

CONTRACTOR: Christopher Spitters, MD, MPH
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TELEPHONE/FAX NUMBER: 206-383-0474
COUNTY DEPT: Health
DEPT. CONTACT PERSON: Dennis Worsham
TELEPHONE/FAX NUMBER: (425) 339-8687
PROJECT: Tuberculosis Control Medical Officer
AMOUNT: NTE \$50,000/yearly
FUND SOURCE: DAC# 125 5 15 625 4101
CONTRACT DURATION: Mutual execution through September 30,
2024, unless extended or renewed pursuant to
Section 2 hereof

AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

THIS AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”) is made by and between SNOHOMISH COUNTY, a political subdivision of the State of Washington (the “County”) and Christopher Spitters, MD, MPH, an individual (the “Contractor”). In consideration of the mutual benefits and covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. Purpose of Agreement; Scope of Services. The purpose of this Agreement is to provide coordination of care for patients with active and latent tuberculosis disease. The scope of services is as defined in Schedule A attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

The services shall be performed in accordance with the requirements of this Agreement and with generally accepted practices prevailing in the western Washington region in the occupation or industry in which the Contractor practices or operates at the time the services are performed. The Contractor shall perform the work in a timely manner and in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Any materials or equipment used by the Contractor in connection with performing the services shall be of good quality. The Contractor represents that it is fully qualified to perform the services to be performed under this Agreement in a competent and professional manner.

The Contractor will prepare and present status reports and other information regarding performance of the Agreement as the County may request.

2. Term of Agreement; Time of Performance. This Agreement shall be effective upon mutual execution (the “Effective Date”) and shall terminate on September 30, 2024 , PROVIDED,

HOWEVER, that the term of this Agreement may be extended or renewed for up to four (4) additional one (1) year terms, at the sole discretion of the County, by written notice from the County to the Contractor. The Contractor shall commence work upon the Effective Date and shall complete the work required by this Agreement no later than September 30, 2024, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that the County's obligations after December 31, 2023 are contingent upon local legislative appropriation of necessary funds for this specific purpose in accordance with the County Charter and applicable law.

3. Compensation.

a. Services. The County will pay the Contractor for services provided under this Agreement at an hourly rate of \$125.00, PROVIDED, HOWEVER, that in no event shall the total amount charged by the Contractor or paid by the County for services during the initial term (excluding extensions or renewals, if any) of this Agreement exceed \$50,000.00. Time of the Contractor spent in travel related to the provision of services under this Agreement will be compensated. Time may be recorded and invoiced by the Contractor in fractional hours with increments of no less than fifteen (15) minutes.

b. Overhead and Expenses. The Contractor's compensation for services includes overhead but does not include specific reimbursable expenses, which will be allowed only as to mileage and to the extent set forth in Schedule B attached hereto and by this reference made a part of this Agreement.

c. Invoices. The Contractor shall submit properly executed invoices to the County no more frequently than monthly. Each invoice shall include an itemization of the dates on which services were provided, including the number of hours and a brief description of the work performed on each such date. Each invoice shall also include an itemization of any reimbursable expenses incurred by the Contractor during the time period covered by the invoice, together with reasonable documentation substantiating such expenses, all in accordance with this Section 3 and Schedule C. Subject to Section 8 of this Agreement, the County will pay such invoices within thirty (30) calendar days of receipt.

d. Payment. The County's preferred method of payment under this contract is electronic using the County's "e-Payable" system with Bank of America. The Contractor is highly encouraged to take advantage of the electronic payment method.

In order to utilize the electronic payment method, the Contractor shall email SnocoEpayables@snoco.org and indicate it was awarded a contract with Snohomish County and will be receiving payment through the County's e-Payable process. The Contractor needs to provide contact information (name, phone number and email address). The Contractor will be contacted by a person in the Finance Accounts Payable group and assisted with the enrollment process. This should be done as soon as feasible after County award of a contract or purchase order, but not exceeding ten (10) business days.

