



Memorandum

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Charlene Ramont, Interim Director

RE: Washington State Health Care Authority – Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery Interlocal Agreement Amendment #1

DATE: AUGUST 28, 2025

Attached is an interlocal agreement amendment between Whatcom County and Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) for your review and signature. This amendment extends the agreement for five years and updates the scope of work and expected deliverables for the extended contract period.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

This agreement outlines roles and responsibilities for coordinating and implementing prevention programs and strategies that are designed to prevent and reduce the misuse of alcohol, tobacco, cannabis, opioids, and/or other drugs, increase mental health promotion, and prevent suicide. The funding will be used to support the following tasks:

1. Implement the Community Prevention and Wellness Initiative (CPWI) community services to increase capacity to implement substance use disorder prevention services in high need communities by utilizing identified evidence-based practices and programs which prevent and reduce the misuse of substances, and to increase community wellbeing.
2. Implement the CPWI Student Assistance Program (SAP) to implement prevention and intervention services in schools within high needs communities to prevent and reduce the misuse of substances, and to increase student wellbeing.
3. Provide quality and culturally competent evidence-based programs, research-based programs, and promising programs to address substance use disorder prevention and mental health promotion programs and/or suicide prevention.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This agreement provides an estimated \$290,000 annually. HCA has identified a maximum level of consideration in the amount of \$2,350,000 for the entire agreement period, as the administrative burden of amending the contract when funding sources and/or amounts change (other than the maximum level of consideration) is substantial. All Awards and Revenues documents that are issued after the execution of this amendment are fully incorporated by reference. Council authorization is required per WCC 3.06.010, as grant funding exceeds \$40,000.

Please contact Joe Fuller, Program Specialist at 360-778-6045 or JFuller@co.whatcom.wa.us if you have any questions.

