

**CLARK COUNTY
STAFF REPORT**

DEPARTMENT: Department of Community Services (DCS)

DATE: April 21, 2015

REQUEST: DCS requests the Board of County Councilors approve the withdrawal of Cowlitz County from the Southwest Washington Behavioral Health Regional Support Network (hereafter referred to as SWBH); approve the pro rata distribution of funds to Grays Harbor Regional Support Network, with whom Cowlitz County intends to partner; and approve the continuation of SWBH with Clark and Skamania counties.

CHECK ONE: X Consent CAO

BACKGROUND

Clark, Cowlitz, and Skamania counties partnered to form SWBH in 2012, in anticipation of the full integration of the of physical and behavioral health services in the Medicaid program via managed care. Cowlitz County has requested to leave SWBH and partner with Grays Harbor Regional Support Network, effective July 1, 2015. The parties agree that it is in each County's mutual best interest for Cowlitz County to be terminated from SWBH and for SWBH to continue consisting of only Clark and Skamania Counties.

If approved, these requests will enable the smooth transfer of Cowlitz County to Grays Harbor Regional Support Network, and continuation of SWBH with Clark and Skamania Counties.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

These requests do not require specific community outreach. SWBH Board meetings are available to the public through a variety of media.

BUDGET AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The requested actions have no budget and policy impacts.

FISCAL IMPACTS

Yes (see attached form) No

ACTION REQUESTED

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PRIMARY STAFF CONTACT: Vanessa Gaston, ext. 7821



Vanessa Gaston, Director
Department of Community Services

Approved:



CLARK COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNCILORS

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**SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH REGIONAL
SUPPORT NETWORK**

**AMENDMENT NO. 1 to Interlocal Agreement for a Joint Regional
Support Network**

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THIS AMENDMENT TO INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR A JOINT REGIONAL SUPPORT NETWORK (the "Agreement"), made and entered into this 21st day of April, 2015 by and between CLARK, COWLITZ and SKAMANIA Counties, (each individually, a "Party." and collectively, the "Parties") effective as of June 30, 2015.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Parties formed a **Regional Support Network (RSN)** to plan, coordinate and administer Mental Health Services; and

WHEREAS, RCW Chapter 39.34, entitled the "Interlocal Cooperation Act" permits local government to make the most effective use of their power by enabling them to cooperate with each other on the basis of mutual advantage, and thereby provide planning, administrative and program services in a manner that will accord best with geographic, economic and population factors;

WHEREAS, the Washington State legislature passed E2SSB 6312 pertaining to the integration of state purchasing of mental health, chemical dependency and physical health treatment services requiring the realignment of counties into different Regional Service Areas and electing to pursue either a Behavioral Health Organization or Early Adopter model of services integration

WHEREAS, Washington Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery announced Regional Service Areas requiring the realignment of Cowlitz County with Grays Harbor, Lewis, Wahkiakum, and Pacific Counties that have chosen to pursue a Behavioral Health Organization model of service integration; and realignment of Clark and Skamania Counties with Klickitat County that have chosen to pursue an Early Adopter model of service integration

WHEREAS, SWBH is financed from State, Federal and local public and other private funds legally available for the provision of behavioral health and other health and human services. SWBH is a steward of Federal, State, and local public funds and must ensure the appropriate redistribution of those funds for provision of services to patients of the southwest region.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual promises and covenants contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

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1. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this amendment is to terminate Cowlitz County's membership in SWBH effective July 1, 2015. The parties agree that it is in each County's best interest for Cowlitz County to be terminated from SWBH and for SWBH to continue consisting of only Clark and Skamania Counties.

As of July 1, 2015, to the maximum extent authorized by law and subject to the approval of Clark and Skamania counties, SWBH consisting of Clark and Skamania Counties only, shall continue to have the authority to enter into and provide services pursuant to contracts with the State of Washington (the "State") or any contractor of the State in connection with services established under Chapter 74.09 RCW if specifically approved by the RSN Board as it exists on that date.

2. GOVERNANCE

Cowlitz County will not be a member of nor have a representative member on the governing board and will not participate in governance of SWBH in any way effective July 1, 2015.

