



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: June 25, 2025

SUBJECT: Approval of Document No. 2025-638, accepting M110 BHRN grant funding from the Oregon Health Authority

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Chair signature of Document No. 2025-638, an Oregon Health Authority M110 BHRN grant.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

In November 2020, Oregon voters passed Measure 110, the Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act of 2020 (Measure 110), to better serve people actively using substances, engaging in substance misuse, or having a substance use disorder. Measure 110 was written in response to the high rate of drug addiction and overdoses in Oregon, and the disproportionate impact of those outcomes on Oregon's communities of color and tribal communities. The goal was to establish a more equitable and effective approach to substance use disorder through Behavioral Health Resource Network (BHRN) activities.

A BHRN is either an entity or a collection of entities that individually or jointly provide the following services: Screening Services, Comprehensive Behavioral Health Needs Assessments, Ongoing Peer Counseling and Support, Harm Reduction Services, Information and Education, Low Barrier Substance Use Treatment, and Transitional and Supportive Housing for Individuals with Substance. All services provided through these networks had to be evidence-informed, trauma informed, culturally and linguistically specific and responsive, person-centered, nonjudgmental, and free of charge to clients.

In August of 2022, the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) approved Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) 177290, which provided \$2,890,046 of funding for Behavioral Health Resource Network (BHRN) activities through December 31, 2023. In January 2024, the BOCC approved an amendment to the grant which increased maximum funding to \$5,117,122 and extended the term through June 30, 2025, a 34-month period. BHRN services provided with this funding included peer support, mentoring and recovery services for adults, youth and the adult intensive and unhoused populations, barrier removals, harm reduction services and supplies, and shelter beds.

In August 2025, the BOCC approved DCHS to apply for \$11,500,000 of Measure 110 BHRN

funding for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029. The funding requested would have allowed us to maintain our current BHRN service level with 13.3 existing full-time (FTE) staff, support two additional staff to allow for a mobile treatment team and to purchase a vehicle to support outreach in South County.

DCHS has been awarded \$6,650,000 for the four-year period; 58% of the amount requested. With the reduced funding, DCHS is not able to maintain current BHRN services levels, let alone increase staff or purchase a vehicle to enhance services. The difficult decision was made to reduce Harm Reduction service levels for years two through four. DCHS will work to transition some of the harm reduction services to community partners over the next 13 months in an effort to mitigate impacts to our community and the people we serve.

Funding from this IGA will support the following:

- \$6,005,535 to support 12.81 existing FTE for year one and 10.81 FTE for years two through four:
 - 3.84 FTE to continue substance use disorder services for the four-year term.
 - 6.87 FTE to provide peer support services for the four-year term.
 - 2.1 FTE to continue harm reduction services for year one. For years two through four a 0.1 FTE Health Services Supervisor will oversee community collection sites and Narcan and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD) modalities education.
- \$10,000 for harm reduction supplies for year one
- \$29,921 for cell phones, office supplies and mileage reimbursement
- \$604,544 (10%) for indirect costs

BUDGET IMPACTS:

\$6,650,000 revenue for the period July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2029

ATTENDANCE:

Shannon Brister, Interim Deputy Director, Health Services