

## **RESEARCH COLLABORATION AGREEMENT**

Washington State University through the Institute for Research and Education to Advance Community Health (IREACH), the Health Equity Research Center (HERC), and the Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine (ESFCOM) (collectively “WSU”), and [Partner Facility] (“Partner”) agree to explore and discuss partnering to create primary care practice-based research networks (PBRNs). (Each entity or individual may be referred to as a “Party” and collectively as “Parties”.)

### **1. Recitals**

WHEREAS, primary care PBRNs have emerged as a promising approach to the scientific study of and the advancement and improvement in the delivery of high-quality primary care services;

WHEREAS, a PBRN is typically a group of practices and facilities devoted principally to the primary care of patients, associated with each other and academic institutions, in order to investigate questions related to quality of care and community-based primary care practice;

WHEREAS, PBRNs draw on the experiences and insight of practicing clinicians to identify and frame research questions whose answers can improve the practice of primary care;

WHEREAS, Partner is a facility that provides primary care, located in the State of Washington or the surrounding region, and is dedicated to improving the quality of primary care services;

WHEREAS, WSU is a public research university committed to its land-grant heritage and tradition of service to the residents of Washington State, including residents in rural, tribal, and urban underserved communities;

WHEREAS, the Parties have overlapping missions and goals dedicated to improvement of the health and well-being of individuals and populations, especially those living in rural, tribal, and urban underserved communities, and the Parties wish to explore collaborating in a primary care PBRN;

The Parties hereby declare their intent in this Research Collaboration Agreement (“Agreement”) to promote closer collaboration with the goal of creating a primary care PBRN.

### **2. Purpose**

This Agreement is to provide a foundation and framework for increased collaboration, cooperation, and interaction between the Parties. WSU and Partner are each uniquely positioned within their respective scientific and professional communities to create a PBRN by leveraging their respective strengths and expertise to better fulfill their shared interests in advancing and improving the practice of primary care.

### **3. WSU Resources**

WSU can provide support in diverse areas such as infrastructure development, practice transformation, biostatistics, trial design, library services, ethical training opportunities and requirements for federally funded work, and pre- and post-award support. In addition, WSU can help design studies and programs to address common clinical and staffing issues facing primary care and specialty practices in both rural and underserved urban areas.

### **4. Partner Resources**

Partner has access to patient populations and their individually identifiable health information and service delivery data. Partner also has the experience of delivering health care services to rural, tribal, or urban underserved communities, including populations: that experience significant health disparities, have low socio-economic status, reside in federally designated health professional shortage or medically underserved areas, and may have few community-based support systems and resources available. Partner can help identify barriers and facilitators in the delivery of primary care services in these populations and can provide associated information and data so applied research might find innovative solutions to improve the delivery of primary care services in these communities.

### **5. Non-Binding Nature and Costs**

This Agreement is intended to only set forth the general understanding of the Parties with respect to creating a primary care PBRN and does not contractually bind the Parties. It is envisioned that the Parties may set forth in writing the details of any specific arrangement in a contract at a later time. Each Party is solely responsible for any and all expenses and/or costs that Party incurs for fulfilling the intent of this Agreement.

### **6. Cooperation**

To meet the intent of this Agreement, the Parties agree to cooperatively work together to, among other things, develop a written framework to create a primary care PBRN. The Parties agree to work in good faith to timely schedule, attend, and participate in meetings to discuss creation of a PBRN and to advance the identification and submission of research studies and grants.

This Agreement shall remain in effect until terminated in writing by either party. Such notice of termination shall be directed to the designated contact person for each Party as stated herein:

**WSU:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Partner:** \_\_\_\_\_

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(Name, mailing address, phone, email)

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The Parties execute this Research Collaboration Agreement on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020

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Partner signatory

Date

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Washington State University signatory

Date