3. FUNDING

For funding contributed by Cowlitz County at the inception of the SWBH, Cowlitz shall be entitled to the full amount of their contribution.

With regard to reserves accumulated since the creation of the SWBH, the parties agree that the reserves (see Attachment A) will be redistributed to Cowlitz County based upon the proportional share of the total Medicaid and non-Medicaid populations in Cowlitz County based upon the finalized revenue expenditure report for July 1, 2015 provided to the state of Washington.

On or about April 15, 2015, SWBH will transfer 25% of Cowlitz County's proportional share of reserves to Grays Harbor RSN.

On July 1, 2015 SWBH will transfer 50 % of Cowlitz County's proportional share of reserves to Grays Harbor RSN based upon the anticipated revenue and expenditure report for July 1, 2015.

Final distributions will be reconciled based upon the finalized June 30, 2015 revenue and expenditure report provided to the State of Washington. On October 1, 2015, the remainder of the Cowlitz County's proportionate share of the reserves will be transferred to Grays Harbor RSN. Cowlitz County, will be responsible for paying any outstanding claims for services delivered prior to July 1, 2015 for its residents.

4. COUNTERPARTS

This Amendment may be signed in counterpart or duplicate copies and any signed counterpart or duplicate copy shall be equivalent to a signed original for all purposes.

5. NO OTHER CHANGES.

All other terms and conditions of the original interlocal agreement remain unchanged and in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed this Agreement by authorized officials thereof on the dates indicated.

BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS

Approved this 21st day of April, 2015

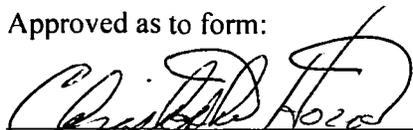


David Madore, Chair

Jeanne E. Stewart, Councilor

Tom Mielke, Councilor

Approved as to form:



Christopher Horne, WSB #12557
Clark County Civil Deputy Prosecutor

As witnessed by:



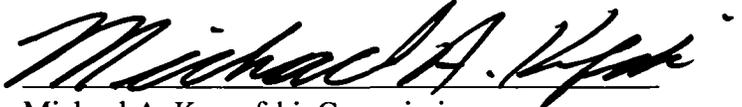
Mark McCauley, Acting County Manager

Date witnessed:

4/22/15

**COWLITZ COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

Approved this 14th day of April, 2015.


Michael A. Karnofski, Commissioner

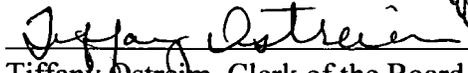

Dennis P. Weber, Commissioner

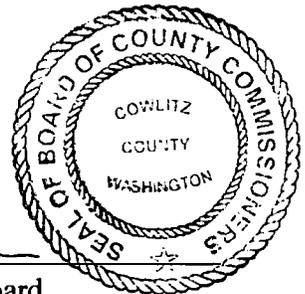

Joe Gardner, Commissioner

Approved as to form:

Approved via Agenda Quick
Dana Gigler, WSB #38193 4-8-15
Cowlitz County Civil Deputy Prosecutor

As witnessed by:


Tiffany Ostrom, Clerk of the Board
Date witnessed:



**SKAMANIA COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

Approved this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Chris Brong, Commissioner

Bob Hamlin, Commissioner

Doug McKenzie, Commissioner

Approved as to form:

As Witnessed by:

Adam Kick, WSB #27525
Skamania County Civil Deputy Prosecutor

Debbie Slack, Clerk of the Board
Date witnessed:



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Tiffany Ostreim

April 16, 2015

Clark County Commissioners
PO Box 5000
Vancouver, WA 98666-5000

RE: Southwest Washington Behavioral Health Regional Support Network

Dear Clark County Commissioners:

At its regularly scheduled board meeting on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, the Board of County Commissioners of Cowlitz County executed the above-mentioned document.

Enclosed is an original for your records. Please send an original to Cowlitz County once your Board approves.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call.

By direction,

**Board of County Commissioners
of Cowlitz County, Washington**

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tiffany Ostreim".

Tiffany Ostreim
Clerk of the Board

Enclosure

cc: Commissioners' Record