Department approved invoices received in Finance will be processed for payment within seven calendar days for e-Payable contractors. Invoices are processed for payment by Finance two times a week for contractors who have selected the e-Payable payment option.

In the alternative, if the Contractor does not enroll in the electronic (“e-Payable”) payment method described above, contract payments will be processed by Finance with the issuance of paper checks or, if available, an alternative electronic method. Alternative payment methods, other than e-Payables, will be processed not more than 30 days from receipt of department approved invoices to Finance.

THE COUNTY MAY MAKE PAYMENTS FOR PURCHASES UNDER THIS CONTRACT USING THE COUNTY’S VISA PURCHASING CARD (PCARD).

Upon acceptance of payment, the Contractor waives any claims for the goods or services covered by the Invoice. No advance payment shall be made for the goods or services furnished by Contractor pursuant to this Contract.

e. Payment Method. In addition to Payment section above, the County may make payments for purchases under this contract using the County’s VISA purchasing card (PCARD).

Are you willing to accept PCARD payments without any fees or surcharges?

Yes No

f. Contract Maximum. Total charges under this Agreement, all fees and expenses included, shall not exceed \$50,000.00 (FIFTY THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS) for the initial term of this Agreement (excluding extensions or renewals, if any).

4. Independent Contractor. The Contractor agrees that Contractor will perform the services under this Agreement as an independent contractor and not as an agent, employee, or servant of the County. This Agreement neither constitutes nor creates an employer-employee relationship. The parties agree that the Contractor is not entitled to any benefits or rights enjoyed by employees of the County. The Contractor specifically has the right to direct and control Contractor’s own activities in providing the agreed services in accordance with the specifications set out in this Agreement. The County shall only have the right to ensure performance. Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to render the parties partners or joint venturers.

The Contractor shall furnish, employ and have exclusive control of all persons to be engaged in performing the Contractor’s obligations under this Agreement (the “Contractor personnel”), and shall prescribe and control the means and methods of performing such obligations by providing adequate and proper supervision. Such Contractor personnel shall for all purposes be solely the employees or agents of the Contractor and shall not be deemed to be employees or agents of the County for any purposes whatsoever. With respect to Contractor personnel, the Contractor shall be solely responsible for compliance with all rules, laws and regulations relating to employment of labor, hours of labor, working conditions, payment of wages and payment of taxes, including applicable contributions from Contractor personnel when required by law.

Because it is an independent contractor, the Contractor shall be responsible for all obligations relating to federal income tax, self-employment or FICA taxes and contributions, and all other so-called employer taxes and contributions including, but not limited to, industrial insurance (workers’ compensation). The Contractor agrees to indemnify, defend and hold the County harmless from any and all claims, valid or otherwise, made to the County because of these obligations.

The Contractor assumes full responsibility for the payment of all payroll taxes, use, sales, income, or other form of taxes, fees, licenses, excises or payments required by any city, county, federal or state legislation which are now or may during the term of the Agreement be enacted as to all persons employed by the Contractor and as to all duties, activities and requirements by the Contractor in performance of the work under this Agreement. The Contractor shall assume exclusive liability therefor, and shall meet all requirements thereunder pursuant to any rules or regulations that are now or may be promulgated in connection therewith.

5. Ownership. Any and all data, reports, analyses, documents, photographs, pamphlets, plans, specifications, surveys, films or any other materials created, prepared, produced, constructed, assembled, made, performed or otherwise produced by the Contractor or the Contractor's subcontractors or consultants for delivery to the County under this Agreement shall be the sole and absolute property of the County. Such property shall constitute "work made for hire" as defined by the U.S. Copyright Act of 1976, 17 U.S.C. § 101, and the ownership of the copyright and any other intellectual property rights in such property shall vest in the County at the time of its creation. Ownership of the intellectual property includes the right to copyright, patent, and register, and the ability to transfer these rights. Material which the Contractor uses to perform this Agreement but is not created, prepared, constructed, assembled, made, performed or otherwise produced for or paid for by the County is owned by the Contractor and is not "work made for hire" within the terms of this Agreement.

