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**INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN
STEVENS COUNTY AND LINCOLN COUNTY
FOR PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
IN LINCOLN COUNTY**

This agreement is made and entered into by and between Stevens County and Lincoln County on **November 1, 2011**.

WHEREAS, under the provisions of RCW 39.34.030, the counties may enter into an interlocal agreement to make the most efficient use of their powers by enabling them to cooperate with other localities on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby provide services and facilities to meet the needs of local communities; and

WHEREAS Stevens County currently provides services to residents of Stevens County and Ferry County which include mental health, chemical dependency and developmental disability services in one or both counties; and

WHERE AS Lincoln County has requested Stevens County to administer publicly-funded mental health services in Lincoln County since September of 2003; and

WHEREAS Stevens County has the ability to administer and manage the provision of these and other services in Lincoln County to the mutual benefit of both counties by avoiding or reducing certain administrative and other duplicative costs and overhead; and

WHEREAS Stevens County and Lincoln County desire to formalize the agreement whereby Lincoln County authorizes Stevens County to administer the provision of mental health services in Lincoln County;

NOW, THEREFORE, the counties do hereby agree and contract, as follows:

Section A: Duration

This agreement shall be continuous and perpetual subject to the termination provisions.

Section B: Separate Legal Entity Not Created

No separate legal or administrative entity is created. At the time of the execution of this agreement the Lincoln County branch of Northeast Washington Alliance Counseling Services shall be merged formerly with the Stevens County branch of Northeast Washington Alliance Counseling Services.

Section C: Purpose

The purpose of this agreement is to authorize Stevens County to provide those services specified on Exhibit-1, incorporated herein, to the residents of Lincoln County as authorized by law and by contract.

Section D: Manner of Financing Joint Undertaking

1. The services provided in Exhibit-1 by Stevens County shall be financed from revenues received through various contracts with funding entities that include but are not limited to the Regional Support Network (RSN), and various other funders of public and private of mental health services.
2. ITA judicial costs for court services will be reimbursed by Lincoln County to Stevens County or Northeast Washington Alliance Counseling Services whichever has incurred the cost.

Section E: Termination

1. Termination Due to Change in Funding. In the event funding from state, federal, or other sources is withdrawn, reduced, or limited, or modified conditions are placed on such funding, either party may terminate this Agreement by providing at least thirty (30) business days' written notice. The termination shall be effective on the date specified in the notice of termination. Upon such termination, Stevens County shall be entitled to pro rata compensation for service provided through termination.
2. Termination for Convenience. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, either party may terminate this Agreement, in whole or in part, upon ninety (90) days written notification by certified mail to the other party. The effective date of termination shall be the ninetieth day after receipt of written notification to the other party or the last day of the calendar month in which the ninetieth day occurs, whichever is later. Upon such termination, Stevens County shall be entitled to pro rata compensation for service provided through termination.

Section F: Other Necessary and Proper Matters

1. In conjunction with the bylaws of North Central Washington Regional Support Network (NCWRSN), one County Commissioner from Lincoln County and one County Commissioner from Stevens County shall members of the NCWRSN Governing Board, with voting privileges.
2. A Mental Health "County Human Service Advisory Board," may be established and maintained in each county for the provision of local input. The Board of County Commissioners of their respective counties may appoint Board Members, to include at least one County Commissioner.
3. Personnel, clinical, and administrative records related to the operations of Lincoln County Counseling Services prior to September 2003 shall be the property of Lincoln County. Each county shall remain responsible for the acts and/or omissions of its employees, officers and agents prior to September 2003.
4. In conjunction with the practices NCWRSN wherein Counties maintain the authority to appoint "Designated Mental Health Professionals" (DMHPs), appointment of DMHPs in Lincoln and Stevens County shall be made by the Executive Director of Northeast Washington Alliance Counseling Services, who has been designated with this authority the make these appointments by the Stevens County Board of Commissioners.

Section G: Administrator or Joint Board

1. The Board of County Commissioners of each county shall administer the provisions of this agreement.

Section H: Modification

1. The parties reserve the right to amend this Agreement at any time as necessary to address program and service needs within the respective counties.

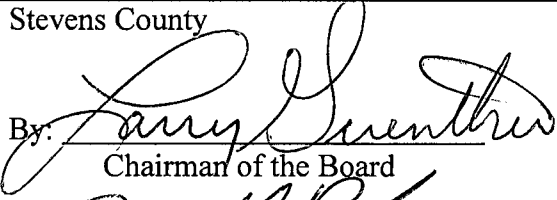
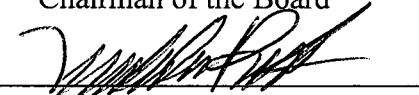
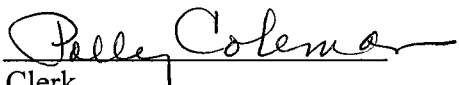
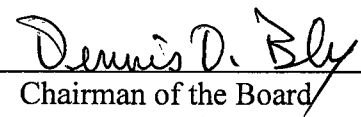
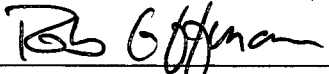
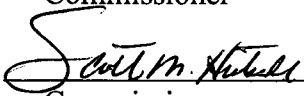
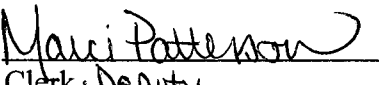
<p>Stevens County</p> <p>By: <u></u> Chairman of the Board</p> <p><u></u> Commissioner</p> <p>ABSENT</p> <p>Commissioner</p> <p>Date signed: <u>10-18-2011</u></p> <p>Attest: <u></u> Clerk</p>	<p>Lincoln County</p> <p>By: <u></u> Chairman of the Board</p> <p><u></u> Commissioner</p> <p><u></u> Commissioner</p> <p>Date signed: <u>Nov. 7, 2011</u></p> <p>Attest: <u></u> Clerk - Deputy</p>
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Exhibit-1

Stevens County shall assume responsibility, as authorized by law and by contract for providing the following services to the residents of Lincoln County:

1. Mental Health Treatment Services licensed by the Washington State Department of Social & Health Services in accordance with Chapter 71.24 Revised Code of Washington including:
 - a. Emergency Crisis Intervention;
 - b. Psychiatric Treatment including Medication Supervision;
 - c. Counseling & Psychotherapy;
 - d. Day Treatment;
 - e. Consumer Employment;
 - f. Peer Support Services;

2. Mental Health Treatment Services certified by the Washington State Department of Social & Health Services in accordance with Chapter 71.05 Revised Code of Washington including:
 - a. Emergency Crisis Intervention;
 - b. Outpatient Services.