



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Lara Welker Consulting – COVID-19 Community Healthcare Coalition
Coordination and Facilitation Contract Amendment #2

DATE: December 15, 2020

Attached is a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Lara Welker Consulting for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The Community Healthcare Coalition has been convened by leaders of healthcare organizations across Whatcom County in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Lara Welker Consulting supports the coordination and facilitation of the Coalition, whose goal is to promote county-wide healthcare communication, forecasting, and planning necessary to respond to COVID-19 effectively. The purpose of this amendment is to extend the contract for an additional six months.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract may not exceed \$50,000. Funds under this contract are made available by a grant awarded by the US Department of Treasury and subject to Section 601(a) of the Social Security Act, as amended by Section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), and Title V and VI of the CARES Act, passed through the Washington State Department of Commerce Local Government Coronavirus Relief Fund (CFDA 21.016) and the Washington State Department of Health Emergency Preparedness & Response COVID-19 Local CARES (CFDA 21.019) and Epidemiology & Laboratory Capacity (CFDA 93.323) Grants. These funds are included in the 2020 budget and will be included in the 2021 budget. Council approval is required as funding exceeds \$40,000.

Please contact Kathleen Roy at extension #6007 if you have any questions regarding this agreement.

Encl.

