



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: December 15, 2021

SUBJECT: Consideration of Board approval and Chair Signature of OHA #173133, Document No. 2021-972.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move Board approval and Chair Signature of OHA #173133, Document No. 2021-972.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

The Intergovernmental Agreement (#173133) outlines the services and financing of Community Mental Health, Addiction Treatment, Recovery & Prevention, and Problem Gambling Services for January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) was created by the 2009 Oregon legislature to bring most health-related programs in the state into a single agency to maximize its purchasing power. OHA is at the forefront of lowering and containing costs, improving quality and increasing access to health care in order to improve the lifelong health of Oregonians.

OHA knows what it needs to do to improve health care: focus on health and preventive care, provide care for everyone and reduce waste in the health care system. OHA includes most of the state's health care programs, including Mental Health, the Oregon Health Plan, Oregon Children's Health Insurance Program employee benefits and public-private partnerships. This gives the state greater purchasing and market power to begin tackling issues with costs, quality, lack of preventive care and health care access.

OHA is working to fundamentally improve how health care is delivered and paid for, but because poor health is only partially due to lack of medical care, OHA will also be working to reduce health disparities and to broaden the state's focus on prevention.

The Health Authority will transform the health care system in Oregon by:

- Improving the lifelong health of Oregonians
- Increasing the quality, reliability, and availability of care for all Oregonians
- Lowering or containing the cost of care so it's affordable to everyone

Deschutes County Health Services was formed in 2009 as a consolidation of the County's Health Department and Mental Health Department. The department offers services at more than 40 locations in Deschutes County including public schools; health clinics in Bend, La Pine, Redmond and Sisters; seven

school-based health clinics; agencies such as the KIDS Center and the State of Oregon Department of Human Services; area hospitals; care facilities and homes.

Deschutes County Behavioral Health helps County residents facing serious mental health and addiction issues. Priority populations include Oregon Health Plan members, uninsured County residents with nowhere else to turn and people in crisis, who are often in unstable situations or are a danger to themselves or others. The department also coordinates services for County residents in care at the State Hospital or served through other agencies or facilities. These services assist people in need, alleviate community problems, promote client health and prevent more costly care and intervention.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

\$5,537,849.26.

ATTENDANCE:

Janice Garceau, Deputy Director; Cheryl Smallman, Business Officer