community Network (WFCN) was the only respondent. This contract funds services similar to those provided by WFCN since 2013. This contract includes no significant revisions from the contract ending on 12/31/2023 (WC Contract #201910011).

Please contact Joe Fuller, Program Specialist at 360-778-6045 (JFuller@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Kathleen Roy, Financial & Administrative Manager at 360-778-6007 (KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions.

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