

To Whom It May Concern:

**RE:** HRSA-22-061 *Rural Communities Opioid Response Program - Behavioral Health Care Support*

As Behavioral Health Consortium (BHC) members, we the undersigned, understand and commit to the stated mission and deliverables of the Rural Opioid Response Program – Behavioral Health Care Support for the life of the funding sought in the above-named grant proposal.

We are committed to engage key county and community resource leaders to address the BHC's work expansion as outlined in this grant application. Our priority is to address the County's declining youth behavioral health indicators with an over-arching goal focused on the development a countywide youth behavioral health framework that is based on consistent approaches, objectives and modalities. Once funded, the following approach will set the foundation for this county-wide framework:

- **Initiate foundational relationship development** and integration of School District and OlyCAP leadership with BHC
- **Fund Youth Behavioral Health System Audit/Assessment (Study)** covering Brinnon, Chimacum, Port Townsend and Quilcene school districts, and relevant agencies, service providers and community programs and advocates represented at the CHIP Youth Age Band (CHIP-YAB).
- **Identify priorities; develop and initiate strategic plan** to achieve a county-wide youth behavioral health framework that addresses youth, their families and caretakers, and community members impacted by Any Mental Illness (AMI) and Substance Use Disorder (SUD).
- **Fund schools' Internal Liaison Interventionist role** to serve as in-building behavioral and academic specialists who collaborate with the school community, to support the development and implementation of a school-wide positive behavioral intervention system.
- **Assess available housing data**
- **Develop Housing Data Analysis Plan**
- **Improve Rural Transport Input, Cross Assessment and Action** by creating a nexus between our rural transportation agencies – school districts and Jefferson Transit, to better assess, prioritize, strategize and execute actions to address equitable access to behavioral health support services, extracurricular activities, and school functions
- **Expand EMS Data Collection Reach** to all of the eastern county EMS data available

We understand that our role in the BHC is as an equal part of a team and contributor; that the grant award is not to be used for the exclusive benefit of any one consortium member; that the grant's focus is the implementation of the BHC's strategic plan; that the envisioned, stated action is focused on Jefferson County, WA; and that the plan focus is prevention, treatment and recovery for county residents suffering from SUD and AMI. We explicitly commit to providing aggregate performance data and relevant information in compliance with HRSA requirements to Jefferson County Public Health.

We recognize Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH) as the lead role in this initiative, and understand that role, its responsibilities, and its activities in the Consortium will include:

- Provide a designated representative to attend all Consortium-related meetings and events, and provide locations for facilitation if space available.
- Assist in strategy measures, and provide guidance and approval of procedures.
- Provide comments, insights, impressions and understandings regarding the delivery of the program to allow for improvements.
- Ensure all activities are conducted in compliance with applicable State, Federal and Local Laws, rules and regulations.
- Use grant funding only for the purpose of supporting prevention, treatment and recovery of SUD and AMI service linkage, access and options in the County, as outlined in this application responding to the [HRSA-22-061 NOFO](#).
- Other roles as outlined in the MOU.

We, the undersigned, are explicitly committed to the success of this proposal. Our community faces significant behavioral health challenges and we look forward to working together to solve them.

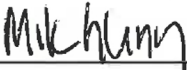
## SIGNATURES

**Jefferson County Public Health (JCPH)** has been committed to community health issues in the County for many years, being one of three funders (the County, Jefferson Healthcare hospital, and JCPH) of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) program, who will oversee the work proposed in this grant proposal. We are aware of the increase in Substance Use Disorder and Any Mental Illness (AMI) in the County and are eager to participate in initiatives to address this in a manner relevant to our community.

Signed:  Date: 3/31/2022

Apple Martine, Jefferson County Public Health, 615 Sheridan Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368

**Jefferson Healthcare** is the primary healthcare facility in Jefferson County. Services include a critical access care hospital, an emergency room, and clinics throughout the community.

Signed:  Date: 3/31/22

Mike Glenn, Chief Executive Officer, Jefferson Healthcare, 834 Sheridan Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368

**Discovery Behavioral Health Care** is a trauma-informed Community Behavioral Health Center delivering behavioral health and wellness programs to communities throughout East Jefferson County for over 25 years. DBH provides SUD Services, MAT Treatment, mental health and recovery-focused resources.

Signed:  Date: 3/31/2022

Jim Novelli, Executive Director, Discovery Behavioral Health, 884 W Park Avenue, Port Townsend, WA 98368

**Jefferson County Sheriff's Office** is a county law enforcement agency, also often first line responders to SUD/AMI/BH situations in Jefferson County.

Signed:  Date: 4/4/2022

Joe Nole, Sheriff, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, 81 Elkins Rd, Port Hadlock, WA 98339

**Jefferson County Education Partnership** is comprised of representatives from Brinnon, Chimacum, Quilcone and Port Townsend School District Boards.

Signed:  Date: 4/4/2022

Scott Mauk, Ed.D., Superintendent Chimacum School District #49, on behalf of JCEP, 91 W Valley Rd. Chimacum, WA 98325

**OlyCAP** helps people build resilient communities by providing equitable access to solutions and opportunities.

Signed:  Date: 4/4/2022

Cherish Chronmiller, OlyCAP, 823 Commerce Loop, Port Townsend, WA 98368

**OWL360 - Pfeiffer House Sustainable Living Project** provides living spaces for young adults (ages 18-24) and an open door to emerging youth and young adults (16-24yoa) who may, or may not, reside within the Pfeiffer House, who find themselves in risky situations and in need of assistance or linkage to local resources.

Signed:  Date: 4.4.2022

Kelli Parcher, Executive Director, OWL360, 211 Taylor St, Suite 20, Port Townsend, WA 98368

**The Recovery Café** (a program of **Dove House Advocacy Services**) is a recovery community center where members find support for recovery from addiction, mental illness, and homelessness; achieve the stability they need to gain and maintain access to housing, social and health services, healthy relationships, education, and employment. Services include a healing environment with free meals, coffee and social activities; peer-led Recovery Circle support groups; classes in the School for Recovery; and referrals to community resources.

Signed:  Date: 3-31-2022

Beulah Kingsolver, Executive Director, Dove House Advocacy Services, 1045 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368

**Jefferson County Prosecutor's Office** represents the criminal justice perspective within Jefferson County's Therapeutic Courts, including Behavioral Health Therapeutic Court and Drug Therapeutic Court.

Signed: James M. Kennedy Digitally signed by James M. Kennedy  
Date: 2022.03.31 15:18:55 -0700 Date: \_\_\_\_\_

James Kennedy, Prosecuting Attorney, Jefferson County Prosecutor's Office, 1820 Jefferson St, Port Townsend, WA 98368

**Believe in Recovery & Gateway to Freedom** offers private substance use rehabilitation services with regular and intensive outpatient treatment and counseling services, including cognitive/behavioral therapy.

Signed: Gabbie Caudill Date: 4-14-22

Gabbie Caudill, Clinical Director, Believe in Recovery, 3051 West Sims Way, Port Townsend, WA 98368

**The Emergency Medical Services Council** provides oversight for EMS services to the city of Port Townsend and the greater Jefferson County, who are the first responders for situations involving persons suffering from substance use disorder and mental and behavioral health issues.

Signed: Tim Manly Date: 4/12/22

Tim Manly, Fire Chief, Brinnon Fire Department, on behalf of the EMS Council, 272 School House Rd, Brinnon, WA 98320