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Emergency Medical Services
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Mike Hilley
WCEMS Manager

MEMORANDUM

To: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
From: Mike Hilley, EMS Manager
Re: Medical Program Director Services; Ralph Weiche M.D.
Date: October 15, 2024

Enclosed is the agreement to provide services as the County-Wide Emergency Medical Services Program Director from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2028.

- **Background and Purpose**

This contract is for Medical Program Director (MPD) services provided by Ralph Weiche M.D. as the State Appointed Whatcom County Emergency Medical Services MPD. In November, 2022 a countywide Emergency Medical Services (EMS) levy passed which approved the EMS funding plan. The EMS Funding Plan included in the EMS Funding Work Group (FWG) Recommendations approved by the EMS Oversight Board details budgeting for a countywide EMS system. The budget includes compensation for the EMS Medical Program Director who shall have the responsibilities as set forth in WAC 246-976-920.

This personal services agreement allows for the provision of countywide Medical Program Director services as outlined in the Washington State Department of Health's Medical Program Director Handbook.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

The funding source is the EMS Levy Fund, 130100, not to exceed \$265,000.00.

This contract increases the annual amounts after year 2026 inflationary increases calculated by using the average CPI-W of the previous years first six months (Jan to June) with a floor CPI-W of 2.5%. This contract also provides a training and travel allowance up to \$5,000 per year.

Please contact Mike Hilley at (360) 927-1155 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.