

1 AGREEMENT BETWEEN
2 KING COUNTY
3 AND
4 SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION, LOCAL 925
5 REPRESENTING EMPLOYEES IN THE
6 DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES
7 MENTAL HEALTH, CHEMICAL ABUSE AND DEPENDENCY SERVICES DIVISION

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1 bargaining unit on or after its effective date shall, on the thirtieth day following the beginning of such
2 employment, become and remain members in good standing in the signatory organization. Provided,
3 however, that employees shall be given the option of refusing Union membership but shall be
4 required to pay to the Union an amount equal to Union dues and fees as agency fees.

5 **B.** Provided, however, that nothing contained in this section shall require an employee
6 to join the Union who can substantiate that bona fide religious tenets or teachings, prohibits the
7 payment of dues or initiation fees to union organizations, in which case the employee shall pay an
8 amount of money equivalent to regular union dues and initiation fee to a non-religious charitable
9 organization mutually agreed upon by the employee affected and the bargaining representative to
10 which such employee would otherwise pay the dues and initiation fee. The employee shall furnish
11 written proof that such payment has been made.

12 **Section 3. Dues Deduction.** Upon receipt of written authorization individually signed by a
13 bargaining unit employee, the County shall have deducted from the pay of such employee, the amount
14 of initiation fees, dues or other fees as certified by the secretary-treasurer of the signatory organization
15 and shall transmit same to the secretary-treasurer of the signatory organization.

16 The signatory organization will indemnify, defend and hold the County harmless against any
17 claims made and against any suit instituted against the County on account of any check-off of dues for
18 the signatory organization. The signatory organization agrees to refund to the County any amounts
19 paid to it in error on account of the check-off provision upon presentation of proper evidence thereof.

20 **Section 4.** Failure by employees to abide by the above provisions shall constitute cause for
21 discharge of such employees; provided that when an employee fails to fulfill the above obligations the
22 Union shall provide the employee and the County with thirty (30) days notification of the Union's
23 intent to initiate discharge action and during this period the employee may make restitution in the
24 amount which is overdue.

25 **Section 5.** The County will upon request transmit to the Union, not more than twice a year, a
26 current listing of all employees in the unit. Such list shall indicate the name of the employee, wage
27 rate, job classification and department or unit.

1 **Section 6.**

2 A. Authorized representatives of the Union, including shop stewards, may have
3 reasonable access to its members in County facilities for transmittal of information or representation
4 purposes, as long as the work of the county employees and services to the public are unimpaired.

5 B. The Union shall be allowed to provide a bulletin board for its exclusive use and
6 shall be allowed to place same in a common work location of the bargaining unit. Notices and
7 announcements shall not contain anything political or reflecting adversely upon the County, any of its
8 employees, or any labor organizations among its employees.

9 C. The Union shall have the right to appoint stewards within departments where its
10 members are employed under the terms of this Agreement. The department shall be furnished with
11 the names of stewards so appointed. The steward shall be allowed a reasonable time to investigate
12 grievances during regular working hours providing the work of the County employees in providing
13 service to the public is not interrupted.

14 D. A negotiating committee, consisting of three (3) persons may be selected from
15 amongst the bargaining unit employees by the Union. Such employees may be released during work
16 hours to attend negotiations, provided that no overtime pay obligations shall result from participation
17 of employees in negotiations.

18 **Section 7.** The County will require all new employees, hired into a position included in the
19 bargaining unit, to sign a form (in triplicate) which will inform them of the Union's exclusive
20 recognition. (One copy of the form will be retained by the County, one by the employee and the
21 original sent to the Union). The County will notify the Union of any employee leaving the bargaining
22 unit because of termination, layoff, leave of absence or dismissal.

23 **ARTICLE 3: RIGHTS OF MANAGEMENT**

24 The management of the County and the direction of the work force is vested exclusively in
25 King County subject to the terms of this Agreement. All matters not specifically and expressly
26 covered or treated by the language of this Agreement may be administered for its duration by the
27 County in accordance with such policy or procedures as the County from time to time may determine.

1 **ARTICLE 4: WAIVER AND COMPLETE AGREEMENT**

2 The parties acknowledge that during the negotiations resulting in this Agreement each had the
3 unlimited right and opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any and all subjects
4 or matters not removed by law from the area of collective bargaining and understandings and
5 agreements arrived at by the parties after exercise of that right and opportunity are set forth in this
6 Agreement. The Employer and the Union each voluntarily and unqualifiedly waive the right and each
7 agrees that the other shall not be obligated to bargain collectively with respect to any subject or matter
8 not specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement, even though such subject or matter may not
9 have been within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both of the parties at the time they
10 negotiated or signed this Agreement. All rights and duties of both parties are specifically expressed
11 in this Agreement and such expression is all inclusive. This Agreement constitutes the entire
12 agreement between the parties and concludes collective bargaining for its term, subject only to a
13 desire by both parties to mutually agree to amend or supplement at any time, and except for
14 negotiations over a successor collective bargaining agreement.

15 **ARTICLE 5: SAVINGS CLAUSE**

16 Should any part hereof or any provision herein contained be rendered or declared invalid by
17 reason of any existing or subsequently enacted legislation or by any decree of a court of Competent
18 jurisdiction, such invalidation of such part or provision of this Agreement shall not invalidate the
19 remaining portions hereof; provided, however, upon such invalidation the parties agree to meet and
20 negotiate such parts or provisions affected. The remaining parts or provisions shall remain in full
21 force and effect.

22 **ARTICLE 6: EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

23 The employer or the Union shall not unlawfully discriminate against any individual with
24 respect to compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment because of race, color,
25 religion, national origin, sexual orientation, marital status, age, sex, or any sensory, mental or physical
26 handicap. Allegations of violations of this Article may be submitted through Step 3 of the grievance
27 procedure set forth in Article 9 of this Agreement.

1 **ARTICLE 7: WORK STOPPAGES AND EMPLOYER PROTECTION**

2 **Section 1.** The employer and the signatory organization agree that the public interest requires
3 efficient and uninterrupted performance of all County services and to this end pledge their best efforts
4 to avoid or eliminate any conduct contrary to this objective. Specifically, the signatory organization
5 shall not cause or condone any work stoppage, including any strike, slowdown or refusal to perform
6 any customarily assigned duties, sick leave absence which is not bona fide, or other interference with
7 County functions by employees under this Agreement and should same occur, the signatory
8 organization agrees to take appropriate steps to end such interference. Any concerted action by an
9 employee in the bargaining unit shall be deemed a work stoppage if any of the above activities have
10 occurred.

11 **Section 2.** Upon notification in writing by the County to the signatory organization that any
12 of its members are engaged in a work stoppage, the signatory organization shall immediately, in
13 writing, order such members to immediately cease engaging in such work stoppage and provide the
14 County with a copy of such order. In addition, if requested by the County, a responsible official of
15 the signatory organization shall publicly order such signatory organization employees to cease
16 engaging in such a work stoppage.

17 **Section 3.** Any employee who commits any act prohibited in this section will be subject in
18 accord with the County's Work Rules to the following action or penalties:

- 19 1. Discharge.
20 2. Suspension or other disciplinary action as may be applicable to such employee.

21 **Section 4.** There shall be no lockouts during the life of this agreement.

22 **ARTICLE 8: MEDICAL, DENTAL AND LIFE INSURANCE PROGRAMS**

23 **Section 1.** King County presently has in effect group medical, dental, and life insurance plans
24 for its employees, and agrees to maintain participation in the plans as determined by the Labor
25 Management Insurance Committee or its successor.

26 **ARTICLE 9: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

27 King County recognizes the importance and desirability of settling grievances promptly and
28 fairly in the interest of continued good employee relations and morale and to this end the following

1 procedure is outlined. To accomplish this, every effort will be made to settle grievances at the lowest
2 possible level of supervision.

3 Employees will be unimpeded and free from restraint, interference, coercion, discrimination
4 or reprisal in seeking adjudication of their grievance.

5 **Section 1. Definition.** Grievance - An allegation of a violation or misapplication of rights,
6 benefits, or conditions of employment as contained in this Agreement.

7 **Section 2. Procedure.**

8 **Step 1.** A grievance shall be presented in writing by the aggrieved employee and
9 representative, if the employee wishes, within fourteen (14) calendar days of the occurrence of such
10 grievance to the Supervisor on duty. The grievance shall specify the Article and Section of the
11 collective bargaining agreement that has been violated. The Supervisor shall gain all relevant facts
12 and shall attempt to adjust the matter and notify the employee in writing, a copy of which shall be
13 sent to the Union, within seven (7) calendar days. If a grievance is not pursued to the next higher
14 level within fourteen (14) calendar days of receipt of the Supervisor's response, it shall be presumed
15 resolved. The parties agree that a grievance may be amended prior to Step 2.

