



MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive

FROM: Erika Lautenbach, Director

RE: Opportunity Council – Expanded Navigation Services for Families Contract Amendment #1

DATE: July 22, 2022

Attached is a contract amendment between Whatcom County and Opportunity Council for your review and signature.

▪ Background and Purpose

This contract provides funding for the initial steps needed in order to build a health, resource, and service navigation system that provides timely connection of parents and children prenatal to age five, to a range of protective and supportive services. The focus of the original contract was to pay for hiring, training, strategy development, and expanded hours during the first six months of work that will lay the foundation for full implementation, which will begin in 2023. This work builds on the existing navigation system for children with special needs, the Single Entry Access to Services (SEAS) Program. Additional scope of navigation during the initial period included perinatal mental health and home visiting services.

This amendment extends the duration of the contract and adds funding for implementation. An interlocal agreement with the City of Bellingham has been executed (WC Contract #202204035) to support implementation of an expanded health, resource, and service navigation system.

▪ Funding Amount and Source

Funding for this contract, in an amount not to exceed \$285,147, is provided by general funds and the City of Bellingham. These funds are included in the 2022 budget. Council approval is required as funding

Please contact Judy Ziels, Public Health Nurse Supervisor at 360-778-6130 (JZiels@co.whatcom.wa.us) or Kathleen Roy, Assistant Director at 360-778-6007 (KRoy@co.whatcom.wa.us), if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

