

CITY OF SULTAN
RESOLUTION 10-02

A RESOLUTION AFFIRMING THE CITY'S SUPPORT FOR STATE
FUNDING FOR ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ADDICTION TREATMENT

WHEREAS, alcoholism and drug addiction is associated with over 70% of law enforcement and municipal court costs; and

WHEREAS, it has been well documented by research that treatment of alcoholism and addiction result in significant cost savings to criminal justice, law enforcement, and general government costs and, when untreated these costs fall largely to city and county governments; and

WHEREAS, historically State funding has been insufficient to meet the demands for alcoholism and drug addiction treatment and more than 85% of all persons in need of alcoholism and drug addiction treatment are currently unable to access services; and

WHEREAS, use of alcohol and alcohol related incidents increase in poor economic times, making this a time when more, not fewer, services are needed; and

WHEREAS, in early 2009 the State cut Snohomish County's grant by more than \$1 million for treatment of low income residents and the Governor's supplemental budget for 2010 would impose a second cut of \$1.2 million additional; and

WHEREAS, the next round of State funding cuts will eliminate all low income outpatient alcoholism and drug addiction treatment for single adults and will lead to the closure of Snohomish County's only detoxification program available to persons without insurance coverage.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THE CITY COUNCIL OF SULTAN THAT:

1. The City Council reaffirms the importance that there be local, community based services, including a detoxification program, available to treat persons with alcoholism and drug addiction.
2. The State has a responsibility under 70.96A RCW to provide treatment services to persons suffering from the disease of alcoholism and other drug addiction and, as such, should not cut these services at this time.
3. The City Council directs the City Clerk to transmit a copy of this resolution to the Governor and the State Legislators for this district.

REGULARLY ADOPTED THIS 25TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2010.

Carolyn Eslick Mayor

Attest:

Laura J. Koenig, City Clerk



Alcohol & Substance Abuse Treatment
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To the City Councils, Mayors and City Managers of Snohomish County

RE: Request for support from Cities to protest continuing slashes in State funding for alcoholism and drug treatment services

As you are all aware, programs funded by the State were cut an average of 10% for the 2009-11biennium. What you may not be aware of is that funding for local services to alcoholics and drug addicts was cut much more deeply. Almost 1/3 of State monies for low income outpatient treatment and detoxification in Snohomish County were cut effective July 1, 2009. Snohomish County lost more than \$1 million for this fiscal year and many seeking help for themselves or a loved one have been turned away. Our organization alone has denied treatment to more than 100 persons in just three months. The impact of past cuts is crippling.

The Governor's supplemental budget takes even deeper cuts than last year, cutting another \$1.2 million from Snohomish County for a total reduction of over \$2 million. These added cuts will force closure of the County's only detoxification program for uninsured persons as well as virtually eliminate all treatment funding in the community. More than 4,000 Snohomish County low income received chemical dependency treatment services in the year prior to these cuts (see attached distribution by zip code to see their residence by city). These deadly cuts will reverberate to your courts, law enforcement, and jail costs.

Although the State has a tome of studies showing the cost savings from providing treatment, they have singled out these services to carry a disproportionate share of the State's shortfall. They are relying on city and county governments to pick up the costs of these services. We urge you to help us in raising the priority for these services in the Legislature.

We ask that your City Council adopt a resolution similar to the one enclosed, and share the resolution with your local State legislators and the Governor. We also would appreciate receiving a copy of the final document. Would you please distribute copies of this to all Council members for their review. We would be happy to provide a 15 minute presentation at a Council meeting or meet in person with someone to discuss this further if that is desired.

A board member from your city (membership list attached) will be calling to follow up in a few days about next steps. Please feel free to call me at 425-258-2407 if you have questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Linda Grant, MS, CDP
Executive Director

Gregory C. Cooper
Board President

**SNOHOMISH COUNTY RESIDENTS RECEIVING COUNTY-FUNDED CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY TREATMENT
July 2008-June 2009**

Zip Code(s)	City	# Assessed	% of Total	# Admitted	% of Total
98223	Arlington	282	6.9%	240	6.8%
98011 & 98021	Bothell	85	2.1%	49	1.4%
98241	Darrington	27	0.7%	22	0.6%
98020 & 98026	Edmonds	109	2.7%	84	2.4%
98201-08 & 98213	Everett	1,439	35.2%	1,313	37.2%
98251	Gold Bar	27	0.7%	29	0.8%
98252	Granite Falls	83	2.0%	55	1.6%
98256	Index	2	0.0%	2	0.1%
98258	Lake Stevens	153	3.7%	112	3.2%
98036-37, 98046 & 98087	Lynnwood	404	9.9%	344	9.8%
98270-71	Marysville	729	17.8%	684	19.4%
98012	Mill Creek	124	3.0%	91	2.6%
98272	Monroe	148	3.6%	122	3.5%
98043	Mountlake Terrace	71	1.7%	53	1.5%
98275	Mukilteo	33	0.8%	33	0.9%
98259	N. Lakewood	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
98287	Silvana	1	0.0%	1	0.0%
98290-91 & 98296	Snohomish	229	5.6%	189	5.4%
98292	Stanwood	84	2.1%	56	1.6%
98293	Startup	5	0.1%	2	0.1%
98294	Sultan	55	1.3%	43	1.2%
TOTAL	All Cities	4,091	100.0%	3,525	100.0%

State Budget: Impact on Cities in Snohomish County

**Loss of Vital Community Services in
Alcohol and Drug Treatment**

Action Request: Adopt a Resolution to the State

- The State must continue to meet its obligations for treating alcoholism and drug addiction.
- Failure of the State to fund treatment results in increased costs to cities and counties.

