



July 7th, 2024

To: Yakima County Board of Commissioners

Cc: Melissa Holm

Re: PNWU Behavioral Health Services, Mental Health Sales Tax 2024 Contract (PNWU-BHS-MHST-2024)

To whom it may concern, the below is a report of progress on the PNWU-BHS-MHST project between 4/20/2024 and 7/10/2024. In agreement with the project scope, terms, and conditions, the project team has accomplished the following since the last report:

- Dr. Pitonyak has completed her electronic health record (HER) system training so that she can document her services with clients. She has also finalized the clinical documentation template.
- Dr. Pitonyak has begun providing OT services to the pregnant and parenting women and their children. Thus far, she has completed 3 new client evaluations with 2 additional evaluations scheduled this coming week. As of 7/3/2024, OT services are now offered every Wednesday. In the first week, Dr. Pitonyak served 10 clients through group treatment.
- Dr. Pitonyak is currently supervising 4 occupational therapy students on their level IA clinical rotations over the summer (dates: 5/20/2024-7/26/2024).
- Dr. Pitonyak has procured additional supplies and equipment needed to support OT service delivery.

The project is running ahead of schedule in all areas. In the coming quarter our goals are to focus on increasing the number of clients seen and preparing for the supervision of additional OT students during fall clinical rotations. Dr. Pitonyak has begun data collection for the efficacy and sustainability variables e.g., focus of treatment, types of treatments offered, total time spent with clients, and CPT codes associated with treatments offered.

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