




## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Jack Louws, County Executive

**FROM:**   
Regina A. Delahunt, Director

**RE:** North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization, LLC –  
Integrated Care Network Agreement

**DATE:** March 27, 2019

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Enclosed is one (1) original of an Interlocal Agreement between Whatcom County, the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (NS BHASO), LLC for your review and signature.

▪ **Background and Purpose**

The North Sound Behavioral Health Organization (NS BHO) was established in 2016 to provide behavioral health services coordination and management for the five regional County Authorities. A change to the Washington State health care system in 2017 requires certain services that are provided to Medicaid-insured individuals to be provided directly through Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organizations. The purpose of this agreement is to consent to participation in the North Sound Integrated Care Network (ICN) administered by the NS BHASO to provide behavioral health services in the North Sound Regional Service Area which includes Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties.

▪ **Funding Amount and Source**

This is a fee for service contract with no maximum revenue amount. Whatcom County will be reimbursed by the NS BHASO for satisfactory completion of the services and requirements specified in this contract. 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.

Encl.

