

MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Eric Richey, Whatcom County Prosecutor

RE: Sea Mar Community Health Centers – Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program Contract, Amendment #3

DATE: January 28, 2022

- **Background and Purpose**

The Prosecuting Attorney's Office has been awarded a new 2-year grant through the Washington State Health Care Authority and has an existing 3-year grant through the U.S. Department of Justice to provide funding for the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (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 criminal legal system involvement of people who participate in the program. Sea Mar has been providing intensive case management services to LEAD members. This amendment retroactively extends the contract for six months.

- **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$371,583 during the contract period (10/01/2021 – 3/31/2022). The funding for this contract is provided by the Washington State Health Care Authority and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Please contact Vanessa Martin at vmartin@co.whatcom.wa.us if you have any questions regarding this contract.

Thank you kindly.