



## Memorandum

**TO:** SATPAL SIDHU, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**FROM:** Allison Williams

**DATE:** July 22, 2022

**RE:** Request Amendment to Ordinance 2020-079

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The Child and Family Well-Being Task Force, established by Whatcom County Ordinance 2020-079, is directed to ensure that diverse community partners are informed, collaborated with, and empowered in the implementation of the Child and Family Action Plan approved by County Council in February 2020.

The ordinance calls for reports in three initial phases, followed by biannual reports each year. The Phase III report in the current ordinance is due no later than October 1, 2022 and is called to, "Develop specific operational plans and budgets leading to implementation of appropriate programs, services and infrastructure. Include details on assignment of responsibilities, and projected outcomes anticipated. Deliver the initial Phase III report with sufficient details to proceed with programs and infrastructure".

Ordinance 2022-45 recently passed, allowing electors of Whatcom County to vote in November elections on lifting the regular property taxes under chapter 84.55 RCW for the purpose of funding for childcare, early learning programs, and increase support for vulnerable children. The outcome of this election will impact the Phase III report.

The Child and Family Well-Being Task Force and Whatcom County Health Department are requesting to amend the date in the original ordinance for the Phase III report to be delivered no later than March 30, 2023. Changing this deadline will allow inclusion of the election outcomes to better inform operational and budget plans in the Phase III report.

Please call Allison Williams at 360-319-2064 if there are any questions.