Substance Problems Affect All Families

- One in four families are impacted by chemical dependence.
- Most drug addiction today is to prescribed drugs, especially narcotic pain killers.
- The clients we serve are friends, family and neighbors

What are the most dangerous drugs?

Table 4. Most Frequent Suspect Drugs in Death and Serious Nonfatal Outcomes, 1998-2005

Drug Name	Rank/Deaths	Drug Class
Death outcome		
→ Oxycodone	1/5548	Opioid analgesic
→ Fentanyl	2/3545	Opioid analgesic
→ Clozapine	3/3277	Antipsychotic
→ Morphine	4/1616	Opioid analgesic
→ Acetaminophen	5/1393	Analgesic
→ Methadone	6/1258	Opioid analgesic
Infliximab	7/1228	DMARD
Interferon beta	8/1178	Immunomodulator
→ Risperidone	9/1093	Antipsychotic
Etanercept	10/1034	DMARD
Paclitaxel	11/1033	Antineoplastic
→ Acetaminophen-hydrocodone	12/1032	Combination analgesic
→ Olanzapine	13/1005	Antipsychotic
Rofecoxib	14/932	NSAID
→ Paroxetine	15/850	Antidepressant

Moore, et al. Serious Adverse Drug Events Reported to the Food and Drug Administration, 1998-2005. Arch Intern Med. 2007;167(16):1722-1729.

The Need

- Over 14,000 Snohomish County residents needing treatment for alcoholism or other drug addiction did not access it..
- In the last year only 4,000 Snohomish County low income received publicly funded treatment services.
- Over 75% were referred to treatment as a result of arrests and court involvement.

The Cost of Untreated Addiction

- 70% Booked Arrestees (Seattle/Spokane) tested positive for alcohol and/or drugs. (Kabel et al 1996)
- 70% of adult prison inmates have an alcohol/drug problem. (Department of Corrections)
- 82% of youth in state juvenile correctional facilities have a substance abuse problem. (Juvenile Rehabilitation Administration, Department of Social and Health Services)

Treatment Works: Outcomes of Persons Receiving Treatment

- 16% reduced likelihood of subsequent arrest for persons entering AOD treatment
- 34% reduced likelihood of subsequent felony conviction for those entering AOD treatment
- 43% reduced likelihood of subsequent arrest for persons *completing* AOD treatment

Results from studies completed by the Office of Research and Data Analysis, DSHS.

Recent State Cuts

- In 2009 the State reduced its budget by 10% but core alcohol and drug treatment services were cut by more than 30%.
 - Communities Collectively lost more than \$26 in funds for Detox and Low Income Outpatient Alcohol/Drug Treatment
 - Snohomish County lost more than \$1 million in services – impacting hundreds of persons in need.

2010 Additional Cuts

- The Governor's 2010 budget will cut an additional \$17 million in community services (\$1.2 M to Snohomish County) with the result:
 - Closes Snohomish County's Detox at Evergreen Manor that serves over 100 persons going through alcohol and drug withdrawal.
 - Eliminates remaining outpatient treatment for persons who do not have a federal Medicaid coupon (70% of those seeking treatment are not eligible for Medicaid).

Impact on Cities of Loss of Detox and Low Income CD Treatment

- Increased police calls relating to inebriation, domestic violence, and child abuse but fewer resources to resolve.
- Serious backlogs in court cases and loss of a major sentencing option for judges.
- Probation departments lose referral options.
- Soaring costs for increased incarceration.

Citizens Support Addiction Treatment

- 82% believe addiction needs treatment on an ongoing basis
- 77% of Americans support funding addiction treatment in health reform
 - 88% of Democrats
 - 72% of Republicans and Independents
- 69% support paying additional taxes for alcohol and drug addiction treatment (Lake Research Partners, October 2009)

About Evergreen Manor

- Evergreen Manor has been alcoholism and drug addiction treatment in Snohomish County since 1973. It now provides services in Everett, Lynnwood and Sultan:
 - 1,000 in detoxification admissions annually
 - 1,200 in outpatient chemical dependency treatment and drug court programs
 - 100 mothers and 50 infants and children in its residential program and
 - 150 in clean and sober housing
 - 150 in domestic violence and mental health services
- Its Nonprofit Board of Directors is a diverse and committed group of concerned citizens from across the County.