

MULTI-COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL GROUP**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE COUNTIES OF ADAMS, FERRY, LINCOLN, OKANOGAN, PEND
OREILLE, STEVENS, AND SPOKANE REGARDING EDUCATION AND
INFORMATION ON ISSUES RELATED TO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND PRIMARY
CARE INTEGRATION**

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is made by and between Adams County, Ferry County, Lincoln County, Okanogan County, Pend Oreille County, Stevens County, and Spokane County (hereinafter referred to jointly as the "COUNTIES" or "PARTIES" or "PARTY"), each individually political subdivisions of the State of Washington. This MOU shall become effective August 1, 2017 upon the signature of the duly authorized representative of all PARTIES, indicating the approval of this MOU by the governing bodies of each PARTY hereto.

RECITALS

1. The Washington Healthcare Authority (HCA) is working towards the goal of integrated purchasing of physical and behavioral health services for Apple Health (Medicaid) eligible individuals. In 2014, the legislature mandated that this integrated purchasing model take full effect in all Washington regions by no later than January of 2020.
2. The state has offered financial incentives to regions that implement fully-integrated managed healthcare (FIMC) in 2019, rather than 2020; the so called "mid-adopter" option.
3. All the county authorities in a region, within the region at the time, must agree to go forward with "mid adoption" of fully-integrated health care.
4. On July 10, 2017, following a presentation in Spokane by HCA, the County Commissioners of the COUNTIES tentatively agreed not to support the mid-adopter FIMC option.
5. The County Commissioners of the COUNTIES agreed to go ahead and establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) structure for educating commissioners on integration, as well as monitor and address the communities' need for a stable system of care throughout the region.
6. As a result, the County Commissioners of the COUNTIES will need to meet as needed in the future to:
 - 6.1. Further evaluate state and other organizations' healthcare proposals and plans;
 - 6.2. Understand the impacts of integration of primary and behavioral healthcare, as well as dental and other social determinants of health;
 - 6.3. Understand state healthcare reform initiatives to assure people in the region receive the best care possible;

- 6.4. Set additional meetings with the HCA, the Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS), and other stakeholders to better understand potential plans and funding;
- 6.5. Evaluate such topics as care coordination, hospitalization, and authorizations, lengths of stay, and monitoring;
- 6.6. Evaluate existing and future data received from organizations, formulate new data requests to submit to organizations;
- 6.7. Assess supported housing/employment programs and needs;
- 6.8. Examine system of care performance, outcomes, and monitoring results; and
- 6.9. Conduct meetings with health plans on specific services and work with service providers, as well as community needs and impact issues that arise from the integration to fully-integrated managed care.

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned PARTIES agree as follows:

The County Commissioners of Adams County, Ferry County, Lincoln County, Okanogan County, Pend Oreille County, Stevens County, and Spokane County will meet as needed in the future to further evaluate federal, state, regional, and local healthcare proposals and plans, promote the Integration of primary and behavioral healthcare as appropriate for, each county to assure people in the region receive the best care possible.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of September, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ADAMS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Cheryl L. Hartwig
Chair

[Signature]
Vice Chair

[Signature]
Commissioner

Attest:
Patricia J. Phillips
Patricia Phillips
Clerk of the Board

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FERRY COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Chair



Vice Chair



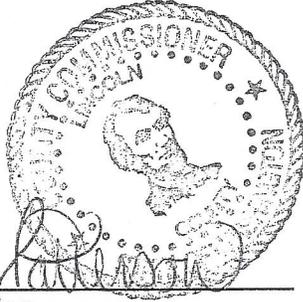
Commissioner

Attest:

Amanda Rowton
Clerk of the Board

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of Sept., 2017.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
LINCOLN COUNTY, WASHINGTON



Attest:

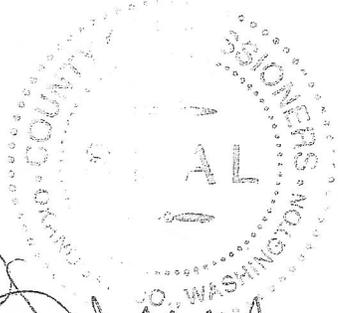
Marci Patterson
Shelly Johnston
Clerk of the Board
Marci Patterson
Deputy Clerk

Bob Coffman
Chair

Scott M. Stetzel
Vice Chair

Mark R. Stehman
Commissioner

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 17 day of October, 2017.



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OKANOGAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

Attest:



Lanie Johns
Clerk of the Board



Chair


Vice Chair
ABSENT

Commissioner

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 5th day of September, 2017.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
PEND OREILLE COUNTY, WASHINGTON**



Chair



Vice Chair



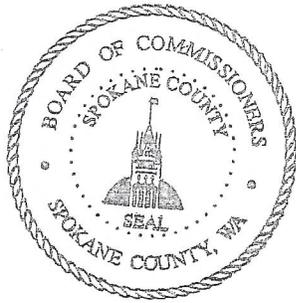
Commissioner

Attest:



Rhonda Cary
Clerk of the Board

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 31st day of October, 2017.



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SPOKANE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Al French, Chair

Attest:

Ginna Vasquez
Clerk of the Board

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Josh Kerns, Vice Chair

Mary Kuney, Commissioner

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of September, 2017.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
STEVENS COUNTY, WASHINGTON**

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Chair

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Vice Chair

Donna J. Deshield
Commissioner

Attest:

Natlie LaDour
Polly Coleman
Clerk of the Board