



December 2nd, 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 9/18/2024 and 11/27/2024. In agreement with the project scope, terms, and conditions, the project team has accomplished the following since the last report:

- Dr. Pitonyak continues to provide OT services each week on Wednesdays. The OT Treatment Group has been attended by an average of 12 PPW clients each week and has addressed needs such as stress management and healthy meal preparation to support recovery.
- Billing for OT services began in September 2024. As of November 13, 2024, 5 new initial OT evaluations and 8 individual OT treatment sessions were billed to Medicaid.
- Dr. Pitonyak continues to attend the weekly PPW staffing meeting and other PPW programming to identify clients for referral to OT and educate other providers on the scope of OT services. She provided an inservice to the Triumph Parent-Child Assistance Program (P-CAP) team on October 2, 2024, and on November 14, 2024 she provided an update on OT service development to the Triumph leadership team.
- Dr. Pitonyak is supervising 2 occupational therapy students on their clinical rotations over the fall (dates: 9/25/2024-12/04/2024) and has been preparing to supervise 2 OT students for clinical rotations in January-July 2025.
- Dr. Pitonyak has procured additional supplies and equipment needed to support OT service delivery.

Sincerely,

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