



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Compass Health – Whatcom Response Center Lease Agreement

DATE: August 17, 2021

Attached is a lease agreement between Whatcom County and Compass Health for your review and signature.

- **Background and Purpose**

This lease agreement is for the Whatcom Response Center, located in the northwest corner of the County-owned facility located at 2030 Division Street in Bellingham. Compass Health leases space in the building to provide behavioral health crisis response and support services.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Compass Health pays a nominal rent of \$200/month and \$1,466.67/month for utilities at this facility, for a total of \$20,000 annually. This is a lease agreement and Council approval is required per WCC 3.08.100.

- **Differences between Previous Lease Agreements**

Compass Health has sub-leased this space from Pioneer Human Services since 2015. Pioneer Human Services has relocated to the new Crisis Stabilization Center, necessitating a new Lease Agreement between Compass Health and Whatcom County.

Please contact Perry Mowery, Human Services Supervisor at 360-778-6059 (PMowery@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Kathleen Roy, Assistant Director at 360-778-6007 (KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us).

