



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: April 2, 2025

SUBJECT: Approval of Resoluton No. 2025-009, extending a limited duration 1.0 FTE Behavioral Health Specialist I position through June 30, 2026

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Resolution No. 2025-009 extending a 1.0 limited duration FTE from June 30, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

On March 27, 2024, the Board of County Commissioners approved Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) to accept a \$484,484 Older Adults grant from Central Oregon Health Council (COHC) and extend a 1.0 limited duration (LTD) full-time equivalent (FTE) position to June 30, 2025. DCHS projects that approximately \$239,791 of grant funds will remain at the end of fiscal year 2025 and is requesting approval to further extend the LMT FTE position through June 30, 2026.

The purpose of the funding awarded by COHC was to continue services to a population of vulnerable older adults living with mental health and substance use disorders. The funding allowed DCHS to extend a 1.0 LTD Behavioral Health Specialist (BHS) I position to provide case management, caregiver training and other support not typically covered by Medicare, as well as pre-treatment outreach and engagement services not eligible for reimbursement. By extending the position, the Behavioral Health will be able to continue this important work.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

None

ATTENDANCE:

Kara Cronin, Behavioral Health Program Manager
Cam Sparks – Budget & Financial Planning Manager