16 **Step 2.** If, after thorough discussion with the Supervisor, the grievance has not been
17 satisfactorily resolved, the grievance shall then be presented to the Crisis and Commitment Service
18 Coordinator. All letters, memoranda, and other written materials shall be made available for the
19 review and consideration of the Crisis and Commitment Service Coordinator. The Coordinator may
20 interview the employee and/or representative and receive any additional related evidence which may
21 be deemed pertinent to the grievance. The Coordinator shall make a written decision available to the
22 grievant and the Union within fourteen (14) calendar days. If the grievance is not pursued to the next
23 higher level within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the Coordinator's response, it shall be
24 presumed resolved.

25 **Step 3.** If, after thorough discussion with the Coordinator, the grievance has not been
26 satisfactorily resolved, the written grievance shall then be presented to the Division Director. All
27 letters, memoranda, and other written materials shall be made available for the review and
28 consideration of the Division Director. The Division Director may interview the employee and/or

1 representative and receive any additional related evidence which may be deemed pertinent to the
2 grievance. The Division Director shall make a written decision available to the grievant and the
3 Union within fourteen (14) calendar days. If the grievance is not pursued to the next higher level
4 within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the Division Director's response, it shall be presumed
5 resolved.

6 **Step 4.** If, after thorough evaluation, the decision of the Division Director has not
7 resolved the grievance to the satisfaction of the parties, the grievance may be presented by the Union
8 to the Director of the Office of Labor Relations (OLR) or designee-the assigned labor negotiator in
9 OLR. All letters memoranda, and other written materials related to the grievance shall be made
10 available for the review and consideration of the Director or designee. The Director or designee will
11 meet with the employee(s) who presented the grievance and the Union representative, if requested.

12 The Director or designee shall render a decision within fourteen (14) calendar days of the
13 meeting or receipt of the written grievance, whichever is later.

14 **Step 5.** Mediation shall be the last step for disputes not eligible for arbitration as well
15 as the step prior to arbitration for all other disputes, provided the County and the Union agree to
16 mediate. The County and the Union will have thirty (30) calendar days from the mediation request
17 date to schedule a mediation date.

18 A mediator shall be mutually agreed upon by the County and the Union. The mediated
19 settlement shall be binding on the parties and, unless specifically agreed otherwise, not form a
20 precedent within the Department for any other dispute arising under this Agreement. If resolution is
21 not reached in mediation, a grievance may be referred to arbitration if it concerns the proper
22 application or interpretation of the Agreement.

23 **Step 6.** Either the County or the Union may request arbitration within thirty (30) days
24 of the conclusion of mediation, or if there was no mediation, of the decision of) OLR, and must
25 specify the exact question which it wishes arbitrated and the remedy sought. The County and the
26 Union shall then select a third disinterested party to serve as an arbitrator.

27 In the event that the parties are unable to agree upon an arbitrator, then the arbitrator shall be
28 selected from a panel of seven (7) arbitrators furnished by the American Arbitration Association, or

1 WA State PERC or FMCS if agreed to by the parties. The arbitrator will be selected from the list by
2 both the County representative and the Union, each alternately striking a name from the list until only
3 one name remains. The arbitrator, under voluntary labor arbitration rules of the Agency, shall be
4 asked to render a decision promptly and the decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on
5 both parties.

6 The arbitrator shall have no power to change, alter, detract from or add to the provisions of
7 this Agreement, but shall have the power only to apply and interpret the specific, written provisions
8 of this Agreement in reaching a decision.

9 The arbitrator's fee and expenses and any court reporter's fee and expenses shall be borne
10 equally by both parties. Each party shall bear the cost of any witnesses appearing on that party's
11 behalf. Additionally, each party shall bear the cost of its own attorneys' fees.

12 No matter may be arbitrated which the County by law has no authority over, has no authority
13 to change, or has been delegated to any civil service commission or personnel board as defined in
14 R.C.W. 41.56.

15 **Section 3.** All newly hired and promoted employees must serve a probationary period as
16 defined in the Personnel Guidelines for the Career Service. As the Guidelines specify that the
17 probationary period is an extension of the hiring process, the provisions of this Article will not apply
18 to employees if they are discharged during their initial probationary period or are demoted during the
19 promotional probationary period for not meeting the requirements of the classification. The
20 provisions of this Article will not apply to the discharge of temporary and term-limited temporary
21 employees as they are employed at-will. Grievances brought by temporary, term-limited or
22 probationary employees involving issues other than discharge or demotion may be processed in
23 accordance with this Article.

24 **Section 4.** If employees have access to multiple procedures for adjudicating grievances, then
25 selection by the employee of one procedure will preclude access to other procedures; selection is to be
26 made no later than at the conclusion of Step 4 of this grievance procedure.

27 **Section 5.** The time limits set forth herein may be extended upon written consent of both
28 parties. Unless a written extension has been granted, failure of the grievant to pursue the grievance to

1 the appropriate step within the time limits set forth herein shall constitute a presumption that the
2 matter is resolved. A grievance may be filed at any step that is mutually agreed upon in writing by
3 the County and the Union. The Union and County may agree in writing to waive any of the above
4 steps.

5 **ARTICLE 10: REDUCTION-IN-FORCE/LAYOFF/RECALL**

6 **Section 1.** Regular employees laid off as a result of a lack of work and/or shortage of funds
7 shall be laid off according to seniority within classification as set forth in Section 4 of this Article;
8 provided, however, employees serving in their initial probationary period shall be laid off prior to
9 regular employees being laid off;

10 **Section 2.** Employees laid off shall be rehired in the inverse order of layoff; namely, those
11 laid off last will be rehired first.

12 **Section 3.** The County agrees to notify the Union at least fourteen (14) calendar days in
13 advance, in writing, of any anticipated reduction in force.

14 **Section 4.** Seniority shall be defined as follows:

15 Length of service within the bargaining unit/classification including hours worked as a
16 temporary employee, as described below:

17 **A.** A career service employee in the bargaining unit who resigns and subsequently
18 returns to a career service bargaining unit position shall have seniority restored, provided the break in
19 service is twenty four (24) months or less.

20 **B.** Seniority shall continue to accrue during any compensated absence from service or
21 during any leave of absence without pay for periods of thirty (30) calendar days or less.

22 **C.** Seniority shall be retained but shall not continue to accrue during that period of an
23 authorized leave of absence without pay that exceeds thirty (30) calendar days.

24 **D.** All time worked as a temporary employee or term-limited temporary employee in a
25 bargaining unit position during the immediately preceding twenty four (24) months prior to an
26 appointment to a career service position shall be added to the employee's seniority upon such
27 appointment. Employees other than regular career service employees do not otherwise accrue
28 seniority.

1 **ARTICLE 11: HOURS OF WORK**

2 The parties agree to reopen Article 11 Hours of Work, as requested by either party in 2015 or
3 2016, to bargain changes to this Article. The parties are currently discussing changes to this Article
4 in Labor Management Committee and in LEAN Committee and expect to make changes to this
5 Article via Memorandum of Agreement between King County and SEIU Local 925 during the term of
6 this Agreement.

7 **Section 1.**

8 A. The establishment of reasonable work schedules and starting times is vested solely
9 within the purview of department management, and may be changed from time to time provided a
10 two (2) week prior notice of change is given. The two week prior notice provision shall not apply to
11 changes of assignment (for example, Day shift assigned to Court Manager; Outreach Night reassigned
12 to Harborview Night), the scheduling of vacation back-up or in other circumstances over which the
13 department cannot exercise control. This provision shall not prevent employees from mutually
14 agreeing to schedule changes with the approval of the department. In the exercise of its scheduling
15 prerogative, department management will give priority to meeting the dictates of the workload.
16 Employees will continue their participation in the development of the master work schedule. Shifts
17 to be covered by vacation back-up shall normally be made available to backup staff by Friday, eight
18 (8) days before the start of the schedule.

19 B. Department management, with input from the bargaining unit, will designate a
20 workweek (or workweeks) consisting of seven consecutive 24-hour periods. The regular work
21 schedule shall consist of three shifts of nine hours and twenty minutes and one shift of nine hours and
22 thirty minutes for a total of 37.5 regularly scheduled hours per workweek. The County agrees that it
23 will not change this schedule configuration without notifying the Union and providing an opportunity
24 to negotiate the effects of such change, unless the change is for a limited duration due to an
25 emergency.

26 C. When annual work schedules are changed by the County, the employees may select
27 their desired schedule on the basis of seniority.

