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Missy Derickson, GOA Coordinator
Washington State Health Care Authority

Regarding: GOA #14-028

Dear Ms. Derickson:

Please consider this a Letter of Intent (LOI) from Chelan-Douglas Health District regarding GOA #14-028, Accountable Community of Health Pilot and Design Grants. Chelan-Douglas Health District intends to apply for a Design Grant on behalf of the North Central Washington RSA including Okanogan, Grant, Chelan and Douglas Counties.

(1) Applicant’s Organization Name: Chelan-Douglas Health District

(2) Applicant’s authorized representative for this GOA: Barry Kling

(3) Title of authorized representative: Administrator

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(7) A statement of applicant’s intent to submit a Grant Application.

Chelan-Douglas Health District intends to submit a Design Grant application in response to GOA #14-028 on behalf of the North Central Washington RSA including Okanogan, Grant, Chelan and Douglas Counties. The proposed grant effort would involve the many

partners who have already been collaborating under HCA Planning Grant funding during the second half of 2014, and would build directly on that work.

(8) The intended RSA served by the applicant and any potential sub-awardees. Please include a statement reflecting the applicant's approach to incorporation and/or partnering with an existing COH or other recognized convener within the same RSA, if applicable.

The Design Grant proposal we intend to submit would address the formation of an Accountable Community of Health serving the North Central Washington RSA. A broad coalition of partners has been working in these counties under HCA Planning Grant funding during the second half of 2014. Okanogan County Public Health was the recipient of the 2014 Planning Grant and used the grant to support the region-wide planning effort. Chelan-Douglas Health District expects to be the applicant for the Design Grant and would similarly use the grant to support a region-wide effort. The Design Grant effort would build directly on the Planning Grant work and would be based on the existing coalition of partners. We are not aware of any other COH or ACH-formation effort in the region.

It is possible that Chelan-Douglas Health District will want to sub-contract with other regional partners for aspects of the Design Grant work, but these plans have not yet been clarified. They will be addressed in the Design Grant proposal.

Kittitas County was a part of the 2014 Planning Grant. Though we know that Kittitas is included in the Greater Columbia RSA, the North Central RSA counties do have ties to Kittitas in part because that county is included in the same Public Health Emergency Preparedness region as the NC RSA counties. We remain open to working with Kittitas County partners if they believe that would be helpful.

(9) Whether they plan to apply for the Pilot or the Design Grant only. Design Grant only.

(10) Description of how you meet the minimum requirements.

Chelan-Douglas Health District meets the minimum requirements specified on page 15 of the GOA as follows:

a. Status as an organization or entity with the ability to enable public-private partnership and cross-organizational priority setting. Eligible entities may be engaged in a quasi-governmental arrangement, a 501(c)3 or (c)4 non-profit corporation or cooperative, or another model that enables cross-sector engagement, commitment, and decision.

Chelan-Douglas Health District, as a local public health jurisdiction, is a local governmental entity created under the authority of 70.46 RCW through a cooperative agreement between Chelan and Douglas Counties established in the 1960's. Like other local health jurisdictions in the state, it routinely operates through public-private and cross-organizational partnerships. As a partner in the HCA Planning Grant it participated actively in regional planning and was the primary convener of the Chelan-Douglas workshops.

b. Ability to receive and manage funding and learning assistance within the represented RSA.

Chelan-Douglas Health District routinely manages substantial grants and contracts from state agencies. It is audited annually by the State Auditor's office and has a strong record of responsible fiscal management. As the Region 7 Lead for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (PHEPR) program, the Health District has worked effectively with the NC RSA counties since 2002. Training and learning assistance has been an integral part of the PHEPR effort, as it is in many public health initiatives. Activities supported by the 2014 HCA Planning Grant further strengthened the RSA-wide relationships that will be instrumental in the proposed Design Grant activities.

c. Plans to serve an entire RSA and coordinate with existing COHs and other recognized conveners in the RSA, if applicable, to ensure COH plans are authentically incorporated into the regional approach.

The proposed effort would build directly on the RSA-wide effort supported by the 2014 Planning Grant. This effort included a wide range of partners in each county ranging from elected officials to health care providers, mental health care providers, community based organizations, public health jurisdictions, schools and many others. We are not aware of any other efforts or conveners in NC RSA aimed at development of an ACH.

d. Existence of a community partnership.

During the second half of 2014 each of the North Central RSA counties worked under the HCA Planning Grant to develop an active community partnership in order to set the stage for development of a regional Accountable Community of Health. The partnerships included elected officials, health care providers, major insurers, mental health care and substance abuse treatment providers, community based organizations, public health jurisdictions, schools, consumers and many others. Although further expansion of the partnerships will be an important objective of the Design Grant, we believe the existing partnerships provide a very good base for development of a North Central ACH.

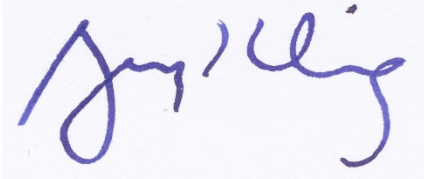
In each county, the public health jurisdiction acted as the primary convener for Planning Grant discussions. Community Choice Health Care Network facilitated the work at a regional level (under a subcontract from Okanogan County Public Health) with the help of a regional steering committee. This county-up approach has been effective in

producing the strong base of support needed for a viable regional effort. We believe this was more effective for our region than a top-down approach, beginning with a regional proto-ACH organization, would have been. As a result of this county-up approach, we are well positioned to move ahead in developing a strong ACH for this RSA.

(11) If applying for a Pilot Grant.... Not applicable, as we are applying for a Design Grant.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need any further information.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Barry Kling", is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Barry Kling, MSPH
Administrator