



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** November 18, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Authorization to add 2.00 regular duration FTE within the Health Services department to transition telehealth providers to in-person providers

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

Move approval to add 2.00 regular duration FTE within the 2024-25 Deschutes County Budget.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The Health Services Behavioral Health Medical Team requests transitioning two telehealth contracted providers to two in-person providers. Specifically, the appropriated contract dollars of \$276,365 will be put toward funding 1.00 regular FTE Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner position as of 1/1/25 and 1.0 regular FTE Psychiatrist, also as of 1/1/25. This funding will come from the current Iris Telehealth contract and be reallocated to the personnel budget.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

The fiscal year 2025 estimated cost for adding a 1.00 FTE Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner and 1.0 Psychiatrist will be \$276,365.

The telehealth contract will be reduced from \$765,313 to \$488,948 and Personnel appropriations increased from \$1,955,579 to \$2,231,944.

Oregon Local Budget Law allows a transfer within the Program Expense category; therefore, a Board approved budget adjustment is not necessary.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Chandra Mola, Behavioral Health Medical Team Program Manager