6. Changes. No changes or additions shall be made in this Agreement except as agreed to by both parties, reduced to writing and executed with the same formalities as are required for the execution of this Agreement.

7. County Contact Person. The assigned contact person (or project manager) for the County for this Agreement shall be:

Name: Dennis Worsham
Title: Health Department Director
Department: Administration
Telephone: (425) 339-8687
Email: <Dennis.Worsham@snoco.org>

8. County Review and Approval. When the Contractor has completed any discrete portion of the services, the Contractor shall verify that the work is free from errors and defects and otherwise conforms to the requirements of this Agreement. The Contractor shall then notify the County that said work is complete. The County shall promptly review and inspect the work to determine whether the work is acceptable. If the County determines the work conforms to the requirements of this Agreement, the County shall notify the Contractor that the County accepts the work. If the County determines the work contains errors, omissions, or otherwise fails to conform to the requirements of this Agreement, the County shall reject the work by providing the Contractor with written notice describing the problems with the work and describing the necessary corrections or modifications to same. In such event, the Contractor shall promptly remedy the problem or problems and re-submit the work to the County. The Contractor shall receive no additional

compensation for time spent correcting errors. Payment for the work will not be made until the work is accepted by the County. The Contractor shall be responsible for the accuracy of work even after the County accepts the work.

If the Contractor fails or refuses to correct the Contractor's work when so directed by the County, the County may withhold from any payment otherwise due to the Contractor an amount that the County in good faith believes is equal to the cost the County would incur in correcting the errors, in re-procuring the work from an alternate source, and in remedying any damage caused by the Contractor's conduct.

9. Subcontracting and Assignment. The Contractor shall not subcontract, assign, or delegate any of the rights, duties or obligations covered by this Agreement. Any attempt by the Contractor to subcontract, assign, or delegate any portion of the Contractor's obligations under this Agreement to another party in violation of the preceding sentence shall be null and void and shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement.

10. Records and Access; Audit; Ineligible Expenditures. The Contractor shall maintain adequate records to support billings. Said records shall be maintained for a period of seven (7) years after completion of this Agreement by the Contractor. The County or any of its duly authorized representatives shall have access at reasonable times to any books, documents, papers and records of the Contractor which are directly related to this Agreement for the purposes of making audit examinations, obtaining excerpts, transcripts or copies, and ensuring compliance by the County with applicable laws. Expenditures under this Agreement, which are determined by audit to be ineligible for reimbursement and for which payment has been made to the Contractor, shall be refunded to the County by the Contractor.

11. Indemnification.

Snohomish County will defend, indemnify, and hold Dr. Spitters while serving within the scope of his temporary service as tuberculosis disease physician, harmless from any and all claims, injuries, damages, losses, or suits including attorney fees, arising out of or in connection with the performance of this Agreement, except for injuries and damages caused by the sole negligence of the Department unless such performance, based upon an objective standard, is fraudulent, wanton, willful or malicious or would be a violation of public policy to cover, including but not limited to sexual or assaultive behavior. It is further provided that no liability shall attach to the County by reason of entering into this Agreement, except as expressly provided herein.

12. Insurance Requirements. The County will procure and maintain medical malpractice insurance coverage in the name of Dr. Christopher Spitters in the amount of not less than \$1,000,000 per claim. The County may provide medical malpractice insurance through the purchase of commercially available professional liability policy or the County may self-insure said coverage through its self-insurance program in accordance with Snohomish County Code 2.90 and 4.21.

The Contractor shall provide or purchase workers' compensation insurance coverage to meet the Washington State Industrial Insurance regulations and cause any subcontractors working

on behalf of the Contractor to also carry such insurance prior to performing work under the Agreement. The County will not be responsible for payment of workers' compensation premiums or for any other claim or benefit for the Contractor, its employees, consultants, or subcontractors which might arise under the Washington State Industrial Insurance laws.