28 D. All employees shall be designated as hourly and eligible for compensation at the

1 overtime rate for all time worked in excess of forty (40) hours in a work week. For time worked in
2 excess of 37.5 hours in a work week, but not more than 40 hours, employees will be compensated at
3 the regular straight-time rate. Employees must receive authorization in advance for work in excess of
4 their regular scheduled shifts.

5 (1) Overtime shall be computed in fifteen (15) minute increments.

6 (2) By mutual agreement between the employee and supervisor, the employee
7 may receive compensatory time in lieu of pay, at the rate of one hour for each hour in excess of 37.5
8 but less than forty in a workweek, and one and one-half hour for each hour worked in excess of forty
9 in a workweek. The employee must request compensatory time in advance for each incident of
10 overtime work.

11 (3) Employees who work on a holiday will receive the overtime rate of pay for
12 all holiday time worked, in addition to the regular straight-time rate of pay for all time worked.
13 Employees with a vacation balance of less than 200 hours may elect to receive compensatory time at
14 the rate of 1.5 times all time worked on a holiday, in addition to the regular rate of pay for all time
15 worked.

16 (4) An employee who is required to be on stand-by to appear in Court during
17 scheduled time off may elect to be compensated for the time on stand-by with one-half of the
18 employee's regular hourly rate, or compensatory time at the rate of one-half hour for each hour on
19 stand-by. Stand-by time shall be calculated in 15 minute increments, and begins when the Court
20 Manager notifies the employee that he/she is scheduled to be in Court that day, and ends when the
21 employee reports to Court, or is notified that the Court appearance is cancelled.

22 (5) If an employee reports to Court during scheduled time off he/she may
23 choose to be paid or receive compensatory time at the regular or overtime rate, as applicable, for one
24 hour or actual time worked, whichever is greater.

25 (6) An employee may elect to receive compensatory time in lieu of cash for
26 attendance at staff meetings or mandatory training outside the employee's scheduled work shift.

27 (7) Accrued compensatory time will be cashed out at the end of each calendar
28 year, unless the employee requests and is approved to carry over a compensatory time balance, not to

1 exceed 37.5 hours into the following year.

2 E. Due to the crisis response nature of the work, employees will not have scheduled
3 meal periods or rest periods. Employees are, however, entitled to intermittent rest periods, and are
4 entitled to a thirty (30) minute meal period as close as possible to between two (2) and five (5) hours
5 after the beginning of their work shift. Employees will remain subject to call and in paid status
6 during such rest periods and meal periods.

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1 **ARTICLE 12: VACATIONS**

2 **Section 1.** Regular full-time employees shall receive vacation benefits as indicated in the
3 following table:

4 **EQUIVALENT ANNUAL VACATION**
5 **FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE WORKING 37.5 HOUR SCHEDULE**

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	Years of Service	Maximum Annual Vacation Accrual	
		Hours	Days
7 Upon hire to end of year	5	90	12 days
8 Upon beginning of year	6	112.5	15 days
9 Upon beginning of year	9	120	16 days
10 Upon beginning of year	11	150	20 days
11 Upon beginning of year	17	157.5	21 days
12 Upon beginning of year	18	165	22 days
13 Upon beginning of year	19	172.5	23 days
14 Upon beginning of year	20	180	24 days
15 Upon beginning of year	21	187.5	25 days
16 Upon beginning of year	22	195	26 days
17 Upon beginning of year	23	202.5	27 days
18 Upon beginning of year	24	210	28 days
19 Upon beginning of year	25	217.5	29 days
20 Upon beginning of year	26	225	30 days

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25 **Section 2.** Employees shall expend vacation credits on an hour-for-hour basis for regularly
26 scheduled shifts and shall be paid for vacations at the salary in effect at the time of vacation or upon
27 termination. In cases of death, payment of unused vacation benefits shall be made to the employee's
28 estate, or, in applicable cases, as provided by R.C.W., Title 11.

1 **Section 3.** Employees may accrue up to 450 hours of vacation. Employees shall use vacation
2 leave beyond the maximum accrual amount on or before the last day of the pay period that includes
3 December 31 of each year. Failure to use vacation leave beyond the maximum accrual amount will
4 result in forfeiture at the end of the year of the vacation leave beyond the maximum accrual amount
5 unless a carryover of vacation leave is approved in accordance with County procedures.

6 **Section 4.** Employees with at least six months service who leave King County employment
7 for any reason will be paid for their unused vacation up to the maximum specified herein.

8 **Section 5.** Employees shall submit their initial vacation requests prior to the first of February
9 each year. Division management shall develop a preliminary vacation schedule for the twelve month
10 period of March 1 to February 29, granting to the extent possible, requested vacation dates in the
11 order established by the random draw. Vacation requests for the first round shall be in increments of
12 not less than one week's duration and not more than four weeks' duration during June, July, August,
13 and December. A week is defined as Saturday through Friday and any portion of a week counts as a
14 week for vacation draw requests. Three (3) employees may be scheduled for vacation at any time
15 unless a greater number is approved by the Crisis and Commitment Coordinator. Additional vacation
16 periods may be granted to requesting employees in the reverse of the order established by the random
17 draw, using new requests submitted for this second round. Requests for the second round shall be
18 limited to not more than two weeks. Following completion of rounds one and two described above,
19 the final vacation schedule shall be posted on or before the first of March each year. The order
20 established by the random draw shall be revised in successive year(s) by moving those employees
21 who did not receive their first requested dates to the top of the list in the same order. New employees
22 shall be placed at the bottom of the list at the time of their employment.

23 **Section 6.** All vacation requests made after the first and second rounds shall be granted where
24 possible and on a first-come basis, but only with the mutual agreement of department management
25 and the employee. If more requests are received simultaneously than can be scheduled, the conflict
26 shall be resolved by awarding the time off to the employee with the most accumulated time (vacation
27 and compensatory time). Requests for additional vacation and use of compensatory time on a first-
28 come basis shall be submitted no earlier than the Friday which is four weeks in advance of the week

1 time off is desired, except as needed for time off to take advantage of training opportunities. (For
2 example, if an employee wishes to have Wednesday of week 26 off, s/he may submit the request no
3 earlier than Friday of week 21.) Vacation requested and scheduled on a first-come basis may be taken
4 in one-half (1/2) hour increments.

5 **Section 7.** After the posting of vacation schedules, employees shall be permitted to exchange
6 vacation periods with the approval of the department.

7 **Section 8.** Cancellation by an employee of any scheduled vacation should be given to the
8 supervisor at least thirty (30) days in advance of the scheduled vacation. Excess vacation accruals
9 which result from cancellation of a previously scheduled vacation by an employee shall be forfeited at
10 the end of each calendar year.

11 **ARTICLE 13: SICK LEAVE**

12 **Section 1. Accrual.** Every regular full-time and part-time employee shall accrue sick leave
13 benefits at a monthly rate equal to 0.04616 for each hour in pay status up to a maximum of seven and
14 a half (7-1/2) hours per month. The employee is not entitled to sick leave if not previously earned.
15 There shall be no limit to the hours of sick leave benefits accrued by an employee.

16 **Section 2. Vacation as Extension of Sick Leave.** During the first six months of full-time
17 service a regular employee may, at the Crisis and Commitment Coordinators discretion, be permitted
18 to use any accrued vacation as an essential extension of used sick leave. If an employee does not
19 work a full six (6) months, any vacation credit used for sick leave must be reimbursed to the County
20 upon termination. This section does not limit an employee's use of accrued leave for a qualifying
21 event under the Washington Family Care Act.

22 **Section 3. Minimum Sick Leave Usage.** Sick leave may be used in one-half (1/2) hour
23 increments at the discretion of the Crisis and Commitment Coordinator.

24 **Section 4. Immediate Family Definition.** For purposes of this article, "immediate family"
25 shall be limited to the children, parents, siblings and spouse or domestic partner of the employee, son-
26 in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparents, grandchildren, father-in-law, mother-in-law, domestic
27 partner's child, domestic partner's parents and spouse's children.

28 **Section 5. Separation from Employment.** Separation from or termination of County

1 employment, except by reason of retirement, or lay-off due to lack of work, funds, efficiency reasons
2 or separation for non disciplinary medical reasons, shall cancel all sick leave accrued to the employee
3 as of the date of separation or termination. Should the employee resign in good standing, be
4 separated for non-disciplinary medical reasons or be laid off, and return to the County within two
5 years, accrued sick leave shall be restored, but the restoration shall not apply where the former
6 employment was in a term limited temporary position.

