



**JEFFERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AGENDA REQUEST**

TO: Board of County Commissioners
Mark McCauley, County Administrator

FROM: Apple Martine, Jefferson County Public Health Director
Denise Banker, Jefferson County Public Health Community Health Director

DATE:

SUBJECT: Agenda item – Memorandum of Understanding Between Jefferson County Public Health and Olympic Peninsula Health Services - upon signature until withdrawn

STATEMENT OF ISSUE:

Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH) seeks Board approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with Olympic Peninsula Health Services (OPHS) to provide telehealth-based Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD). This partnership aims to expand access to treatment for individuals engaged in JCPH's harm reduction program, offering seamless referrals and support for people with opioid use disorder.

ANALYSIS/STRATEGIC GOALS/PROS and CONS:

This collaboration enhances JCPH's harm reduction efforts by integrating evidence-based treatment, improving care coordination, and reducing barriers to MOUD services. Telehealth increases accessibility, supports recovery, and strengthens opioid use disorder management. Key advantages include expanded treatment access, improved health outcomes, and a data-driven approach. Challenges include potential telehealth access issues and the need for strong interagency coordination. This partnership represents a strong step in improving access to opioid treatment services and supporting public health efforts in Jefferson County.

FISCAL IMPACT/COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS:

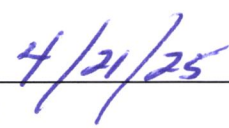
There is no charge for this service. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

JCPH management requests approval of this Memorandum of Understanding from upon signature until terminated by either party.

REVIEWED BY:


Mark McCauley, County Administrator


Date

CONTRACT REVIEW FORM

(INSTRUCTIONS ARE ON THE NEXT PAGE)

Clear Form

CONTRACT WITH: Olympic Peninsula Health Services

Contract No: N-25-016

Contract For: Telehealth referral

Term: Upon signing - until terminated

COUNTY DEPARTMENT: Jefferson County Public Health

Contact Person: ocean mason or Denise Banker

Contact Phone: 360-379-4480 or 360-385-9438

Contact email: omason@co.jefferson.wa.us or dbanker@co.jefferson.wa.us

AMOUNT: n/a

Revenue: _____

Expenditure: _____

Matching Funds Required: _____

Sources(s) of Matching Funds: _____

Fund # _____

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PROCESS:

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Exempt from Bid Process

Cooperative Purchase

Competitive Sealed Bid

Small Works Roster

Vendor List Bid

RFP or RFQ

Other: _____

APPROVAL STEPS:

STEP 1: DEPARTMENT CERTIFIES COMPLIANCE WITH JCC 3.55.080 AND CHAPTER 42.23 RCW.

CERTIFIED: ☒ N/A: ☐


Signature

March 24, 2025

Date

STEP 2: DEPARTMENT CERTIFIES THE PERSON PROPOSED FOR CONTRACTING WITH THE COUNTY (CONTRACTOR) HAS NOT BEEN DEBARRED BY ANY FEDERAL, STATE, OR LOCAL AGENCY.

CERTIFIED: ☒ N/A: ☐


Signature

March 24, 2025

Date

STEP 3: RISK MANAGEMENT REVIEW (will be added electronically through Laserfiche):

Electronically approved by Risk Management on 3/30/2025.

STEP 4: PROSECUTING ATTORNEY REVIEW (will be added electronically through Laserfiche):

Electronically approved as to form by PAO on 4/3/2025.

STEP 5: DEPARTMENT MAKES REVISIONS & RESUBMITS TO RISK MANAGEMENT AND PROSECUTING ATTORNEY(IF REQUIRED).

STEP 6: CONTRACTOR SIGNS

STEP 7: SUBMIT TO BOCC FOR APPROVAL

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
Between Jefferson County Public Health and
Olympic Peninsula Health Services

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into between Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH) and Olympic Peninsula Health Services (OPHS) to establish a partnership in providing telehealth-based Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) to JCPH harm reduction participants.

WHEREAS, JCPH operates harm reduction services, including syringe exchange, education, and referrals, to support individuals who use substances in Jefferson County;

WHEREAS, OPHS provides telehealth services for the treatment of opioid use disorder, including the prescription of MOUD;

WHEREAS, both JCPH and OPHS share a commitment to reducing the harms associated with opioid use and expanding access to evidence-based treatment options;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED THAT:

1. JCPH Responsibilities:

- Identify and connect eligible harm reduction participants with OPHS for MOUD services.
- Provide participants with necessary screening forms and facilitate access to technology for telehealth appointments as needed.
- Offer harm reduction education, including safer use practices and risk reduction strategies, to individuals referred for MOUD services.
- Collaborate with OPHS to ensure smooth referrals and communication regarding participant needs and engagement.

2. OPHS Responsibilities:

- Provide telehealth-based MOUD services, including assessment, prescribing, and follow-up care for eligible participants referred by JCPH.
- Ensure access to providers qualified to prescribe buprenorphine and other approved MOUD treatments.
- Offer coordination of care and referrals to additional support services as appropriate.
- Maintain compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and best practices for telehealth MOUD services.

3. Joint Responsibilities:

- Maintain regular communication to address challenges, improve service coordination, and evaluate program effectiveness.
- Share relevant, de-identified data to assess the impact of the partnership and inform service improvements.
- Ensure culturally competent and trauma-informed care approaches are integrated into all participant interactions.

4. Term and Termination:

- This MOU will remain in effect until modified or terminated by either party.

5. Confidentiality:

- Both parties agree to comply with all applicable confidentiality laws, including HIPAA, in handling participant information.

6. Notices:

- All notices or other communications which any party desires or is required to give shall be given in writing and shall be deemed to have been given if hand-delivered, sent by facsimile, email, or mailed by depositing in the United States mail, prepaid to the party at the address listed below or such other address as a party may designate in writing from time to time.
- Notices to the County shall be sent to the following address:
Jefferson County Public Health
615 Sheridan Street
Port Townsend, WA 98368
- Notices to Contractor shall be sent to the following address:
Olympic Peninsula Health Services
661 Ness Corner Road
Port Hadlock, WA 98339

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding as of the date indicated below:

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

(SIGNATURES FOLLOW ON THE NEXT PAGE)

SIGNATURE PAGE

JEFFERSON COUNTY WASHINGTON

Board of County Commissioners
Jefferson County, Washington

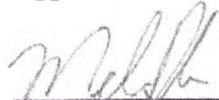
By: _____
Heidi Eisenhour, Chair

SEAL:

ATTEST:

Carolyn Gallaway,
Clerk of the Board

Approved as to form only:

 for 04/03/2025

Philip C. Hunsucker, Date
Chief Civil Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

**OLYMPIC PENINSULA HEALTH
SERVICES**

By:  _____
Signature

Name: Ann Fayloni

Title: ARNP

Date: 04/16/2025