



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 6, 2021

SUBJECT: Consideration of Request to convert a .5 Peer Support Specialist to a .6 Peer Support Specialist for weekend day shift at the Deschutes County Stabilization Center

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

None at this time. 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.

Currently, the weekend day shift Peer Support Specialist position is .5. We are requesting to convert this to a .6 to align with the QMHP and BH technician positions schedule. Due to staffing shortages, it has been difficult to meet minimum staffing requirements due to the gaps in the schedule this difference creates. By aligning the schedules we can ensure minimum staffing and reduce administrative burden in scheduling coverage. In addition, we hope it will enhance our recruitment efforts for this position.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

Due to the vacancy savings from this year in this position, the additional \$3,000 will not cost any additional dollars to increase this FTE for the remainder of FY22.

ATTENDANCE:

Holly Harris, Crisis Services Program Manager