7 **Section 5.1. Retirement and/or Death Benefit.** Employees eligible to accrue sick leave and
8 who have successfully completed at least five (5) years of county service and who retire as a result of
9 length of service or who terminate by reason of death shall be paid, or their estates paid or as
10 provided by Title 11 R.C.W., as applicable, an amount equal to thirty-five (35) percent of their
11 unused, accumulated sick leave multiplied by the employee's rate of pay in effect upon the date of
12 leaving county employment less mandatory withholdings.

13 **Section 6. Use Prior to Unpaid Leave.** An employee must use all of his or her sick leave
14 before taking unpaid leave for his or her own health reasons. If the injury is compensable under the
15 county's workers compensation program, then the employee has the option to augment or not
16 augment time loss payments with the use of accrued sick leave. For a leave for family reasons, the
17 employee shall choose at the start of the leave whether the particular leave would be paid or unpaid;
18 but when an employee chooses to take paid leave for family reasons he or she may set aside a reserve
19 of up to eighty (80) hours of accrued sick leave. An employee who has exhausted all of his or her
20 sick leave may use accrued vacation leave before going on leave of absence without pay, if approved
21 by the Crisis and Commitment Coordinator. This section does not limit an employee's use of leave
22 for a qualifying event under the Washington Family Care Act.

23 **Section 7. Uses of Sick Leave.** Sick leave shall be used for the following reasons:

24 **Section 7.1.** The employee's bona fide illness; but an employee who suffers an occupational
25 illness may not simultaneously collect sick leave and worker's compensation payments in a total
26 amount greater than the net regular pay of the employee;

27 **Section 7.2.** The employee's incapacitating injury, but:

28 **A.** An employee injured on the job illness may not simultaneously collect sick leave

1 and worker's compensation payments in a total amount greater than the net regular pay of the
2 employee; though an employee who chooses not to augment his or her worker's compensation time
3 loss pay through the use of sick leave shall be deemed on unpaid leave status;

4 **B.** An employee who chooses to augment workers compensation payments with the
5 use of accrued sick leave shall notify the workers compensation office in writing at the beginning of
6 the leave;

7 **C.** An employee may not collect sick leave and workers compensation for physical
8 incapacity due to any injury or occupational illness which is directly traceable to employment other
9 than with the County.

10 **Section 7.3.** The employees' exposure to contagious diseases and resulting quarantine.

11 **Section 7.4.** A female employee's temporary disability caused by or contributed to by
12 pregnancy and childbirth.

13 **Section 7.5.** Employee keeping health care appointments, provided that employees shall
14 make a reasonable effort to schedule appointments on their time off in order to minimize the impact
15 on Department operations.

16 **Section 7.6.** To care for the employee's child if the child has an illness or health condition
17 which requires treatment or supervision from the employee;

18 **Section 7.7.** To care for other family members, if:

19 **A.** The employee has been employed by the County for twelve (12) months or more
20 and has worked a minimum of one thousand forty hours (1040) in the preceding twelve (12) months;

21 **B.** The family member is the employee's spouse or domestic partner, the employee's
22 child, a child of the employee's spouse or domestic partner, the parent of the employee, employee's
23 spouse or domestic partner or an individual who stands or stood in loco parentis to the employee, the
24 employee's spouse or domestic partner; and

25 **C.** The reason for the leave is one of the following:

26 **(1)** The birth of a son or daughter and care of the newborn child, or placement
27 with the employee of a son or daughter for adoption or foster care, if the leave is taken within twelve
28 months of the birth, adoption or placement;

1 (2) The care of the employee's child or child of the employee's spouse or
2 domestic partner whose illness or health condition requires treatment or supervision by the employee;
3 or

4 (3) Care of a family member who suffers from a serious health condition.

5 Employees who are eligible for leave benefits may use accrued paid leave balances (sick
6 leave, vacation, compensatory time) for family care as provided by the Washington Family
7 Care Act.

8 **Section 8. King County Family and Medical Leave.** Bargaining unit members shall be
9 granted benefits consistent with all provisions of the King County Family and Medical Leave Act
10 (KCFML), K.C.C. 3.12.220(I). An employee may take a total of up to eighteen (18) weeks unpaid
11 leave for his or her own serious health condition, and for family reasons as provided in sections 7.5
12 and 7.6 combined, within a twelve (12) month period. The leave may be continuous, which is
13 consecutive days or weeks, or intermittent, which is taken in whole or partial days as needed.
14 Intermittent leave is subject to the following conditions:

15 **Section 8.1.** When leave is taken after the birth or placement of a child for adoption or foster
16 care, an employee may take leave intermittently or on a reduced leave schedule only if authorized by
17 the Crisis and Commitment Coordinator.

18 **Section 8.2.** An employee may take leave intermittently or on a reduced schedule when
19 medically necessary due to a serious health condition of the employee or family member of the
20 employee.

21 **Section 8.3.** If an employee requests intermittent leave or leave on a reduced leave schedule,
22 under Section 8.2 above, that is foreseeable based on planned medical treatment, the appointing
23 authority may require the employee to transfer temporarily to an available alternative position for
24 which the employee is qualified and that has equivalent pay and benefits and that better
25 accommodates recurring periods of leave than the regular position of the employee.

26 **Section 8.4. Use of Donated Leave.** Use of donated leave shall run concurrently with the
27 eighteen work week family medical leave entitlement.

28 **Section 8.5.** The county shall continue its contribution toward health care during any unpaid

1 leave taken under Section 8.

2 **Section 9.** Department management is responsible for the proper administration of the sick
3 leave benefit. Verification from a licensed health care provider may be required to substantiate the
4 health condition of the employee or family member for leave requests.

5 **Section 10.** An employee who returns from unpaid family or medical leave within the time
6 provided in this Article is entitled, subject to bona fide layoff provisions, to:

7 A. The same position he or she held when the leave commenced; or

8 B. A position with equivalent status, benefits, pay and other terms and conditions of
9 employment; and

10 C. The same seniority accrued before the date on which the leave commenced.

11 **Section 11.** Failure to return to work by the expiration date of the leave of absence may be
12 cause for removal and result in termination of the employee from county service.

13 **Section 12. Bereavement Leave.**

14 A. Regular and term-limited temporary, full-time employees shall be entitled to three
15 (3) scheduled shifts of bereavement leave per year due to death of members of their immediate
16 family. Regular part-time employees shall be entitled to bereavement leave prorated according to
17 their scheduled hours of work per workweek.

18 B. Regular, full-time employees who have exhausted their bereavement leave shall be
19 entitled to use sick leave in the amount of three (3) scheduled shifts for each additional death of a
20 member of the employee's immediate family. Regular part-time employees shall be entitled to use
21 sick leave prorated according to their scheduled hours of work per workweek.

1 **ARTICLE 14: HOLIDAYS**

2 **Section 1.** All regular employees shall be granted the holidays provided in R.C.W. 1.16.050
3 which currently lists the following holidays with pay:

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5 New Year's Day	January 1st
6 Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday	Third Monday in January
7 President's Day	Third Monday in February
8 Memorial Day	Last Monday in May
9 Independence Day	July 4th
10 Labor Day	First Monday in September
11 Veteran's Day	November 11th (or County observed Holiday)
12 Thanksgiving Day	Fourth Thursday in November
13 Day after Thanksgiving	
14 Christmas Day	December 25th

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16 and any designated by public proclamation of the chief executive of the state as a legal holiday.
17 Holidays shall commence at 12:01 a.m. and end at midnight. In addition, each employee shall receive
18 two (2) additional personal holidays. These days shall be administered through the vacation plan.
19 One day (7.5 hours) shall accrue to all employees in a pay status the pay period that includes the first
20 day of October and the second day (7.5 hours) shall accrue to all employees in a pay status the pay
21 period that includes the first day of November of each year. Employees will be able to use these days
22 in the same manner as they use vacation days earned.

23 **Section 2.** Employees will be paid at the overtime rate for all time worked on a holiday, in
24 addition to the regular straight-time rate of pay. An employee must be in a pay status on the
25 employee's scheduled working day prior to and the employee's scheduled working day after the
26 holidays set forth above in order to receive holiday pay.

27 **2.A.** When a holiday falls on an employee's scheduled day off, the employee will
28 receive 7.5 hours holiday pay at the straight time rate.

1 **2.B.** When a holiday falls on an employee's scheduled work day, and the employee
2 does not work, the employee will receive 7.5 hours holiday pay at the straight time rate, and must use
3 accrued vacation, sick leave, or compensatory time as appropriate for the remainder of the scheduled
4 time for that shift.

5 **2.C.** Employees with a vacation balance of less than 200 hours may elect to receive
6 compensatory time at the rate of 1.5 times all time worked on a holiday, in addition to the regular rate
7 of pay for all time worked.

8 **Section 3.** In the event there is a requirement to increase staffing on the recognized holidays,
9 employees will participate in developing changes to the master work schedule as provided in
10 Section 1 of Article 11.

