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TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Vanessa Martin, Administrative Manager - Prosecutor's Office

RE: Sea Mar Community Health Centers – Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD)
Program Contract – Contract Amendment

DATE: September 21, 2020

Enclosed are two (2) originals of a contract between Whatcom County and Sea Mar for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The Prosecuting Attorney's Office has been awarded a 3-year grant to fund the Law Enforcement Assisted Division (LEAD) Program in Whatcom County. The LEAD Program is a community-based diversion program with the goal of improving public safety and public order, and reducing unnecessary justice system involvement of people who participate in the program. Sea Mar will provide oversight and administrative duties to support the care coordination and case management services to LEAD participants.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The contract between Whatcom County and Sea Mar is being amended to include additional funding from the Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) to fund the LEAD program. The HCA awarded the County \$662,804 to provide intensive case management services to recently arrested and/or high risk for arrest individuals.

Please contact Vanessa Martin at extension #5716 if you have any questions regarding this agreement.