



MEMORANDUM

TO: Jack Louws, County Executive
FROM: ^{PAD} Regina A. Delahunt, Director
RE: City of Bellingham – Crisis Triage Facility Operation & Maintenance
DATE: October 8, 2019

Enclosed are two (2) originals of a contract between Whatcom County and the City of Bellingham for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This contract provides funding for all aspects of the ongoing maintenance and operation of the Crisis Triage Facility. Whatcom County leases the facility located at 2030 Division Street in Bellingham, to a treatment provider who offers behavioral health treatment on site, 24 hours daily, seven days weekly. Services provided at this facility are intended to assist adults who are experiencing a behavioral health crisis and who can be managed successfully in this setting. These services are also intended to divert individuals when appropriate, from hospital utilization, arrest, or incarceration.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This contract provides partial funding in the amount of \$59,000 for all aspects of the ongoing maintenance and operation of the Crisis Triage Facility. These funds are included in the 2020 budget. Council approval is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

Please contact Kathleen Roy at extension #6007 if you have any questions regarding this agreement.

Encl.

