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Stephanie Kraft
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Stephanie Kraft, Superior and Juvenile Court Administrator

RE: Washington Health Care Authority Reentry Demonstration Initiative Project for July 1, 2024-July 31, 2028 for Youth Transitioning from Juvenile Detention

DATE: June 28, 2024

Enclosed are two (2) originals of the Washington State Health Care Authority contract K7838 for the Reentry Demonstration Initiative Project between the Washington Health Care Authority and Whatcom County Juvenile Detention for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The purpose of this agreement is to reimburse Whatcom County Juvenile Court Administration/Detention for expenses incurred for planning and implementation of Reentry Services for youth transitioning from Juvenile Detention to the community.

Medicaid eligible incarcerated youth are entitled to reentry services through Medicaid. The Washington State Health Care Authority providing funding to facilities statewide to engage in the planning and development necessary to put systems in place to ensure these reentry services are available to youth transitioning from facilities to the community. These services include case management/coordination with community services; medication assessment; and medication management, for medical conditions, alcohol addiction, and Opioid Use Disorder. This project will fund the work needed to put systems in place, so that Whatcom County Juvenile Detention can continue to provide reentry services and bill Medicaid for the services provided to Medicaid eligible youth following the conclusion of the project.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The Washington State Health Care Authority shall reimburse Whatcom County up to \$2,000,000 for the planning, development, and implementation costs for reentry services costs incurred from July 1, 2024 to July 31, 2028.

Please contact **Stephanie Kraft** at extension **5496**, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Encl.