



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** June 4, 2025

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Resolution No. 2025-019 extending a limited duration 1.0 FTE Peer Support Specialist position through June 30, 2026

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Move approval of Resolution No. 2025-019 extending a 1.0 limited duration FTE from June 30, 2025, to June 30, 2026.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

On May 28, 2025, the Board of County Commissioners approved Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) extending a 1.0 limited duration (LTD) full-time equivalent (FTE) position to June 30, 2026. The Peer Support Specialist is dedicated to the Forensic and Acute Services (FAS) Program, under Deschutes County Behavioral Health, providing services to individuals who are involved with the criminal justice system as a result of their mental illness.

In 2024 FAS was selected to participate in a pilot program funded by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA), focused on increasing engagement with individuals placed at the Oregon State Hospital (OSH) who are unable to Aid & Assist. As a result of pilot program funding two additional limited duration FTE were created, an administrative assistant and a peer support specialist. The one-time funding from OHA was initiated in July 2024, and the remaining funds can be spent beyond the end of FY 2025. Additionally, in April 2025 OHA provided additional funding to supplement the original program funds; this additional funding had not been factored into the original hiring decisions for the pilot staffing and can also be spent beyond the end of FY 2025.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

\$109,636 through Community Navigator Pilot Funds for Fiscal Year 2026.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Evan Namkung, Program Manager, Deschutes County Behavioral Health  
Cam Sparks – Budget & Financial Planning Manager