11 **Section 4.** Procedures for determining holiday coverage will be developed by a joint labor-
12 management committee.

13 **Section 5.** After the final vacation schedule is posted, on or before the first of March each
14 year - a procedure for Holiday coverage for the remaining seven (7) holidays of the year and the first
15 three (3) holidays of the subsequent year will be developed. Whenever possible, holiday assignments
16 will be based on volunteers from the staff. However, if there are insufficient volunteers, management
17 will assign staff from the potential working pool. Assignment will be based on a number of factors
18 including the number of other major holidays worked and the general work schedule.

19 **ARTICLE 15: EMPLOYEE RIGHTS**

20 **Section 1.** The off-duty activities of employees shall not be cause for disciplinary action
21 unless said activities are detrimental to the employee's work performance or the program of the
22 agency or present a conflict of interest.

23 **Section 2.** If at any level, the County determines to bring disciplinary action against any
24 career service employee, such disciplinary action shall be for just cause, shall be in compliance with
25 county policy and the employee shall be apprised of his/her rights of appeal and representation as
26 provided for in the Grievance Procedure of this Agreement.

27 **Section 3.** The employee and/or representative may examine the employee's personnel file(s)
28 if the employee so authorizes in writing. Material placed into the employee's file(s) relating to job

1 performance or personal character shall be brought to his or her attention. The employee may
2 challenge the propriety of including it in the file(s). The employee shall have the right to insert
3 documentation into the file(s), providing such documentation is relevant to the challenge.
4 Unauthorized persons shall not have access to employee files or other personal data relating to their
5 employment.

6 **Section 4.** No employee shall be required to use equipment which is not in a safe condition.
7 In the event an employee discovers or identifies unsafe equipment, he/she will immediately notify the
8 immediate supervisor in writing. Employees will not be disciplined for reporting unsafe equipment
9 or working conditions to their immediate supervisor. Said equipment shall be repaired or replaced if
10 the employer determines the equipment to be unsafe. At such time as the employer determines the
11 equipment to be safe, the employee will be advised in writing.

12 **ARTICLE 16: MISCELLANEOUS**

13 **Section 1.** All employees who have been authorized to use their own transportation on
14 County business shall be reimbursed at the rate established by County Council action. Employees
15 required to attend mandatory staff meetings on their day off will be reimbursed for mileage and
16 parking.

17 **Section 2.** The Union and the County recognize that the nature of the services offered by the
18 County necessitates the use of temporary employees (commonly referred to as extra-help employees).
19 These employees are part of the bargaining unit and subject to the terms of the Agreement.
20 Temporary employees are not eligible for vacation, sick leave, holiday, medical, dental or other
21 insurance benefits. However term-limited temporary employees are eligible for all benefits contained
22 in this agreement. The County agrees that these employees are supplementary to the regular work
23 force and shall not be used to displace regular employees or undermine the integrity of the bargaining
24 unit. Temporary and term-limited temporary employees are considered at-will and may be terminated
25 without recourse to the just cause provisions or the grievance procedures in Article 9. Just cause
26 provisions and the grievance procedure will apply to all other forms of disciplinary action.

27 **Section 3.** The County may provide employees release time to attend training programs that
28 will be beneficial to their job performance. Notice of all such training opportunities which

1 management deems appropriate will be made available to all employees in writing. If the County
2 requires attendance at such training programs, the County will pay the expenses incurred.

3 **Section 4.** Changes in written procedural guidelines or other work rules or regulations will be
4 implemented only upon written notification of revisions. No employee shall be held responsible for
5 violation of a written instruction, regulation, rule or guideline provided oral instructions to do so were
6 received from supervisory personnel.

7 **Section 5.** The County and the Union agree to establish a Labor-Management Committee.
8 The purpose of the Committee is to discuss matters of concern to either party, and promote effective
9 labor-management communications. Meetings shall be scheduled upon request of either the Crisis
10 and Commitment Coordinator or Union Representative (or designee), at a time mutually agreed by
11 the parties. Up to three members of the bargaining unit shall be entitled to participate in Committee
12 meetings. Employees may be released during work hours to attend Committee meetings, except that
13 no overtime obligation will result from Committee activities. As soon as practical after the execution
14 of this Agreement, the parties agree to convene the Labor-Management Committee to consider (and
15 to agree to collective bargaining agreement (CBA) modifications as appropriate) issues, including but
16 not limited to holiday assignments and holiday pay as outlined in Article 14 sections 2(A) and 2(B).

17 **Section 6.** Promotions shall be made in accordance with the King County Personnel
18 Guidelines. Any employee who is promoted within the Division and does not successfully complete
19 the probationary period for the position to which promoted, shall have a right to return to his/her
20 former position if it is vacant and available; this includes employees promoted out of the bargaining
21 unit. If the former position is not available, and the employee is separated from the promotional
22 position during the probationary period, the re-hire provisions of Article 10 Section 2 will apply.

23 **Section 7. Job Sharing.** County Designated Mental Health Professionals may be permitted
24 to job share or to work part-time when practicable based on staffing requirements, budget constraints,
25 and at management's prerogative.

26 **Section 8. COPE.** King County shall, upon receipt of a written authorization form that
27 conforms to legal requirements, deduct from the pay of such bargaining unit employee the amount of
28 contribution the employee voluntarily chooses for deduction for political purposes and shall transmit

1 the same to the Union.

2 **ARTICLE 17: WAGE RATES**

3 **Section 1.** New career service employees shall be hired at Step 1 of their respective pay range
4 or a higher step at the discretion of management. Employees hired at Step 1 shall be advanced to
5 Step 2 after the successful completion of a probation period of at least six (6) months, which may be
6 extended to up to twelve (12) months by the hiring authority. Non-probationary career service
7 employees on Step 2 through Step 10 will receive a one step increase effective January 1 of each year.

8 **Section 2.** Temporary employees including term limited temporaries will be paid per the
9 following schedule and increases in succeeding years per sections 2 and 3 of this Article:

10 0 - 320 hours worked	90% of Step 1
11 321 - 640 hours worked	100% of Step 1
12 641 + hours worked or previous employment as a King 13 County Designated Mental Health Professional	110% of Step 1

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16 **Section 3. Term Limited Temporary employees.** The County may employ term limited
17 temporary employees as defined in County Ordinance.

18 **Section 4. Payroll System.** The parties agree the County has the right to implement a
19 common biweekly payroll system that will standardize pay practices and Fair Labor Standards Act's
20 work weeks. The parties agree that applicable provisions of the collective bargaining agreement may
21 be re-opened at any time by the County for the purpose of negotiating these standardized pay
22 practices, to the extent required by law.

23 **Section 5. Total Compensation Agreement.** Upon full ratification of the Memorandum of
24 Agreement titled: Addressing "Total Compensation" Coalition Bargaining; 2015-2016 Budget; And
25 Cost-Of-Living Wage Adjustments For King County Coalition Of Labor Unions Bargaining Unit
26 Members 2015-2016 ("Agreement") by King County, the full terms and conditions of the Agreement
27 are agreed to and incorporated into this Collective Bargaining Agreement, attached hereto as
28 Addendum B.

1 **ARTICLE 18: DURATION**

2 This Agreement shall become effective when ratified by the parties, including adoption as an
3 ordinance by the King County Council, and covers the period January 1, 2015 through and including
4 December 31, 2016. Written notice of desire to modify this agreement shall be served by either party
5 upon the other at least sixty (60) days prior to the date of expiration.

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7 APPROVED this 17th day of August, 2015.

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11 By: 
12 King County Executive

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21 Ida Kovacic, Organizer/Representative
22 Service Employees International Union, Local 925

Service Employees International Union, Local 925
 Involuntary Commitment Specialists

King County Hourly Squared Pay Schedule

Job Class Code	PeopleSoft Job Code	Classification Title	Pay Range
3111100	3111101	Involuntary Commitment Specialist	60

Temporary Employees	
0 - 320 Hours Worked	90% of pay Range 60, Step 1
321 - 640 Hours Worked	100% of pay Range 60, Step 1
641 + Hours Worked or Previous employment as a King County Designated Mental Health Professional	110% of pay Range 60, Step 1

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN KING COUNTY AND THE UNDERSIGNED UNIONS

ADDRESSING “TOTAL COMPENSATION” COALITION BARGAINING; 2015-2016 BUDGET; AND COST-OF-LIVING WAGE ADJUSTMENTS FOR KING COUNTY COALITION OF LABOR UNIONS BARGAINING UNIT MEMBERS 2015-2016

Introduction:

King County and the Coalition of King County Labor Unions have a longstanding history of working collaboratively to address the many serious challenges faced by King County over the past two decades.

