



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: August 31, 2022

SUBJECT: Consideration of Board approval and Chair signature of document #2022-735, an Oregon Health Authority BHRN grant agreement #177290

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Chair signature of document #2022-735, an Oregon Health Authority BHRN grant agreement #177290

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

This agreement provides a maximum of \$2,890,046 funding to Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS), a Behavioral Health Resource Network (BHRN) provider, to fund increased access to substance use disorder treatment, peer support, mentoring and recovery services, and harm reduction intervention for all Deschutes County communities. The agreement is effective upon execution through December 31, 2023.

In November 2020, Oregon voters passed Measure 110, the Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act of 2020 (hereinafter referred to as "Measure 110"), to better serve people actively using substances or diagnosed with 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.

Measure 110 centers on equity. It ensures health assessment, low-barrier access to care, low barrier treatment, harm reduction, and recovery services are available to all those who need and want access to those services, and makes it a priority to provide additional support and assistance to people and communities who experience a higher burden of disease. Measure 110 also established the Oversight and Accountability Council (OAC) which grants funds and approves grants for providers and services that meet the criteria for a Behavioral Health Resource Network (BHRN).

A BHRN is a system of interconnected providers working together to ensure increased access to care for all communities, including those disproportionately impacted by rates of incarceration. BHRNs provide services to all in need of treatment and support for substance use concerns, including but not limited to: housing, harm reduction, ongoing peer support, supported employment and substance use disorder treatment. 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.

Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with five treatment providers to establish the Deschutes County BHRN. The participating entities will work together to form a comprehensive substance use disorder network of care that is coordinated, accessible and supports our community. Participating entities are BestCare Treatment Services, Inc., Boulder Care Provider Group, P.A., Healing Reins Adaptive Riding Center, Ideal Option, and Rimrock Trails Treatment Services. The OAC has authorized over \$11 million in BHRN funding to the Deschutes County BHRN, with DCHS receiving \$2,890,046.

DCHS plans to use BHRN funding to expand its peer support, mentoring, and recovery services for adults, youth, and the adult intensive and unhoused populations. Funding will be used for barrier removal and harm reduction supplies, two new vehicles, shelter beds, 3 existing staff and fund 11.2 new FTE positions, as follows:

- 3.2 FTE Recovery Mentor Peer Support Specialist will co-locate within the Deschutes Crisis Stabilization Center to provide intensive recovery oriented outreach, engagement and supports to adult individuals.
- 1 Recovery Mentor Peer Support Specialist and 1 Behavioral Health Specialist-Case Manager to be located at The Drop, a drop in center for at risk you and young adults in downtown bend, to provide comprehensive screening, needs assessment and case management linkage to treatment, housing, employment and training, child care and other services.
- 2 Recovery Mentor Peer Support Specialists, 2 Behavioral Health Specialists-Case Managers, 1 Community Health Specialist III and 1 Behavioral Health Technician to provide additional intensive recovery focused outreach and engagement to support individuals housed in shelter beds and unhoused individuals with substance use disorders in need of shelter.
- Funds will also cover an existing .60 Public Health Nurse III in the Harm Reduction Program, and 50% of a 1.0 FTE Supervisor for the HOST & HRP Teams.

The Health Services Department is recommending that these positions be regular instead of limited duration because the funding is anticipated to be on-going. However, should the state legislature or voters legislatively change how Measure 110 funds are allocated, or if

the Measure 110 revenue declines, the Health Services Department will eliminate positions in this program or come back to the Board for consideration to use non-County general fund resources to fund the positions.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

\$2,890,046 revenue. \$2,066,510 will fund wages for 3 existing FTE and 11.2 new FTE positions. \$130,805 for supplies, which includes \$57,805 for computers, cell phones, and training costs for new staff, \$53,000 for barrier removals, and \$20,000 harm reduction supplies. \$70,000 will fund two vehicles, and \$360,000 will fund a contract for Shelter beds. Additionally, \$262,731 (10%) of indirect expenses are funded. OHA will disburse the funds in six quarterly payment of \$481,674.35. A five year fiscal analysis is attached.

If approved by the Board, a budget adjustment and FTE resolution will be forthcoming.

ATTENDANCE:

Janice Garceau, Director, Behavioral Health Division