13. County Non-discrimination. It is the policy of the County to reject discrimination which denies equal treatment to any individual because of his or her race, creed, color, national origin, families with children, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability as provided in Washington's Law against Discrimination, Chapter 49.60 RCW, and the Snohomish County Human Rights Ordinance, Chapter 2.460 SCC. These laws protect against specific forms of discrimination in employment, credit transactions, public accommodation, housing, county facilities and services, and county contracts.

The Contractor shall comply with the substantive requirements of Chapter 2.460 SCC, which are incorporated herein by this reference. Execution of this Agreement constitutes a certification by the Contractor of the Contractor's compliance with the requirements of Chapter 2.460 SCC. If the Contractor is found to have violated this provision, or to have furnished false or misleading information in an investigation or proceeding conducted pursuant to this Agreement or Chapter 2.460 SCC, this Agreement may be subject to a declaration of default and termination at the County's discretion. This provision shall not affect the Contractor's obligations under other federal, state, or local laws against discrimination.

14. Federal Non-discrimination. Snohomish County assures that no persons shall on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Pub. L. No. 88-352), as amended, and the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987 (Pub. L. No. 100-259) be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any County sponsored program or activity. Snohomish County further assures that every effort will be made to ensure nondiscrimination in all of its programs and activities, whether those programs and activities are federally funded or not.

15. Employment of County Employees. SCC 2.50.075, "Restrictions on future employment of County employees," imposes certain restrictions on the subsequent employment and compensation of County employees. The Contractor represents and warrants to the County that it does not at the time of execution of this Agreement, and that it shall not during the term of this Agreement, employ a former or current County employee in violation of SCC 2.50.075. For breach or violation of these representations and warranties, the County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement without liability.

16. Compliance with Other Laws. The Contractor shall comply with all other applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, and regulations in performing this Agreement.

17. Compliance with Grant Terms and Conditions. The Contractor shall comply with any and all conditions, terms and requirements of any federal, state or other grant, if any, that wholly or partially funds the Contractor's work hereunder.

18. Prohibition of Contingency Fee Arrangements. The Contractor warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contractor, to solicit or secure this Agreement and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for the Contractor, any fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gifts or any other consideration, contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement. For breach or violation of this warranty, the County shall have the right to terminate this Agreement without liability or, in its discretion, to deduct from the Agreement price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such fee, commission, percentage, brokerage fee, gift or contingent fee.

19. Force Majeure. If either party is unable to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement as a direct result of an unforeseeable event beyond that party's reasonable control, including but not limited to an act of war, act of nature (including but not limited to earthquake and flood), embargo, riot, sabotage, labor shortage or dispute (despite due diligence in obtaining the same), or governmental restriction imposed subsequent to execution of the Agreement (collectively, a "force majeure event"), the time for performance shall be extended by the number of days directly attributable to the force majeure event. Both parties agree to use their best efforts to minimize the effects of such failures or delays.

20. Suspension of Work. The County may, at any time, instruct the Contractor in writing to stop work effective immediately, or as directed, pending either further instructions from the County to resume the work or a notice from the County of breach or termination under Section 21 of this Agreement.

21. Non-Waiver of Breach; Termination.

a. The failure of the County to insist upon strict performance of any of the covenants or agreements contained in this Agreement, or to exercise any option conferred by this Agreement, in one or more instances shall not be construed to be a waiver or relinquishment of those covenants, agreements or options, and the same shall be and remain in full force and effect.

b. If the Contractor breaches any of its obligations hereunder, and fails to cure the same within ten (10) business days of written notice to do so by the County, the County may terminate this Agreement, in which case the County shall pay the Contractor only for the services and corresponding reimbursable expenses, if any, accepted by the County in accordance with Sections 3 and 8 hereof.

