

North Central Washington Behavioral Health

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Dear Mrs. Lindeblad,

The Counties of Chelan, Douglas, and Grant and the North Central Washington Behavioral Health (NCWBH) are writing this letter to express our nonbinding intent to pursue the "Early Adopter model" planning for the integration of physical medicine, mental health, and chemical dependency care for the residents of our three counties prior to 2020. At this time there are also discussions we hope will lead Okanogan County to join this nonbinding letter of intent.

We, as County Commissioners, see the potential benefits of a more fully integrated mental and physical health care system for our residents: improved health and well-being, and lower costs. We will remain engaged in these discussions, but believe that the service providers within our counties must also be involved in the planning process to assure the developed program developed meets the needs of our residents, and results in the highest possible quality of care at the lowest reasonable cost.

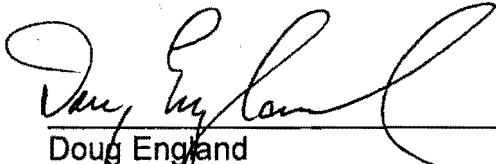
We propose the following members of the Implementation Team to begin this process:

Chelan County Commissioner:
Douglas County Commissioner:
Grant County Commissioner:
Provider(s) Representative:
MCO Representative:
NCWBH Representative:

We would appreciate a meeting, at your earliest convenience, at which the Health Care Authority can provide an overview of its vision of Early Adopter implementation process, and how a transition between the current Behavioral Health Organization and the "Early Adopter" plan will occur. It is important that the opportunity for improved service models avoid significant disruption delivery of services to our consumers. We would like to also understand how "successful" implementation will be defined, and the measurement methodologies that will be used.

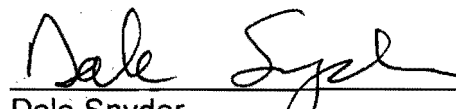
Once we are fully informed, we look forward to completing the initial evaluation promptly and to determine whether we can fully commit to Early Adopter implementation.

Sincerely,



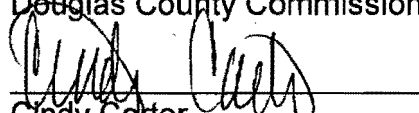
Doug England
Chelan County Commissioner

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Dale Snyder
Douglas County Commissioner

Date



Cindy Carter
Grant County Commissioner

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Commissioner Carolann Swartz
Commissioner Richard Stevens
Commissioner Ken Stanton
Commissioner Steve Jenkins
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