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MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
FROM: Bill Elfo, Sheriff
RE: Jail Nursing Services
DATE: October 22, 2021

Enclosed are two (2) originals of Amendment #3 renewing the contract between Whatcom County and Northwest Regional Council for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

NWRC was awarded the bid for Nursing Services via the RFP process in 2019. They have provided us with Nursing Services since December of 2013. This Amendment renews the contract for another year and increases the annual compensation. This increase will keep salaries for the nurses' mid-range for RN's in our area and reflects the compensation increase negotiated as part of the CBA. It also reflects a significant increase in the amount of work done by the Nursing staff in order to support the efforts to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) program in the jail.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The funding, in the amount of \$1,500,790.00, will come from the Corrections Bureau.

▪ **Differences from Previous Contract**

The hourly rate for Nursing Services changed from \$58.47 to \$67.30 and the number of hours worked from 24,200 to 22,300. This increases the maximum annual compensation by \$85,816.00 to a total consideration of 1,500,790.00.

Please contact Wendy Jones x6505 if you have any questions or concerns regarding this agreement.

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