c. The County may terminate this Agreement upon twenty (20) business days' written notice to the Contractor for any reason other than stated in subparagraph b above, in which case payment shall be made in accordance with Sections 3 and 8 hereof for the services and corresponding reimbursable expenses, if any, reasonably and directly incurred by the Contractor in performing this Agreement prior to receipt of the termination notice.

d. Termination by the County hereunder shall not affect the rights of the County as against the Contractor provided under any other section or paragraph herein. The County does

not, by exercising its rights under this Section 21, waive, release or forego any legal remedy for any violation, breach or non-performance of any of the provisions of this Agreement. At its sole option, the County may deduct from the final payment due the Contractor (i) any damages, expenses or costs arising out of any such violations, breaches or non-performance and (ii) any other set-offs or credits including, but not limited to, the costs to the County of selecting and compensating another contractor to complete the work of the Agreement.

22. Notices. All notices and other communications shall be in writing and shall be sufficient if given, and shall be deemed given, on the date on which the same has been mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

If to the County: Snohomish County Health Department
3020 Rucker Ave, Suite 306
Everett, Washington 98201
Attention: Dennis Worsham
Department Director

and to: Snohomish County Purchasing Division
3000 Rockefeller Avenue, M/S 507
Everett, Washington 98201
Attention: Bramby Tollen
Purchasing Manager

If to the Contractor: Christopher Spitters, MD, MPH
8920 Inverness Dr NE
Seattle, WA 98115

The County or the Contractor may, by notice to the other given hereunder, designate any further or different addresses to which subsequent notices or other communications shall be sent.

23. Confidentiality. The Contractor shall not disclose, transfer, sell or otherwise release to any third party any confidential information gained by reason of or otherwise in connection with the Contractor's performance under this Agreement. The Contractor may use such information solely for the purposes necessary to perform its obligations under this Agreement. The Contractor shall promptly give written notice to the County of any judicial proceeding seeking disclosure of such information.

24. Public Records Act. This Agreement and all public records associated with this Agreement shall be available from the County for inspection and copying by the public where required by the Public Records Act, Chapter 42.56 RCW (the "Act"). To the extent that public records then in the custody of the Contractor are needed for the County to respond to a request under the Act, as determined by the County, the Contractor agrees to make them promptly available to the County. If the Contractor considers any portion of any record provided to the County under this Agreement, whether in electronic or hard copy form, to be protected from disclosure under law, the Contractor shall clearly identify any specific information that it claims to be confidential or proprietary. If the County receives a request under the Act to inspect or copy

the information so identified by the Contractor and the County determines that release of the information is required by the Act or otherwise appropriate, the County's sole obligations shall be to notify the Contractor (a) of the request and (b) of the date that such information will be released to the requester unless the Contractor obtains a court order to enjoin that disclosure pursuant to RCW 42.56.540. If the Contractor fails to timely obtain a court order enjoining disclosure, the County will release the requested information on the date specified.

The County has, and by this section assumes, no obligation on behalf of the Contractor to claim any exemption from disclosure under the Act. The County shall not be liable to the Contractor for releasing records not clearly identified by the Contractor as confidential or proprietary. The County shall not be liable to the Contractor for any records that the County releases in compliance with this section or in compliance with an order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

25. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

a. Definitions.

- i. "Covered Entity" has the same meaning as that term is defined in 45 C.F.R. §160.103.
- ii. "Disclose" and "disclosure" mean, with respect to Protected Health Information, the release, transfer, provision of access to, or divulging in any other manner of Protected Health Information outside the Contractor's internal operations or to other than its employees.
- iii. "Protected Health Information" has the same meaning as that term is defined in 45 C.F.R. §160.103.
- iv. "Required by law" means a mandate contained in law that compels an entity to make a Use or Disclosure of Protected Health Information that is enforceable in a court of law. Required by law includes, but is not limited to, court orders and court-ordered warrants; subpoenas or summons issued by a court, grand jury or any administrative body authorized to require the production of information; a civil or an authorized investigative demand; statutes or regulations that require the production of information.

