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MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive *SK*
FROM: Stephanie Kraft, Administrator, Superior / Juvenile Court Administration
RE: Professional Services Contract
DATE: December 12, 2024

Attached is a contract between Whatcom County and L&L Counseling and Consultation for your review and signature.

Background and Purpose

L&L Counseling and Consultation provides evaluations and treatment services for youth referred to or sentenced under the Special Sex Offender Disposition Alternative (SSODA) in Whatcom County Juvenile Court in accordance with RCW 13.40.162.

Funding Amount and Source

This contract is fully funded out of the Special Sex Offender Disposition Alternative portion of the State Consolidated Juvenile Services contract and will not exceed \$30,000 for the term of the contract.

Differences from Previous Contract

Whatcom County completed a Request for Qualifications process for this contract to build a list of qualified sex offender treatment providers to deliver services for the SSODA program. The total contract amount has been reduced by \$5,000 to \$30,000 to reflect a reduction in the number of youths served by the SSODA program. The hourly rate for sex offender treatment services and the rate for sex offender evaluation services have increased to keep Whatcom County competitive with other agencies and counties providing similar services. This contract is \$8,000 more than the contract for the other contracted SSODA provider, Rick Ackerman, as L&L Counseling and Consultation has greater capacity to serve more youth in the SSODA evaluation process. It is anticipated that this contract will be amended to extend for multiple years, ultimately exceeding the \$40,000 threshold and requiring council approval.

Please contact me at extension 5496 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.