The partnership between King County and the Coalition of King County Labor Unions has resulted in several Agreements over the years intended to preserve the high quality and diversity of services offered to the public, to preserve positions held by the county’s high quality employees, to standardize pay ranges and practices in King County and to reorganize county functions to bring greater efficiencies to King County government.

Agreements between King County and the Coalition of King County Labor Unions have included agreements allowing unpaid furloughs, agreements supporting a Lean process and implementation of Lean proposals, agreements standardizing certain classification and compensation processes, agreements that make efficient use of county resources by bargaining many labor issues in countywide coalitions, agreements establishing effective use of Labor Management Committees across King County to facilitate frequent and transparent information sharing and discussion and agreements such as the zero (“0”) cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) Agreement intended to address the county’s budget crisis at the height of the great recession.

The parties have also worked together in Olympia and elsewhere in attempting to secure additional funding options for King County services. The parties continue to engage in solution-based discussions aimed at addressing funding shortages for various public services.

The parties have an interest in continuing their longstanding history of working collaboratively to meet the serious challenges facing King County and its employees, and have bargained in good faith to address the interests of the parties as they relate to economic issues. The County continues to face serious fiscal challenges due to a longstanding structural imbalance between non-discretionary expenditure growth rates and revenue growth rates restricted by state law; and in 2015-2016 expects to eliminate hundreds of positions due to the loss of state and federal funds and to budget cuts to several departments. This Agreement meets the interests of the parties and advances the goals of the King County Strategic Plan by demonstrating “sound financial management” as well as by recognizing King County employees, the county’s “most valued resource,” in working with King County to meet the challenges that will be presented during the term of this Agreement.

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Agreement:

NOW THEREFORE, the undersigned Union and King County agree as follows.

January 1, 2015 Cost-of-Living Adjustment contract rollovers and re-openers

1. Effective January 1, 2015, employees covered by this Agreement and employed in 2015 will receive a 2% Cost-of-Living Wage Adjustment;

2. All other compensation elements ("wages, premiums, incentives, and other monetary payments; and all forms of leave and benefits") of current collective bargaining agreements (CBAs) are "rolled over" and neither increased nor decreased through 2016; provided, however, that where the County and a union were already in the process of collective bargaining with respect to certain elements of "Total Compensation" prior to June 27, 2014, there may be increases or decreases in certain elements of "Total Compensation" in those collective bargaining agreements. Additionally, the Coalition "Administrative Support" Memorandum of Agreement (attached as Addendum A) is also effective 2015-2016 and expires January 31, 2016;

3. All compensation elements of CBAs shall be opened on January 1, 2015, or later, as requested by the County, for the purpose of bargaining in union coalition a "Total Compensation" agreement that will be effective January 1, 2017 or later, as agreed to by the parties. "Total Compensation" elements are wages, premiums, incentives, and other monetary payments; and all forms of leave and benefits. The parties agree to bargain, to the extent required by law, the effects of any newly created job classifications and other organizational changes. Discussion during re-opener will include these "Total Compensation" elements as well as county initiatives that include but are not limited to "Employer of the Future" and "Standards." It is noted that the Joint Labor Management Insurance Committee (JLMIC) Agreement covering benefits (part of "Total Compensation") is already opened in 2016 and nothing in this Agreement is intended to change the terms of that Agreement.

January 1, 2016 Cost-of-Living Adjustment contract rollovers and re-openers

1. Effective January 1, 2016, employees covered by this Agreement and employed in 2016 will receive a 2.25% Cost-of-Living Wage Adjustment;

2. Consistent with #2 for 2015 above, all compensation elements of CBA "rolled over" and neither increased nor decreased through 2016; provided, however, that where the County and a union were already in the process of collective bargaining with respect to certain elements of "Total Compensation" prior to June 27, 2014, there may be increases or decreases in certain elements of "Total Compensation" in those collective bargaining agreements. Additionally, the Coalition "Administrative Support" Memorandum of Agreement (attached as Addendum A) is also effective 2015-2016 and expires January 31, 2016;

3. Re-openers consistent with #3 for 2015 above.

Lump Sum Coalition Participation Premium Payment

On or before December 31, 2014, a flat lump sum Coalition Participation Premium payment of \$500.00 per employee will be paid to bargaining unit members who are employed by King County on June 27, 2014, and whose bargaining units ratify this agreement on or before

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August 15, 2014. This payment is in consideration of the agreement by participating unions to bargain economic issues with King County as a coalition rather than as individual bargaining units, resulting in process efficiencies and savings in administrative costs for King County. Additionally, this payment is in consideration for the agreement by participating unions to open all compensation elements of CBAs on January 1, 2015 or later, at the request of King County, for the purpose of bargaining a "Total Compensation" agreement in coalition. "Total Compensation" elements are defined earlier in this Memorandum of Agreement.

Changes to King County Family and Medical Leave

The parties agree to a change in practice that will run King County Family Medical Leave (KCFML) and Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) *concurrently*, rather than consecutively. This change is contingent upon the necessary King County Code change/policy being adopted by the King County Council and then implemented for non-represented King County employees. This agreement does not prohibit the use of KCFML intermittent leave after 12 weeks. The agreed upon change will not be implemented for represented employees before July 1, 2015. The parties agree to work together to identify the King County Code language changes necessary to implement this change. As with all decision making in King County, the Equity and Social Justice Ordinance (#16948) will be applied.

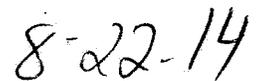
It is further agreed that:

1. The COLA increases and lump sum payments outlined in this Agreement establish no precedent with respect to future payments to King County employees;
2. The parties acknowledge that all parties have fulfilled their obligations to engage in collective bargaining over the subjects contained in this Agreement;
3. The parties acknowledge that this Agreement is subject to approval by the King County Council and ratification by the membership of the aforementioned Unions;
4. Any dispute regarding the interpretation and/or application of this Agreement shall be handled pursuant to the terms of the applicable Union's grievance procedure, provided that if more than one bargaining unit has the same or similar dispute, the grievances shall be consolidated; and
5. The parties agree that this Memorandum of Agreement is contingent upon ratification by the King County Council, and shall be effective once fully ratified by King County (having already been ratified by the undersigned Unions) through December 31, 2016.

For King County:



Patti Cole-Tindall, Director
Office of Labor Relations
King County Executive Office



Date

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ADDRESSING "TOTAL COMPENSATION" COALITION BARGAINING; 2015-2016 BUDGET; AND COST-OF-LIVING WAGE ADJUSTMENTS FOR KING COUNTY COALITION OF LABOR UNIONS BARGAINING UNIT MEMBERS 2015-2016

Labor Organization: Service Employees International Union, Local 925

Ratified by the Members covered by the Contracts listed below:

cba code	Labor Organization	Contract
012	SEIU, Local 925	Department of Executive Services - Facilities Management Division
010	SEIU, Local 925	Department of Natural Resources & Parks - Parks & Recreation
030	SEIU, Local 925	Involuntary Commitment Specialists - Mental Health, Department of Community & Human Services
462	SEIU, Local 925	Department of Public Defense
011	SEIU, Local 925	Wastewater Treatment Division - Department of Natural Resources & Parks

For Service Employees International Union, Local 925:



 Tyler Bass
 Field Director



 Date

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MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

BY AND BETWEEN

KING COUNTY

AND

COALITION OF LABOR UNIONS

REPRESENTING

KING COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT CLASSIFICATIONS

Subject: Coalition bargaining for employees in specified administrative support classifications

WHEREAS, King County and the undersigned labor unions representing certain administrative support classifications ("the Coalition") have agreed to bargain wages for those classifications in a coalition so that any agreements reached would be binding on all parties to the negotiations and would satisfy all bargaining obligations between the parties with respect to wages for the duration agreed to by the parties in such an agreement; and

WHEREAS, King County and the Coalition have reached an agreement on wages, pursuant to the terms set forth herein, and therefore have fully satisfied their bargaining obligations on the issue of wages for the duration of this Agreement;

Now THEREFORE, the parties have agreed as follows:

1. The terms set forth in this Agreement shall apply to all positions which are in the following classifications and which are currently represented by any of the undersigned bargaining units:

Fiscal Specialist 1 – 4
Administrative Specialist 1 – 4
Customer Service Specialist 1 – 4
Technical Information Processing Specialist 1 – 4
Administrative Office Assistant
Public Health Administrative Support Supervisor
Administrative Staff Assistant

The positions referenced herein shall be referred to as "Coalition Administrative Support Positions" and shall not include positions covered by bargaining units eligible for interest arbitration.

