



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: February 28, 2022

SUBJECT: Consideration of County Administrator signature of Document number 2022-101, accepting OHA grant.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Document #2022-101.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Peer Delivered Services (RFP 5252) is an array of community-based services and supports provided by peers (Peer Wellness Specialists and Peer Support Specialists). These services are provided to individuals or family members with similar lived experiences and are designed to support the needs of individuals and families. This scope of work has expanded to the provision of Peer Delivered Services to Veterans. Such activities may include: facilitation of support and education groups, outreach, and community education.

The need for services and the desire to continue with a Veteran's Behavioral Health Peer Support Specialist is strong. The pilot project, scheduled to end in June 2022, confirmed that while some veterans will connect with civilian counselors, those veterans who are hardest to engage are often reluctant to work with civilians. The pilot project found in many cases these individuals only respond to outreach from the Veteran Specialist. To date in this role, on average we are supporting 12 veterans per week. We continue to develop our relationship with Veteran's Village, offer our Veterans' support group, provide outreach to Central Oregon Veteran's Ranch and deliver one-on-one peer support services, especially to combat veterans. Additionally, of particular note is a desire and focus to provide services to the underserved homeless population. Our Veteran Specialist will continue to work closely with our Homeless Outreach and Coordination team, as well as our Supported Employment Specialist (SES), and our peer Certified Recovery Mentor (CRM).

Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) #173944 provides funding to support Veteran Behavioral Health Peer Support Specialist Services for the period January 1, 2022 through December 1, 2023. Program expectations include: participation on Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) or other care teams serving Veterans, development and application of self-advocacy skills to support Veterans, and providing goal setting and development of recovery plans to support living a healthy and productive life. Programmatic reporting and financial invoicing is required.

Because of the importance of the work and value to our community, we are hoping to discuss for your consideration converting this position from limited to regular duration in a forthcoming resolution.

BUDGET IMPACTS: \$95,961.00 revenue from IGA #173944, for the period January 1, 2021 through December 1, 2023.

ATTENDANCE:

Janice Garceau, Deputy Director, Behavioral Health Division
Barrett Flesh, Program Manager