



Gig Harbor Fire & Medic One

RESOLUTION NO. 2016-12 July 12, 2016

Community Assistance Referral and Education Services

A RESOLUTION of Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 5 authorizing the development of a community assistance referral and education services program.

WHEREAS, RCW 35.21.930 authorizes fire departments to utilize EMTs, paramedics and other healthcare professionals to provide community outreach and assistance to residents in order to improve population health and advance illness and injury prevention; and


WHEREAS, These programs are used to identify members of the community who use the 911 system or emergency department for non-urgent or non-emergency purposes and connect them to their primary care providers, other health care professionals, low-cost medication programs, and other social services; and

WHEREAS, Diverting low acuity calls for assistance from the 911 emergency response system improves the availability of responders for emergency responses; and

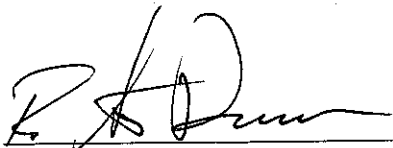
WHEREAS, Connecting residents in need of services with the most appropriate resource improves their lives and health, reduces unnecessary utilization of more expensive and unnecessary services and promotes efficient and effective use of health care funds;

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, Pierce County Fire Protection District No. 5 will offer a community assistance referral and education services program. The services will be operated and supported through partnerships, grants, private gifts, and existing funding. Program reports will be made available as required by statute.

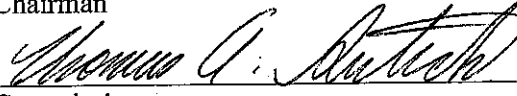
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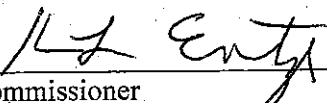
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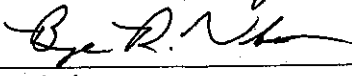
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