



BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: May 16, 2022

SUBJECT: Regional treatment housing challenges and opportunities discussion

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

No motion. Discussion only.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Residential treatments provide room, board and treatment supports to adults diagnosed with a qualifying mental illness. Currently Deschutes County has a total capacity of forty-one (41) beds, providing various levels of care. These include fifteen beds in adult foster homes (AHF), ten in Residential Treatment Homes (RTH) and sixteen in Secure Residential Treatment Facilities (SRTF). The current number of placement options is inadequate to meet the needs of our clients.

Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) is working to address this critical gap. Some of the strategies DCHS has implemented include expanded Crisis Services, utilizing specialized teams, and contracting with Bethlehem Inn for shelter beds. DCHS is also exploring funding opportunities which would increase residential treatment capacity.

We come before the Board to today to discuss these challenges and opportunities.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

None.

ATTENDANCE:

Janice Garceau, Behavioral Health Director
Kara Cronin, Manager Intensive Adult Services