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MaryAnne Lindeblad, BSN, MPH
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Re: Mid-Adopter of Fully Integrated Managed Care

Dear Ms. Lindeblad:

King County is pleased to submit this binding letter of intent to fully integrate physical and behavioral health by January 1, 2019. Fully integrated managed care will improve the physical and behavioral health outcomes of some of the most vulnerable people in King County.

Improving the health and well-being of the region's most vulnerable residents is a significant focus of King County's Equity and Social Justice Strategic Plan.

King County has appreciated the partnership with the Health Care Authority, the Governor's Office and the five Managed Care Organizations (MCOs) serving King County as we have worked together to jointly plan for integrated care through our Integration Design Team and interim leadership table. The agreements we have made through this process and memorialized in our Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated September 1, 2017 are central to the County's decision to become a mid-adopter.

Specifically, as outlined in the MOU, the leadership table will continue the important work of a seamless transition by identifying shared outcomes and creating an integrated system of care that will be even more comprehensive than the current Medicaid-funded system. The ability of the MCOs to subcontract with King County for behavioral health services during 2019, with the contingencies noted in the MOU, will enable King County to ensure that the extensive behavioral health provider network – created over several decades and which is also funded by significant County investments from the Mental Illness and Drug Dependency

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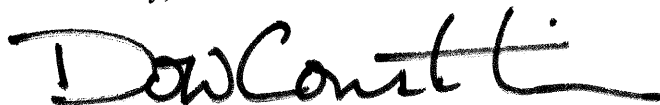
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dedicated sales tax, Best Starts for Kids and the Veterans, Seniors and Human Services Levy – will transition smoothly to full integration without disruption of services either to people who are Medicaid eligible or to those who are not.

King County also intends to exercise the option to become the Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization so that crisis services are integrated within a full continuum of services, from promotion and prevention through crisis response so that we can continue, as a community, to promote wellness and avoid crisis situations. The opportunity to earn eligibility to draw down over \$16.6 million in demonstration incentive funds for the King County region is another substantial reason for King County to work with our partners to move to fully integrated managed care by 2019.

We look forward to continuing this transformative work with the State of Washington, our community partners, the leadership table, the King County Accountable Community of Health, and most importantly, the people receiving health and behavioral health services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dow Constantine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dow Constantine
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cc: Adrienne E. Quinn, Director, Department of Community and Human Services
Patty Hayes, Director, Public Health - Seattle & King County
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