



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** January 31, 2022

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Request to Convert a Limited Duration 1.0 FTE Behavioral Health Specialist to a Regular Position at the Deschutes County Stabilization Center.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**  
None, for discussion only.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The Deschutes County Stabilization Center (DCSC) serves children and adults who are in need of short-term, mental health crisis assessment and stabilization, but do not require the medical capabilities of an acute care hospital or longer-term residential care. The DCSC welcomes individuals to walk in when they are experiencing a mental health crisis, or they can be referred by local law enforcement and other community partners.

On July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Health Services requested to convert 17 limited duration positions to regular. One position was inadvertently left off that list but remains critical to the operations of the DCSC. Position number 2873 is a BHS I position that supports day shift operations at the DCSC by connecting individuals to entitlements and basic needs (food boxes, transportation, housing, etc.) In addition, this position supports the Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Training for Law Enforcement, which is a 40-hour training that teaches law enforcement how to identify mental health needs when responding to calls, as well as how to intervene in those calls differently. This position is helping us go from one training per year to three trainings per year.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**  
None.

**ATTENDANCE:**  
Holly Harris, Crisis Services Program Manager