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2. Beginning on January 1, 2012, regular employees in Coalition Administrative Support Positions shall receive a wage increase of 1.5% above Step 10 upon completing 15 years service with King County, and a 3.0% increase (not cumulative with the 1.5% increase after 15 years) above Step 10 upon completing 20 years service with King County; provided, however, that the employee is eligible for the above Step 10 premium only if he/she receives at least a 3.25 rating on the prior year's performance evaluation. For purposes of this provision, years of service shall be based on the employee's Adjusted Service Date as that term is defined in the King County Personnel Guidelines. The requirement that the employee earn at least a 3.25 rating on the performance evaluation shall be waived for any year in which the employee did not receive a performance evaluation prior to the start of the calendar year. There shall be no limit or quota on the number of employees eligible to receive this wage premium above Step 10.

3. This Agreement fully satisfies the parties' bargaining obligations with respect to wages for any and all Coalition Administrative Support Positions through December 31, 2013. The parties have agreed to bargain a successor agreement on wages in coalition utilizing the same process as was agreed to in these negotiations (see September 30, 2008 "Ground Rules for King County Administrative Support Coalition Bargaining" (attached hereto as Exhibit A)) with the additional agreement that any market surveys conducted for those negotiations will be based on the following list of jurisdictions:

1. Snohomish County
2. Pierce County
3. City of Seattle
4. City of Bellevue
5. City of Tacoma
6. City of Everett
7. City of Redmond
8. City of Renton
9. City of Kent
10. Port of Seattle

4. It is the parties' intent to not simultaneously provide employees with both: a) the wage premiums referenced in Paragraph 2 of this Agreement, and b) an above-top-step merit premium program. Therefore, employees in bargaining units which have eligibility for above-top-step merit pay are not eligible for premium under Paragraph 2 of this Agreement; however, such bargaining units may elect to forgo above-top-step merit for their members who are part of this coalition in order for those members to be eligible for the premium under Paragraph 2 of this Agreement. This provision would give employees who are covered by these administrative support coalition negotiations the option of: a) continuing to receive above-top-step merit pay they have access to under their respective bargaining unit's existing collective bargaining agreement, or b) receiving the wage premium under Paragraph 2 of this Agreement. Such employees must elect their preferred option as a group as part of these negotiations, and must indicate their selection within 60 days of execution of this Agreement, and that selection will remain in effect for the duration of this Agreement.

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5. This Agreement applies to positions in the classifications referenced above (Paragraph 1) covered by the following collective bargaining agreements:

Union	Contract	cba Code
International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 117	Professional & Technical and Administrative Employees	154
International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 117	Wastewater Treatment Division, Professional & Technical and Administrative Support - Department of Natural Resources and Parks	156
Joint Crafts Council, Construction Crafts	Appendix K: Departments: Executive Services (Facilities Management; Records, Elections & Licensing Services), Natural Resources & Parks, Transportation	350
Office & Professional Employees International Union, Local 8	Department of Assessments	035
Office & Professional Employees International Union, Local 8	Departments: Public Health (Division of Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drugs Prevention), Community and Human Services (Mental Health, Chemical Abuse and Dependency Services Division)	038
Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17	Professional and Technical - Department of Transportation	046
Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17	Departments: Development and Environmental Services, Executive Services, Natural Resources and Parks, Transportation	040
Professional and Technical Employees, Local 17	Departments: Public Health, Community and Human Services	060
Public Safety Employees Union	Non-Commissioned - Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention	191
Public Safety Employees Union	Non-Commissioned - King County Sheriff's Office	193
Technical Employees Association	Wastewater Treatment Division, Department of Natural Resources and Parks, Staff	428
Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Council 2, Local 2084-SC	Superior Court - Staff (Wages Only)	273
Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Council 2, Local 2084SC-S	Superior Court - Supervisors (Wages Only)	274
Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Council 2, Local 21AD	Department of Adult and Juvenile Detention	080
Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Council 2, Local 1652	Medical Examiner - Department of Public Health	260
Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Council 2, Local 1652M	WorkSource - Department of Community and Human Services	263
Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Council 2, Local 1652R	Industrial and Hazardous Waste	275

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6. This Agreement shall remain in effect through December 31, 2013.

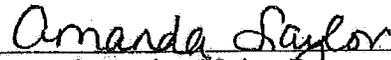
For International Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 117:



Tracey A. Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer

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Date

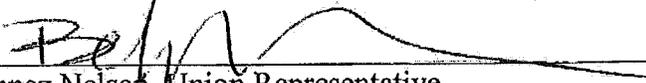
For Office & Professional Employees International Union, Local 8:



Amanda Saylor, Union Representative

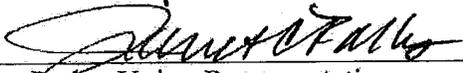
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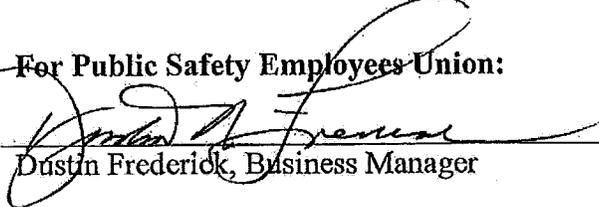
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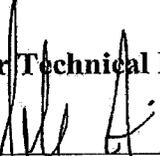
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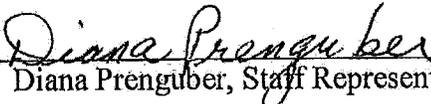
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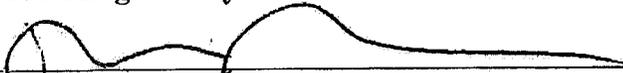
For Washington State Council of County and City Employees, Council 2:



Diana Prenguber, Staff Representative

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For King County:



James J. Johnson, Labor Negotiator III

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**ADDENDUM B
ADDENDUM A
EXHIBIT A**

**GROUND RULES FOR KING COUNTY
ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT COALITION BARGAINING**

1. **Authority of the Coalition.** The parties agree that the Union coalition is speaking with one voice, and that the parties are engaged in coalition bargaining rather than coordinated bargaining. To that end, each of the unions party to coalition bargaining agree that they will be bound by the results of the coalition bargaining, and that their authority will be limited by the Union coalition's lead negotiator. Each of the unions further agree that the County's participation in coalition bargaining fulfills the County's statutory obligation to bargain regarding the issues within the scope of this coalition bargaining while the parties are engage in this coalition bargaining and for the duration of any agreement reached. The coalition has agreed that for ratification purposes, the Unions will conduct a pooled vote with one employee, one vote, with all votes consolidated and the result determined by a simple majority.
2. **Authority of the County.** The parties agree that the County is speaking with one voice, and the parties are engaged in coalition bargaining rather than coordinated bargaining. The County's interest in coalition bargaining stems from its effort to maintain a consistent compensation structure for administrative staff across Departments. The County as a whole, and each of its departments, will be bound by any agreement reached in this process.
3. **Status of Contracts.** The status of contracts will not affect a union's participation in this process, nor will it affect the other provisions of this agreement. The parties are agreeing to reopen all contracts for the purpose of negotiating compensation relating to the specified administrative support classifications.
4. **Scope of Topic.** The scope of the discussions will be to negotiate wage rates for the classifications at issue. The parties may agree to address additional issues in the course of this bargaining.
5. **Scope of Classifications.** Administrative Support classifications, including the following:
 - Fiscal Specialist 1-4
 - Administrative Specialist 1-4
 - Customers Service Specialist 1-4
 - Technical Information Processing Specialist 1-4
 - Administrative Office Assistant
 - Medical Application Specialist (Health)
 - Administrative Specialist Supervisor (Health)
 - Administrative Staff Assistant
 - ~~(Application Worker/ Social Services Specialist)~~and any other classification that the parties may agree to include during the course of negotiations.

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6. **Scope of Bargaining Units Included.** The bargaining units as defined in Addendum A to this agreement are included in this coalition bargaining.

7. **Negotiation Process.**
 - A. **Lead Negotiators.** The lead negotiator for the County will be the Manager of Labor Relations or such other negotiator as may be appointed by the County. The lead negotiator for the Coalition will be the General Counsel for Teamsters Local 117 or such other negotiator as may be appointed by the Coalition. Only the lead negotiator will have the authority to bind the party that they represent.

 - B. **Table Composition.** Each party will name a fixed set of participants in the negotiation. Others may be permitted to participate as subject matter experts but not as members of each negotiating team. The unions agree to name no more than two (2) employee representatives per union; provided that Local 17 may appoint four (4) employee representatives. The County agrees to provide release time to participate in negotiation provided that such release time does not interfere with the operations of the County. In such event, the parties will discuss alternatives to address the issue.

