

RESOLUTION

By The

CLALLAM COUNTY REPUBLICAN PARTY

On The Subject Of

Medication Assisted Treatment Facilities

Whereas The Washington State Legislature has appropriated \$7.2M for the construction of a large scale, Regional Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) clinic (the mega-clinic) for the treatment of opioid dependency to be constructed by the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe on a sole-source basis.

Whereas No public involvement was solicited or accommodated in the legislative process.

Whereas This Regional MAT center is to be located in the heart of Sequim, Washington.

Whereas This Regional MAT center is opposed by many citizens within the Sequim community.

Whereas Adequate MAT facilities already exist or are planned to open in the near term throughout Clallam County.

Whereas The State Legislature intends to grant operating authority for this mega-clinic as a government concession to a specific consortium of business interests without competition.

Whereas The operating costs of this mega-clinic will be Federal Government funds accessed through Medicaid and like programs.

Whereas The State Legislature is contemplating funding for as of yet unspecified extensions to this facility.

Therefore The Clallam County Republican Party finds that

This regional mega-clinic is not in the best interests of the citizens Sequim and the surrounding region.

There are better, decentralized ways to treat the scourges of drug addiction and mental health issues.

The moneys appropriated could be better spent supporting localized treatment centers, both medication-assisted and therapy based.

Therefore The Clallam County Republican Party urges that

The City of Sequim deny any permit for the building of any mega-clinic within the boundaries of the City.

The Washington State Legislature redirect funding for the mega-clinic to community-based addiction treatment centers as needed

Clallam County Commissioners develop and oversee a plan for these funds to be spent in a manner of greatest benefit to the Clallam County in an open and transparent manner utilizing to the greatest extent possible all available resources of the county.

Resolution was passed at the Clallam County Central Committee meeting on Feb. 6, 2020.