

# HCF Amendment Matrix

Proponent	Request/Comment	Change proposed	Related page(s)	Notes
<b>Requests</b>				
Galloway	I like the idea of incorporating local businesses. This could be education and outreach, it could be coordinating childcare opportunities with local business.	Add Business & Commerce Committee on p13 under Implementation Team as community group partner/advisory group. On p14 add them as subject matter experts and advisory group. Add businesses to evaluation, to evaluate the impact on stability of workforce.	13, 14, 53, 66	As expansion opportunities come forward in future years, consider employers as sites for childcare locations, family-friendly employment opportunities they can offer, etc.
Elenbaas	If the goal is to increase childcare, I would like to see some portion of the plan implemented to support in-home care. Barriers were created by government, state government. Some portion towards alleviating those barriers so can get more in-home care available and slots open for people however we can.	In Leveraging Funding, in State Opportunities or Supporting Providers, add the statement: "HCF recognizes providers' concerns about regulation, and advocate at state level for policies that would provide for childcare expansion and affordability while simultaneously ensuring health and safety."	47	Each of the strategies were written to support small providers, including in-home care providers..Please note: Strategies 1, 5, 6 in particular will support identification of barriers for in-home care providers and work with them to alleviate them.
Executive	Clarify capital construction as a strategy within the plan, to be funded by ARPA.	Add Strategy 0 table to clarify mid-size and large capital projects, funded by ARPA, will complement HCF investments. Footnote: Will work with evaluators to determine HCF vs. ARPA effectiveness.	26, separate recommendation	Planning team assumed availability of full \$10M in ARPA capital dollars. Addition of strategy provides transparency to community on complementary nature of HCF and ARPA, while allowing for flexibility as HCF spending gets underway.
Galloway	I heard a lot of comments about assessing the effectiveness, efficiency and coordination; the difference between evaluation and audit, so I want to make sure we're all on the same page about that.	Add definitions of "performance audit" and "evaluation"; replace "process evaluation" with "performance audit". See <a href="https://www.gao.gov/products/113596">https://www.gao.gov/products/113596</a> . "Performance auditing ... is an independent, objective, and reliable examination of whether government undertakings, systems, operations, programmes, activities, or organizations are operating in accordance with the principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness and whether there is room for improvement." <a href="https://www.idi.no/elibrary/professional-sais/issai-implementation-handbooks/handbooks-english/performance-audit-v1-2021/1339-chapter-1-pa-handbook-v1-2021/file">https://www.idi.no/elibrary/professional-sais/issai-implementation-handbooks/handbooks-english/performance-audit-v1-2021/1339-chapter-1-pa-handbook-v1-2021/file</a>	11, 13-14, 20, 51, 54-56, 69	
Galloway	Align with decision-making on ARPA allocations	Change pending: Confirm numbers are correct following discussion at COTW on 3/21.	19, 24, 45, 81	ARPA is assumed as part of the implementation plan. When Council makes decision on remaining ARPA funds for childcare, staff will edit plan to ensure amounts are consistent.
Executive	Clarify exceptions to competitive bid process in fund distribution section.	Add: "In an effort to expedite fund distribution, WCHCS will utilize exceptions in the purchasing policy as needed. When WCHCS does not initiate a formal bid, it would widely advertise funding opportunities through the Child & Family Well-Being Task Force, Whatcom Childcare Coalition, and other communication channels."	41	
WCHCS	Remove "Help Me Grow" from the title in Strategy 10, but leave it in the details.	Proposed rewrite: Strategy 10: Integrate and co-locate services via coordinated access to resource navigation.	21, 22, 35, 39, 80	This will give maximum flexibility to the plan.
WCHCS	"Birthing parents" and "Birthing person"	Changed to "Mothers and parents carrying a child"	38, 86, 90	
WCHCS	Typos and grammatical errors		Throughout document	
<b>Questions &amp; Answers</b>				
Galloway	I like the idea of including some additional details about the budget. I didn't think about the opportunities that our local dollars will have to leverage state and local funding. Even if we don't know what that is now it would be interesting to consider at some point.		Annual Report	In the Annual Report, WCHCS will ask the TF to add details about the budget and how funds were spent.
Galloway	I'm interested in identifying and addressing barriers internal to the county and also within the community		56	The performance audit (formerly process evaluation) is intended to identify internal barriers, and the evaluation of recipients' experience is intended to identify their barriers; all with the intention to improve.
Galloway	We heard about one-time grant funding vs. ongoing funding; understanding when we are breaking down expenditures, what will be one-time, like capital funding, vs ongoing operational, service oriented		26-32; 35-38	Note: HCF will strive to provide clarity during the RFP process and the development of funding guidelines. As administrator, WCHCS will strive to provide predictability for providers; the County does not aim to stop and start programs without a sustainability plan.
Galloway	Wages -- if there's a way that we can incorporate livable wage opportunities in the workforce development component of the plan, I would be interested in that		30	Strategy 4 includes researching and implementing a potential wage subsidy.

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Galloway	How we are ensuring that these funds are resulting in outcomes that are accessible to rural communities		26, 31, 32, 40	Prioritizing rural communities are mentioned specifically in strategies 1, 5, and 6. In Funding Mechanisms, the criteria for eligibility states, "The majority of the funds will prioritize equitable access for traditionally underserved communities. This includes but is not limited to, areas located outside of the city of Bellingham, low-income children and families, and community members experiencing the greatest barriers."
Galloway	Ensuring adaptability			Plan is designed to allow for maximum flexibility amongst strategies.
References:				
Recording of	<a href="http://whatcom.granicus.com/player/clip/903?view_id=1&amp;redirect=true&amp;h=4c89e2ea8b12ab4f779d4710941a3593">http://whatcom.granicus.com/player/clip/903?view_id=1&amp;redirect=true&amp;h=4c89e2ea8b12ab4f779d4710941a3593</a>			
1:01:00	Requests for change by council members			
00:46:45	Public comment by Bryan Estes(?) referenced by Galloway			