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For the County of Yakima

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To the Human Services Department and the Board of County Commissioners, Attn: Melissa Holm,

I am pleased to inform you that we have completed the transition from our Mental Health Court and Drug Court data from the DCCM platform to the DIMS Data System. The statistics provided in the additional attachment were pulled from both DCCM and the DIMS Data System. Some data was not able to transition appropriately to DIMS. Other data that DIMS is capable of capturing was not put into DCCM or that system was not designed to capture that information. Currently, we are still working to meet with our Substance Use Disorder Treatment provider to set up a date and time so that we can manually input up to date information into DIMS regarding all current participant treatment history and diagnosis so that our reports can accurately reflect the information that is most important to us. I have added some additional information from the analytics reports from DIMS.

During the second quarter of the year, we worked to build community relationships with key stakeholders in hopes to provide education regarding our program and the referral process. As a result, we have continued to see our referral numbers grow in the Drug Court Program. We have continued some community outreach during the third quarter, though that portion of our focus has slowed significantly while we focused on data transitioning and the completion of our core program documents.

During the third quarter, we completed and finalized the entry documents for the Drug Court Program, with the exception of one document awaiting the prosecutor's approval. We have also revised the Drug Court Handbook and are working through team discussions and input to align it with current language and Best Practice Standards.

During the fourth quarter, we will be applying for an Operational Tune Up Workshop through the national All Rise's Treatment Court Institute. Our hope is to partner with two other Drug Courts nearby so that we can have an in person training; the requirement for in person is a minimum of three courts. Finally, beginning October 15th, 2024, we will be officially adding Family Treatment Court to our assigned courts and job duties. We will be transitioning Family Treatment Court to the DIMS Data System and away from DCCM the same as we have the other courts. The beginning of this process started during the third quarter. Our immediate goals for the fourth quarter include transitioning Family Treatment Court, finalizing the Drug Court Handbook and admission forms, revising and finalizing Mental Health Court admission forms and beginning the review of the Mental Health Court Handbook.

Looking beyond the fourth quarter, Family Treatment Court will become a large part of our priority. Both Family Treatment Court and Mental Health Court need attention to their documents, handbooks, and community awareness.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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