



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** June 26, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Central Oregon Guardian Assistance Program (COGAP)

**BACKGROUND:**

Central Oregon is in dire need of pro bono and low-cost guardian services to assist with persons experiencing health-related crisis. Included in this population are veterans, elderly, indigent and the civil commitment population.

COGAP has been formed as a nonprofit organization to provide public guardian services in the region. COGAP plans to work with COCC to establish a program to train new guardians. St. Charles has granted COGAP \$100,000 to get the program started. COHC has available matching grant funds (with a cap of \$200,000). County staff including Behavioral Health and Legal are supportive of this program as it will allow for better outcomes for patients and will save significant staff time and resources.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

Unknown

**ATTENDANCE:**

Megan Horner  
Molly Cogswell-Kelley  
Lisa Bertalan  
Behavioral Health  
Legal