



MEMORANDUM

TO: Jack Louws, County Executive

FROM: ^{RAD} Regina A. Delahunt, Director

RE: North Sound Behavioral Health Organization – PATH Interlocal Agreement

DATE: March 27, 2019

Enclosed is one (1) original of an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County and North Sound Behavioral Health Organization for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The *Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness* (PATH) is a federal grant that seeks to reduce and end chronic homelessness for people who have serious mental illnesses/co-occurring disorders and who are literally homeless. The purpose of this agreement is to provide match funds to the funding received by the North Sound Behavioral Health Organization (NS BHO) and continue PATH activities in Whatcom County. PATH services to the homeless are currently provided by Compass Health. As of 12/31/18, the NS BHO had not yet received the 2019 PATH grant amendment outlining the term period and changes in staffing at the NS BHO both delayed the processing of this agreement.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

Funding, in a total amount not to exceed \$75,469 (33% match of \$16,332 + actual program costs of \$59,137), is provided by the Behavioral Health Program Fund. These funds are included in the 2019 budget. Council approval is required per RCW 39.34.030(2) for agreements between public agencies.

Please contact Anne Deacon at extension #6054 if you have any questions regarding this agreement.

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