

AGENDA REQUEST FORM

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Prepared by:
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Department: Prosecutor's Office

Requested Agenda Date: 05/16/2023

Presenting: Stefanie Weigand

Document Title:

Board of County Commissioners Record Assigned

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APPROVED FOR AGENDA:

Consent Regular

Board of County Commissioners Determined

Resolution Authorizing the Board Chair to Sign the MOU between the Greater Columbia Region Municipalities to Establish an Opioid Abatement Council.

Action Requested: *Check Applicable Box*

PASS RESOLUTION EXECUTE or AMEND **AGREEMENT** CONTRACT or GRANT

ISSUE PROCLAMATION PASS ORDINANCE OTHER _____

Describe Fiscal Impact:

No Impact. Yakima County previously entered into the One Washington Memorandum of Understanding to earmark a significant portion of the Washington Attorney General's settlement funds to combat the opioid epidemic in Yakima County.

Background Information:

Local governments who receive funds that are governed by the August 2022 One Washington Memorandum are required to participate in an Opioid Abatement Council to oversee and approve plans for spending settlement funds to combat the opioid epidemic in Washington State. Yakima County will benefit from this agreement.

Summary & Recommendation:

Approve resolution authorizing the Chair of the Board of County Commissioners to sign the MOU between the Greater Columbia Region Municipalities to establish an Opioid Abatement Council.

Motion:

Department Head/ Elected Official

Stefanie Weigand for Joe Brusic
Signature

AGREEMENT Attached Is Approved as to Form
Corporate Counsel Initial

 JTW

Late Agenda Requests Require BOCC Chairman Signature:

**BOARD OF YAKIMA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION**

**IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING THE
CHAIR OF THE BOARD TO SIGN THE MOU
BETWEEN THE GREATER COLUMBIA
REGION MUNICIPALITIES TO ESTABLISH AN
OPIOID ABATEMENT COUNCIL**

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WHEREAS, the people of the State of Washington, including Yakima County, and its communities have been harmed by entities within the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain who manufacture, distribute, and dispense prescription opioids; and,

WHEREAS, certain local governments, through their elected representatives and counsel are engaged in litigation seeking to hold these entities within the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain of prescription opioids accountable for the damage they have caused to the local governments; and,

WHEREAS, the Washington State Attorney General has entered into a settlement agreement (“Distributors Washington Settlement”) addressing the Washington State opioid crisis with the three largest pharmaceutical distributors in the nation; and,

WHEREAS, local governments and elected officials share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impact of harms caused by these entities within the Pharmaceutical Supply Chain throughout the State of Washington, and strive to ensure that principals of equity and equitable service delivery are factors considered in the allocation and use of the opioid funds; and

WHEREAS, Yakima County is a local government that joined the August 2022 One Washington Memorandum of Understanding in order to earmark a significant portion of the settlement funds to combat the opioid epidemic in Yakima County; and

WHEREAS, local governments who receive funds that are governed by the August 2022 One Washington Memorandum of Understanding are required to participate in an Opioid Abatement Council to oversee and approve the plans for the spending of those funds; and

NOW THEREFORE, it is in Yakima County’s best interest to participate in the MOU between the Greater Columbia Region Municipalities to establish an Opioid Abatement Council.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Yakima County Commissioners authorizes the Chair of the Board to sign the Memorandum of Understanding between the Greater Columbia Region Municipalities to establish an Opioid Abatement Council.

DONE this 16th day of May, 2023.

Attest:

LaDon Linde, Chair

Julie Lawrence, Clerk of the Board

Amanda McKinney, Commissioner

Kyle Curtis, Commissioner
*Constituting the Board of County Commissioners
for Yakima County, Washington*