



Snohomish County Council

Committee: COW
ECAF: 22-1296
Proposal: Mot. 22-546

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Consideration

The Executive's Office requests Council consider approving proposed Motion 22-546 which would approve and authorize a Memorandum of Understand with the North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization.

Background

On September 7, 2022, Snohomish County Council authorized the County Executive to join in the State of Washington's settlement with McKesson Corp., Cardinal Health Inc., and AmerisourceBergen Drug Corp as a participating local government pursuant to the One WA MOU.

Snohomish County is also a participant in the "Allocation Agreement Governing the Allocation of Funds Paid by the Settling Opioid Distributors in Washington State" with initial funds from this settlement distributed directly to Snohomish County in 2022; estimated funds for 2022 are \$1,400,000.

Snohomish County participates with Whatcom, Skagit, Island and San Juan Counties in the North Sound regional service area (NSBH-ASO) established under RCW 74.09.870 and all five counties and certain cities within those five counties are Participating Local Governments pursuant to the One WA MOU and the Allocation Agreement.

The five counties wish to form a special subcommittee of the NSBH-ASO for the purposes of overseeing the use of Opioid Funds allocated to the participating local governments consistent with the approved purposes set forth in the One WA MOU and the Allocation Agreement.

The NSBH-ASO will provide an annual budget and accounting for actual costs and will be reimbursed for those costs in proportion to the amount of funds received by each local government up to 10% held in a reserve and available to NSBH-ASO on a reimbursement basis.

Current Proposal

Scope: Motion 22-546 authorizes the County Executive and/or legal counsel to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between north sound region participating local governments and NSBH-ASO.

The MOU:

- Creates a special sub-committee North Sound Opioid Abatement Council for the purposes of overseeing the use of opioid funds allocated. The new council will have one participant per county and one per city;
- Indicates that jurisdictions retain full control over the direction and use of their funds for approved purposes and allows not more than 10% for administrative costs to the NSBH-ASO; and
- The NSBH-ASO is responsible for the following:

- Monitor distribution of Opioid Funds to programs and services within the North Sound regional service area for Approved Purposes.
- Developing and maintaining a centralized public dashboard or other repository for the publication of expenditure data for expenditures of Opioid Funds by the Participating Local Governments, which it shall update at least annually.
- If necessary, require and collect additional outcome-related data to evaluate the use of Opioid Funds, and all Participating Local Governments shall comply with such requirements. Prior to establishing these requirements, evaluation and reporting tools will be developed in partnership with Participating Local Governments, unless already stipulated by the One WA MOU.
- Hearing complaints by Participating Local Governments regarding alleged failure to (1) use Opioid Funds for Approved Purposes or (2) comply with reporting requirements.

Fiscal Implications: up to 10% of the settlement funds is available to NSBH-ASO for reimbursement to cover administrative costs.

2023 Budget: YES

Future Budget Impacts: YES – we will receive settlement funds in future budget years.

Handling: EXPEDITE

Approved-as-to-form: YES

Risk Management: N/A

Executive Recommendation: N/A (Council initiated ECAF)

Request: Assign to COW for consideration at GLS on December 14, 2022.