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Re: Informative - 988 Contact Hubs Application Process

Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders, Partners, and Professionals:

In accordance with chapter <u>43.376 RCW</u>, the <u>Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989</u>, and <u>WA-DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure</u>, we are pleased to inform you that crisis centers are now eligible to <u>apply for designation as 988 Contact Hubs</u>.

As shared in December 2022, our <u>988 rulemaking activities</u> informed the development of the <u>Standards for Designation of 988 Contact Hubs</u>. For more details on the application process, you may view this <u>one-pager</u> or visit the <u>Department's 988 contact hub application webpage</u>.

For additional information and questions, please contact Beth Schuurmans, 988 Engagement, Equity, and Partner Relations Supervisor, at <u>beth.schuurmans@doh.wa.gov</u>, or Candice Wilson, Executive Director, Office of Tribal Public Health and Relations (OTPHR), at <u>candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov</u> or 360-819-7626.

Best,

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