Terms used in this Section 25 but not otherwise defined in this Subsection shall have the same meaning as those terms are defined in the HIPAA privacy regulations.

b. The Parties acknowledge that a business associate agreement is not needed due to the nature of Services provided by Contractor. Specifically, the Parties acknowledge that all Protected Health Information is created, viewed, used, maintained and otherwise stored and safeguarded in the County's work environment. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Contractor shall comply with confidentiality requirements and/or other applicable laws and regulations with regard to any and all information directly or indirectly accessed or used for the purposes of performing the work contemplated under this Agreement.

26. Interpretation. This Agreement and each of the terms and provisions of it are deemed to have been explicitly negotiated by the parties. The language in all parts of this Agreement shall, in all cases, be construed according to its fair meaning and not strictly for or against either of the

parties hereto. The captions and headings of this Agreement are used only for convenience and are not intended to affect the interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement. This Agreement shall be construed so that wherever applicable the use of the singular number shall include the plural number, and vice versa, and the use of any gender shall be applicable to all genders.

27. Complete Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding of the parties. Any written or verbal agreements that are not set forth herein or incorporated herein by reference are expressly excluded.

28. Conflicts between Attachments and Text. Should any conflicts exist between any attached exhibit or schedule and the text or main body of this Agreement, the text or main body of this Agreement shall prevail.

29. No Third Party Beneficiaries. The provisions of this Agreement are for the exclusive benefit of the County and the Contractor. This Agreement shall not be deemed to have conferred any rights, express or implied, upon any third parties.

30. Governing Law; Venue. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Washington. The venue of any action arising out of this Agreement shall be in the Superior Court of the State of Washington, in and for Snohomish County.

31. Severability. Should any clause, phrase, sentence or paragraph of this agreement be declared invalid or void, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect.

32. Authority. Each signatory to this Agreement represents that he or she has full and sufficient authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the County or the Contractor, as the case may be, and that upon execution of this Agreement it shall constitute a binding obligation of the County or the Contractor, as the case may be.

33. Survival. Those provisions of this Agreement that by their sense and purpose should survive expiration or termination of the Agreement shall so survive.

34. Execution in Counterparts. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same Agreement.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY:

CHRISTOPHER SPITTERS, MD, MPH:

County Executive

Date

Christopher Spitters

09/25/2023

Date

Schedule A Scope of Services

Christopher Spitters, MD, MPH, will serve as the Tuberculosis (TB) Medical Officer and will assist the Health Officer with coordination of care for patients with active and latent tuberculosis disease as well as evaluating individuals for potential active or latent tuberculosis infection, with a special emphasis on immigrant and refugee populations. He will work with the TB Program Manager and TB Control Program to review clinical information, conduct diagnoses, prescribe treatment plans, monitor progress, and collaborate with other healthcare professionals to ensure the best possible outcomes for patients.

Examples of Work Performed:

- Review clinical information and chest radiographs of patients undergoing TB screening, diagnosis, or follow-up
- Provide diagnostic classification and submit physician orders or prescriptions for treatment, monitoring, follow-up, referral, or dismissal, as appropriate.
- Provide ad hoc consultation to public health nurses carrying out management plans for Health Department TB patients
- Correspond with and respond to requests for consultation from community-based health care providers on patient management and other medical issues related to tuberculosis screening, diagnosis, and treatment
- Correspond with primary care providers of patients under treatment for TB in Health Department's jurisdiction, including preparation of written completion of treatment summaries for all cases of active disease
- Evaluate TB patients in person when clinically indicated
- Provide technical consultation to the Health Department TB Control Program in planning, design, implementation, and evaluation of program activities
- Review and revise Health Department TB screening, diagnosis, and treatment protocols and recommendations as indicated to maintain consistency with applicable guidelines or standards of practice

Schedule B
Expenses

Mileage at the current IRS issued standard mileage rate. The current rate as of January 1, 2023, is 65.5 cents per mile.