



Snohomish County Council

Committee: Health and Community Services
ECAF: 2023-0402
Ordinance: 23-039

Analyst: Nicole Gorle
Date: April 20, 2023

Consideration:

Approve an Interlocal Agreement with Whatcom County for Snohomish County and Whatcom County Health Officer's to provide coverage for each other in the others absence.

Background:

Snohomish Health District and Whatcom County previously held an agreement since 2001 whereby each parties Health Officer provided coverage for the other. With the transition of the Health District into the County, a new agreement is being entered into to continue this agreement.

Currently, the agreement is also making its way through Whatcom County Council and is to be on the Whatcom County Finance and Administrative Services Committee agenda April 25th.¹

Current Proposal:

Scope: Under the contract, the Snohomish County and Whatcom County Health Officer's will provided coverage for each other and serve as the acting Health Officer for the other county when there is an absence (whether they are physically unavailable or if the officer is away from the County when it is imperative for health officer advice) and coverage is requested by the Health Department Administrator.

Duration: Execution through December 31, 2028 with automatic annual renewals thereafter into perpetuity (unless superseded or terminated by either party).

Fiscal Impact: None – as coverage goes both ways, neither party will exchange funds under the agreement.

2023 Budget: No

Future Budget Impact: No

Handling: Normal

Approved-as-to-form: Yes

Risk Management: Yes

Executive Recommendation: Approve

Request: Move to Administrative Matters on May 3rd to set time and date for a public hearing on May 24th at 10:30 a.m.

¹ <https://whatcom.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=6175510&GUID=FC5D35CA-F45C-4AEB-A436-910E34F2536C&Options=ID|Text|&Search=snohomish>