



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** October 7, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Partnership Update: Bethlehem Inn and Adult Parole and Probation

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

None; update only about the partnership between Bethlehem Inn and Adult Parole and Probation to guide clients towards greater self-sufficiency.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

Deschutes County Parole and Probation has partnered with Bethlehem Inn for nearly ten years to provide case management beds for Justice Reinvestment Program clients. Generally, these clients are drug and property offenders who have recently been released from prison or who have received a downward departure in lieu of a prison sentence. The number of contracted beds has varied from three to seven, with seven contracted for fiscal year 2024.

Upon intake at the Bethlehem Inn, all clients are screened using a self-sufficiency matrix (also completed at exit) which helps staff identify potential barriers to each client's self-sufficiency. Adult P&P clients typically stay for 60 to 90 days, during which time they receive enhanced case management to reduce identified barriers to self-sufficiency and help them secure stable housing.

Although Adult P&P contracts with Bethlehem Inn for seven beds, the Inn regularly accommodates more than seven P&P clients each month, with the additional clients participating in Bethlehem Inn's Next Steps program.

70% of clients receiving the enhanced case management services improve their overall self-sufficiency during their stay. Over the past year, there were 30 total intakes into the contracted beds, with an average stay of 61 days. 72% of these individuals exited Bethlehem Inn with more stable housing than when they arrived.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Gwenn Wysling, Executive Director, Bethlehem Inn  
Deevy Holcomb, Director, Deschutes County Community Justice  
Trevor Stephens, Business Manager for Community Justice  
Nicoli Brower, Administrative Analyst for Adult Parole and Probation