

Exhibit B

North Sound ACH Programming

The North Sound Accountable Communities of Health (ACH) is an independent nonprofit partner to the state's Healthier Washington Initiative, and is working to advance health improvement by implementing strategies for the Medicaid Transformation Project together with partner organizations across our region.

Funding to Date:

The Snohomish Health District received three payments in 2018 totaling \$138,500 based on completion of milestones set in the partnership and change plan agreements. The North Sound ACH told partners to anticipate two payments in 2019, one in June and one in late-October or early-November. Our June 2019 payment was \$115,360. They have not provided an estimate amount for the second payment.

Highlighted Areas of Work:

1. Health Systems and Community Capacity Building
 - a. Participate in North Sound ACH partner convenings.
 - b. Offer language translation options on your website and print materials, when responding to callers, and when offering care and service options.
 - c. Support regional goals to advance equity and reduce health disparities.
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2. Cross-Cutting Implementation
 - a. Assess and report the state of organization's quality improvement capacity, including: workforce trained, quality improvement (QI) tools and methodologies in use, quality improvement (QI) specific policies and procedures.
 - b. Report strategy implementation progress to monitor performance, provide performance feedback, track strategies, and identify barriers to implementation.
3. Implementation Strategies
 - a. Support the state's goals of reducing opioid-related morbidity and mortality through strategies that target prevention, treatment, and recovery supports.
 - b. Promote child health, well-child visits and childhood immunizations
 - c. Increase access to oral health services to prevent or control the progression of oral disease.

Recommended Allocation:

To date, only \$19,490 of the \$253,860 has been applied. Those expenses were largely legal fees associated with the Master Services Agreement, as well as recent staff time associated with ACH reporting, trainings, etc.

Based on the implementation strategies and required areas of work, staff recommend allocating the remainder to supplement general fund dollars required to carry out the following programs and activities previously proposed to the Board:

Vaccine Preventable Disease (21615):

- Schedule visits to Vaccines for Children providers to access their immunization practices, review current immunization rates, and provide guidance to increase rates.
 - Quality improvement activities
 - Use of WA State Immunization Registry
- Facilitate community partnerships and discussions with providers to increase HPV vaccine rates in youth.
 - Partnerships will include agencies who can provide continuing medical education (CME) credits
 - Activities also offer an opportunity to discuss other youth immunization needs
- Participate in the HPV coalition, with membership including dentists, medical providers and community advocates.
- Presenting HPV information at a WA State HPV coalition meeting (May 2019) and at the Oregon Dental Summit in June 2019
- Provide consultations to providers and parents on immunization needs, hesitancy issues, and access to resources. These one-on-one discussions with providers and parents allow staff to target concerns and issues that may delay or prevent a child from being immunized.

Improving Immunization Rates (21665):

- Offer assistance to school administrators, school nurses and parents with back-to-school immunization information.
 - Promote the Washington State Immunization Information System School Module to individual schools or school districts to streamline immunization compliance work. Currently only one public school in the County is utilizing this module.
 - Encourage school administrators to have staff immunization status documentation, to be ready for access during an outbreak
 - School immunization requirements are changing (new MMR requirement, new Tdap requirement in 2020-2021).
 - SHD staff will be resources to school personnel regarding these requirements
 - Partner with schools to send letters from the health officer to families that are either non-compliant or currently have a personal exemption.
 - Develop materials for web, newsletters and social media to be shared across the County.
 - Create a sample exclusion policy template that school districts can tailor for use with out of compliance students.
 - Develop a resource list of developmentally-appropriate vaccine and immune system related lesson plans to be added to existing health curriculums; identify immunization champions (students/staff/parents/administrators/board members) in schools to coordinate educational activities.
 - Expand the use of teen vaccine project materials developed for Lake Stevens High School to all high schools in Snohomish County, as well as partnering with community partners to extend messaging.
 - Send congratulatory letters to schools with high immunization rates, with certificates that they can post/share.
 - Create immunization rate fact sheets for schools/school districts that highlight their successes and acknowledge their challenges.

- Collaborate with schools to facilitate vaccine clinics, including “vaccine-enhanced” sports physicals, where indicated.
 - Spokane Regional Health District developed and piloted a Mobile Vaccinations Toolkit, housed on WithinReach’s Immunity Community webpage: <https://immunitycommunitywa.org/toolkit-for-schools-and-groups/>. SRHD, along with school and community partners, has had great success with their mobile clinic model.
- Offer presentations and learning tools at parent-teacher meetings.
- Evaluate vaccine policy options and/or draft template for adults who work and volunteer in schools, after school programs, coach, drive buses, etc. and facilitate documentation. Develop resource lists for families without access to vaccines/medical homes.
 - One currently exists for families that qualify for Washington Apple Health and are currently working to identify resources for uninsured and underinsured students and their families.

In addition to those two vaccine-focused areas, remaining dollars would be allocated to:

North Sound ACH (10072):

- Continued staff time of approximate 0.1 FTE from Healthy Communities to complete required reporting, site visits, and conference calls.
- Training and education opportunities required or suggested by the North Sound ACH.

Access to Baby and Child Dentistry - ABCD (20436):

- To cover staff time and overhead costs not reimbursed through Medicaid billings.

Opioids – Non-billable (23757):

- To reimburse for staff time, trainings and overhead costs associated with deliverables required for North Sound ACH but not performed under other opioid grants.