

Health and Community Services

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Council Initiated:

☐ Yes☒ No

ECAF: 2024-0302
Ordinance: 24-019

Type:

- ☒ Contract
☐ Board Appt.
☐ Code Amendment
☐ Budget Action
☐ Other

Requested Handling:

- ☒ Normal
☐ Expedite
☐ Urgent

Fund Source:

- ☐ General Fund
☐ Other
☒ N/A

Executive Rec:

- ☒ Approve
☐ Do Not Approve
☐ N/A

Approved as to

Form:

- ☒ Yes
☐ No
☐ N/A

Subject:

Interlocal agreement for Local Health Officer coverage between the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) and Snohomish County

Scope:

The interlocal agreement allows a Dr. Herbert Duber to serve as the acting Local Health Officer (LHO) in Snohomish County in the case of the LHO's absence or incapacitation.

Dr. Herbert Duber is a Regional Medical Officer with Washington State Department of Health in Region 4, which includes Snohomish County. DOH requires Regional Medical Officers¹ to meet the same qualifications as LHQs as established in RCW 70.0².

In accordance with RCW 70.05.0808³ and SCC 2.300.080⁴, an acting health officer may be appointed by the Snohomish County Executive with the consent of Council. Acting LHOs are approved by Council by motion.

The acting LHO will have the same duties, powers, and authority as a regularly appointed LHO and will act in accordance with applicable law and under the direction of the Board of Health.

Duration:

The interlocal agreement term is from execution through one calendar year. The parties may extend the term by written agreement.

Fiscal Impact:

☐ Current Year ☐ Future-Year ☒ N/A

This contract does not authorize an exchange of funds.

Authority Granted: Ordinance 24-019 authorizes the County Executive, or a designee, to execute an interlocal agreement substantially in the form of Exhibit A with the Washington State Department of Health for Local Health Officer coverage.

Background: On June 7, 2023, Council approved Ordinance 23-039⁵ authorizing the County Executive to execute an agreement with Whatcom County for LHO coverage when one of the officers is absent.

Requested Action: Move to GLS on April 3, 2024, to set time and date for Public Hearing.

¹ 822-043 Regional Health Office 2023 Report (waportal.org)

² Title 70 RCW: PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY (wa.gov)

³ RCW 70.05.080: Local health officer—Failure to appoint—Procedure. (wa.gov)

⁴ ch. 2.300 Health Department | Snohomish County Code

⁵ 2023-0402 - Ordinance 23-039 (legistar.com)