 - C. **Dates.** The lead negotiator for each party shall set a complete set of negotiating dates beginning in January, 2009, and concluding by April 15, 2009.

 - D. **Location.** Bargaining sessions will be held at downtown County facilities.

8. **Communication.** The expectation is that the parties will bargain at the table rather than in the workplace. Prior to issuing written communications with County employees or Union members regarding the substance of these negotiations, a party intending to issue such a communication will provide the other party with prior notice of that communication and will attempt to resolve any issues regarding the content of the communication prior to publication. The parties retain the right to communicate with their constituencies in non-written form. However, consistent with the spirit of this commitment, the parties will respect the concept of prior notice outlined in this paragraph.

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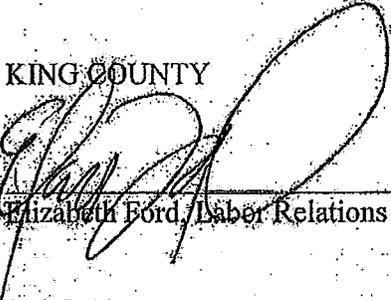
9. **Mediation and Fact Finding.** If the parties fail to reach agreement, the parties will simultaneously (1) request the assistance of an impartial third party selected by the parties; if the parties cannot reach agreement, then the mediator will be selected through the Public Employment Relations Commission to mediate the negotiations; and (2) appoint a neutral fact-finder pursuant to the selection process below. The mediation will be scheduled ahead of the fact finding hearing. The fact-finder shall be charged to make non-binding recommendations to the parties as to the terms of an agreement regarding wage rates for the classifications at issue. The fact-finder shall consider the market position of the classifications and the economic circumstances of the employer in making his or her recommendations. The fact-finding will be concluded no later than sixty (60) days after the conclusion of mediation with the recommendation to each party. The cost of the fact-finder shall be borne equally by the parties.
- a. **Selection.** The parties will attempt to mutually agree on a fact-finder. Absent such agreement, the parties will request a panel from the Public Employment Relations Commission and will select a fact finder through mutual striking.
 - b. **Hearing.** The hearing procedure shall be determined by the fact finder but shall be conducted fairly and expeditiously.
 - c. **Recommendation.** Prior to issuing a formal recommendation, the fact finder will meet informally with the parties to inform them of his or her findings. Thereafter, the parties will have one week to attempt to reach an agreement. If the parties are unable to reach agreement the fact finder shall issue his or her decision.

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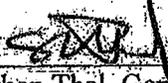
10. **Return to Individual Bargaining.** After the issuance of the recommendation, the parties may return to mediation or otherwise attempt to resolve the agreement. If the parties fail to agree after the fact finding process, the coalition process will be concluded and the parties will return to bargaining their individual contracts. The parties understand that such bargaining will begin fresh, and the positions taken in this coalition bargaining will not be applicable to that bargaining.

Dated this 30th day of September, 2008.

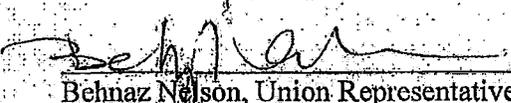
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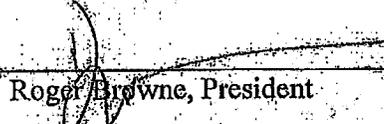
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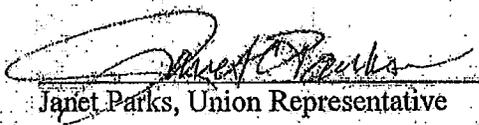
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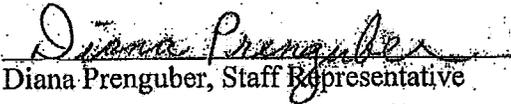
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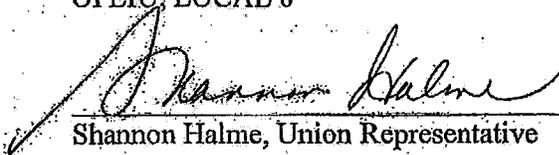
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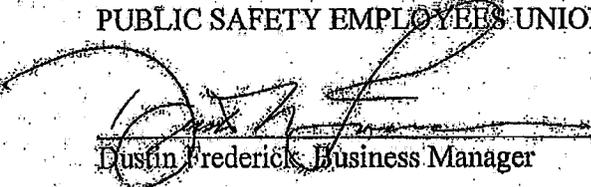
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PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES UNION 519


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ADDENDUM C

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BY AND BETWEEN
KING COUNTY
AND
SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION, LOCAL 925
REPRESENTING INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT SPECIALISTS IN THE
MENTAL HEALTH, CHEMICAL ABUSE AND DEPENDENCY SERVICES DIVISION,
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Subject: Holiday Pay and Payroll Issues

Introduction:

The parties, Service Employees International Union, Local 925, represented by Ida Kovacic, and King County, represented by Deborah Bellam, have discussed changes to payroll-related practices that include holiday pay. The parties have agreed to changes consistent with the PeopleSoft payroll system and with this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Article 14, Sections 1 and 2 of the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) between the parties define holidays and provide for 7.5 hours of holiday pay for each holiday so identified. The Involuntary Commitment Specialists covered by this CBA (in assignments other than "Boarding", which has a unique schedule that is not subject to the changes agreed to in this MOU) currently work a typical work day of 9.33 hours with a regular work week of 37.5 hours. This schedule is the regular and employer-mandated schedule for this bargaining unit.

Agreement:

The authority for the changes agreed to herein is found in the current CBA in Article 16, Section 5, which gives authority to the joint Labor Management Committee (LMC) to agree to such changes, and Article 17, Section 4, which recognizes the County's right to make certain changes to the payroll system and recognizes the right of the parties to bargain changes that require bargaining.

The parties agree to the following changes to Article 14: Holidays:

1. Section 1: Veteran's Day shall be observed on November 11 or on the day it is observed by King County.
2. Section 1: Holidays shall commence at 12:00 a.m. and end at 11:59 p.m. the next day, EXCEPT that for those working night shift (night shift is the shift that includes midnight, with hours both before and after midnight), the holiday shall commence on the eve of the holiday when the night shift begins.

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3. Section 2: "Holiday Worked" premium pay: Consistent with current contract language and practice, scheduled shift hours worked on a holiday shall continue to be paid at the overtime rate. For night shift employees this premium pay begins at the start of their shift. Using the current schedule as an example, this means that a night shift employee beginning the shift at 11:10 p.m. on Friday on the eve of a holiday will be paid time and one half for the regular shift of 9.33 hours beginning at 11:10 p.m. If this employee works again beginning 11:10pm on Saturday, s/he receives neither holiday pay nor "holiday worked" premium pay for that shift that begins on the holiday.

4. Sections 1 and 2: "Holiday Pay" should reflect the regular employer mandated work schedule of the Involuntary Commitment Specialists (ICS). Under the current schedule the maximum holiday pay will be equal to 9.33 hours per holiday rather than 7.5 hours. Using the current schedule as an example, a night shift employee beginning work at 11:10 p.m. on a Friday will receive 9.33 hours of holiday pay beginning at 11:10 p.m.

5. Section 2: When an employee is scheduled to work on a holiday but does not work, the employee receives "holiday pay", but the applicable leave bank (vacation, sick leave etc.) will be reduced by the number of hours absent, EXCEPT that when the employee does not work his/her scheduled holiday shift due to pre-approved leave for the holiday, the employee receives "holiday pay", but the applicable leave bank is not reduced. "Pre-approved" leave includes but is not limited to cases in which vacation or sick leave has been pre-scheduled and approved, as well as cases in which management determines a specific holiday is overstaffed and thus not all employees scheduled are needed on that day.

6. Section 1: The two personal holidays granted employees and administered through the vacation plan shall also reflect the regular employer mandated ICS schedule. Using the current schedule as an example, each of these personal holidays will be equal to 9.33 hours rather than 7.5 hours.

Article 11.1 B Hours of Work: In addition to the current contract language found in this Section, the parties wish to acknowledge the following:

a. The parties have agreed to form a joint labor management scheduling subcommittee to research and review possible alternatives to the current 9.33/37.5 hour schedule. The mission of this subcommittee is to research, review, and recommend. The subcommittee does not have the authority to implement any changes to the current schedule.

b. The County has designated 12:00 a.m. (midnight) Saturday to 11:59 p.m. Friday as the FLSA work week in the PeopleSoft payroll system.

Conclusion:

This MOU will be effective (once signed by both parties) after King County makes the systems and administrative changes necessary to implement the changes outlined in this Agreement.

*Service Employees International Union, Local 925 - Involuntary Commitment Specialists - Mental Health,
Department of Community & Human Services*

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