

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR HEALTH OFFICER COVERAGE

BETWEEN  
WHATCOM COUNTY, SKAGIT COUNTY  
AND SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT

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Agreement made this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2001, by and between Whatcom County, Skagit County, and Snohomish Health District hereinafter referred to as the Local Health Jurisdictions, and,

WHEREAS, Greg Stern, MD, of Whatcom County, Howard Leibrand, MD, of Skagit County, and M. Ward Hinds, MD, MPH, of Snohomish Health District, are duly appointed local Health Officers in the State of Washington; and,

WHEREAS, there may be periods when these Health Officers are physically unavailable or absent from the area, and it is imperative that Health Officer advice and authority are available in the Local Health Jurisdictions during these periods; and,

WHEREAS, these Health Officers have agreed to serve as Acting Health Officer for other Local Health Jurisdictions, without remuneration, during periods of Health Officer absence or unavailability; and,

WHEREAS, temporary authority to serve as Acting Health Officer has been approved by each Local Health Jurisdiction's Health Board or County Council (Exhibits A-D),

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS MUTUALLY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

1. Temporary authority to serve as Acting Health Officer to Local Health Jurisdictions during the absence of the local Health Officer will be by direct notification from Local Health Jurisdiction's Health Officer and/or Local Health Jurisdiction's Director or Administrator, and/or County Executive or Chief Administrative Officer.
2. Temporary authority to serve as Acting Health Officer will occur by mutual consent of the Health Officer.
3. Temporary authority will terminate upon the return to work by the local health jurisdiction's Health Officer, or by direct notification from the local health jurisdiction's Health Officer, and/or the local health jurisdiction's Director or Administrator and/or County Executive or Chief Administrative Officer, or upon notification by the Acting Health Officer of withdrawal of consent to serve.

Each Local Health Jurisdiction agrees to defend, indemnify and save harmless the reciprocating Local Health Jurisdiction (the lending Local Health Jurisdiction), from and against all loss or expense incurred as a result of the actions of the Acting Health Officer while serving in any of the Local Health Jurisdictions named in this agreement. It is further provided that no liability shall attach to the Local Health Jurisdictions by reason of entering into this contract, except as expressly provided herein.

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This agreement is effective 12/17, 2001, and shall continue until otherwise modified or terminated. Modifications will occur only with mutual written consent of all parties. The Local Health Jurisdictions may terminate the agreement at their sole discretion. Termination shall be effective upon receipt of written notice, or within three days of the mailing of the notice, whichever occurs first.

Regina A. Delahunt 11/13/01  
Regina A. Delahunt Date  
Interim Director

Greg Stern 11/8/01  
Greg Stern, MD Date  
Health Officer

# FOR WHATCOM COUNTY

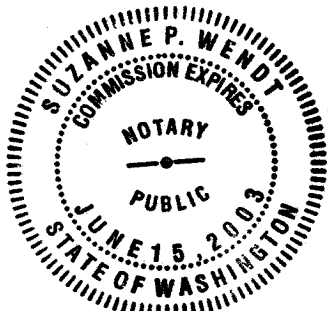
DATED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2001.

WHATCOM COUNTY

Pete Kremen  
PETE KREMEN  
County Executive

STATE OF WASHINGTON )  
COUNTY OF WHATCOM )

On this 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2001, before me personally appeared Pete Kremen, to me known to be the Executive of Whatcom County and who executed the above instrument and who acknowledged to me the act of signing and sealing thereof.



Suzanne P. Wendt  
NOTARY PUBLIC in and for  
the State of Washington,  
residing at Bellingham.

My Commission expires: 06/15/2003

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Rodney J. Watts  
Deputy Prosecuting Attorney

**FOR SKAGIT COUNTY**

*See Attached*

Peter Browning  
Director

*Howard Leibrand*

Howard Leibrand, MD  
Health Officer

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**FOR SNOHOMISH HEALTH DISTRICT**

*Ken Berger* 1-8-02

Ken Berger  
Chairman, Board of Health

*M. Ward Hinds* 1-8-02

M. Ward Hinds, MD, MPH  
Health Officer

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this agreement this

17<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2001

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SKAGIT, COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Ted W. Anderson  
Ted W. Anderson, Chairman

Kenneth A. Dahlstedt  
Kenneth A. Dahlstedt, Commissioner

Don Munks  
Don Munks, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Joanne Giesbrecht  
Joanne Giesbrecht, Clerk  
Skagit County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED:

By: Hilary Thomas AS TO FORM ONLY  
Hilary Thomas, Civil Deputy

By: Balliel Kadmas  
Risk Manager

By: [Signature]  
Budget & Finance Director

By: [Signature]  
Peter Browning, Health Department Director