



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 19, 2024

SUBJECT: Application for Oregon Health Authority M110 BHRN grant

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move to authorization the application for a Measure 110 BHRN grant from the Oregon Health Authority.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

In August of 2022, the Board approved Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) #177290, which funded Behavioral Health Resource Network (BHRN) activities through December 31, 2023. In January 2024, the Board approved an amendment to the grant which increased maximum funding and extended the term through June 30, 2025. OHA has now issued a Request for Grant Applications (RFGA) for Measure 110 BHRN funding the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029. Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) is requesting approval to apply for \$11,500,000 of BHRN funding.

In November 2020, Oregon voters passed Measure 110, the Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act of 2020 (Measure 110), to better serve people actively using substances, engaging in substance misuse, or having a substance use disorder. Measure 110 was written in response to the high rate of drug addiction and overdoses in Oregon, and the disproportionate impact of those outcomes on Oregon's communities of color and tribal communities. The goal was to establish a more equitable and effective approach to substance use disorder. The Measure also established the Oversight and Accountability Council (OAC) for the purpose of overseeing the implementation of the Behavioral Health Resource Networks and approve funding to implement BHRNs and increase access to community care.

A BHRN is either an entity or a collection of entities that individually or jointly provide the following services: Screening Services, Comprehensive Behavioral Health Needs Assessments, Ongoing Peer Counseling and Support, Harm Reduction Services, Information and Education, Low Barrier Substance Use Treatment, and Transitional and Supportive Housing for Individuals with Substance. All services provided through these networks must be evidence-informed, trauma informed, culturally and linguistically specific and responsive, person-centered, nonjudgmental, and free of charge to clients.

DCHS seeks approval to apply for \$11,500,000 of BHRN funding to continue its recovery services for adults, youth, and the adult intensive and unhoused populations. Funding will support continuation of 13.3 existing full-time equivalent (FTE), barrier removals, harm reduction supplies, and 15% for indirect costs. (We are seeking clarity from OHA on whether indirect costs will be reimbursed at 10% or 15%.)

In addition, two new positions will be requested: a 1.0 FTE Peer Support Specialist and 1.0 FTE Behavioral health Specialist II. These positions will provide co-occurring, street treatment to unsheltered individuals leveraging existing DCHS psychiatric provider time, bringing meaningful care out of brick-and-mortar locations and into houseless communities. The additional positions would allow for a mobile treatment team to provide assessment, medication management, therapy, case management, peer supports, and harm reduction interventions. One additional vehicle would be needed to support outreach efforts in South County.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

If approved, \$11,500,000 revenue for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029.

ATTENDANCE:

Holly Harris, Deputy Director, Health Services