

SNOHOMISH COUNTY COUNCIL
Snohomish County, Washington

MOTION NO. 26-016

APPROVING AMENDMENT 1 TO THE CONTRACT BETWEEN NORTH SOUND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH-ASO AND SNOHOMISH COUNTY FOR THE CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOVERY NAVIGATOR PROGRAM

WHEREAS, North Sound BH-ASO is a governmental limited liability company formed by an operating agreement (the "Operating Agreement") entered into by five (5) Island County, San Juan County, Snohomish County, Skagit County, and Whatcom County in response to a request for a detailed plan and to contract with the State of Washington to operate as a Regional Support Network until April 1, 2016 and as a Behavioral Health Organization as of April 1, 2016, and as an Administrative Services Organization as of July 1, 2019 as provided for in RCW 71.24.100 and Chapter 25.15; and

WHEREAS, the Operating Agreement provides a means for each of the five (5) counties to share in the cost of behavioral health services, for payment of services and for the audit of funds, as provided for in RCW 71.24.100 and provides for the joint supervision and operation of services and facilities, as provided for in RCW 71.24.110; and

WHEREAS, North Sound BH-ASO anticipates an increased need for behavioral health services in the community and recognizes the need for expansion of services and strengthening of cooperation among service providers to meet this challenge; and

WHEREAS, the parties to this Contract desire to promote the continuity of care for individuals, avoid service disruption, ensure the provision of behavioral health services, and strengthen the regional service network; and

WHEREAS, LEAD and RNP staff provide social services to individuals who intersect with police because of simple drug possession and /or people who have frequent contact criminal legal system contact because of unmet behavioral health needs; and

WHEREAS, the PAO serves as a coordinating entity in the implementation of the RNP and LEAD initiatives which require a collaborative partnership among local law enforcement agencies, mental health providers, prosecutors, defense counsel, and community-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, the PAO, as the coordinating entity, has contracted with the Evergreen Recovery Centers of Everett, Washington, and the Purpose.Dignity.Action (f/k/a Public Defenders Association) of Seattle, Washington, to provide effective case management services to RNP and LEAD participants; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds from the North Sound BH-ASO for this contract "pass through" the PAO's budget, and have had no fiscal impact on the PAO's operating budget or its General Fund authorization since 2023; and

WHEREAS, the North Sound Behavioral Health – Administrative Services Office (North Sound BH-ASO) awarded the Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney' Office (PAO) a grant of \$645,000 for the term of July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, for the continued implementation of a Recovery Navigator Program (RNP), as part of the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) Program in Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, the County Council approved this contract by motion, and the Executive subsequently signed the contract on November 22, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the County Council and the Executive have approved subsequent amendments to the contract: Amendment 1, signed on June 12, 2024, increasing funding by \$93,500; Amendment 2, signed on October 23, 2024, increasing funding by \$868,500, and extending the term another year; and Amendment 3, signed March 27, 2025, increasing funding by \$43,530.50; and

WHEREAS, the County Council approved by motion and the Executive signed the latest contract with NS BH-ASO on September 24, 2025, that awards the County \$411,826, for the term July 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the PAO seeks the County Council's approval by motion of Amendment 1 to the current contract which awards the PAO another \$411,826, for the term January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026, and installs automatic six-month term renewals;

NOW, THEREFORE, ON MOTION, the Snohomish County Council authorizes the County Executive to sign the attached Amendment 1 allowing the County to receive an additional \$411,826 from the North Sound BH-ASO for the continued implementation of a Recovery Navigator Program in Snohomish County, Washington, through June 30, 2026, and installing automatic six-month term renewals unless the contract is terminated.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2026.

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Council Chair

ATTEST:

Deputy Clerk of the Council