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MEMORANDUM

TO: Satpal Sidhu, County Executive
County Council

FROM: Rob Ney, Project & Operations Manager

RE: Facility Improvement Collaboration Agreement between
Whatcom County and Unity Care Northwest- Way Station

DATE: April 13, 2023

Attached for your review and approval is the Facility Improvement Collaboration Agreement between Whatcom County and Unity Care Northwest (UCNW).

▪ **Background and Purpose**

Unity Care Northwest successfully applied for, and was awarded, a Federal Health Resources and Services Administration Grant (HRSA). This grant award is in the amount of \$2,000,000 and is for the sole purpose of Capital Funding for the Way Station project. Typically, grants can be conveyed to a third party via a Sub-Recipient agreement, and the Council sees these agreements frequently. However, Federal grants cannot be conveyed to a third party. In order for UCNW to provide this funding for the Way Station, the two parties have drafted this binding document that ensures that this federal funding can be used for the sole purpose of constructing the Way Station. Whatcom County will pay invoices from the construction contract, then submit reimbursement documentation to UCNW. UCNW will request reimbursement funding from the Federal Government. Once payment is received, they will forward that reimbursement funding to the County.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

The funding is a HRSA Federal Grant in the Amount of \$2,000,000, awarded to UCNW. UCNW will reimburse Whatcom County for eligible expenses in the effort to construct the Way Station, specifically the UCNW suite.

Please contact Rob Ney at extension 5365, if you have any questions or concerns regarding the terms of this agreement.

Enclosures