



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: March 27, 2024

SUBJECT: Acceptance of two Central Oregon Health Council Behavioral Health Surplus Funds Grants

RECOMMENDED MOTIONS:

- 1) Move approval of Document Nos. 2024-264 and 2024-265, accepting Central Oregon Health Council Surplus Funds grants.
- 2) Move approval of Board Order No. 2024-011, designating signing authority to Janice Garceau.
- 3) Move approval of Resolution No. 2024-008 extending 1.0 limited duration FTE from June 30, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) seeks approval to accept two Central Oregon Health Council (COHC) Behavioral Health Surplus Fund Grants which together total \$1,101,984, and authorization to extend 1.0 limited duration FTE from June 30, 2024, to June 30, 2025. Additionally, approval of a Board Order is requested to authorize Janice Garceau, Health Services Director, to sign the letters of agreement which must be signed electronically on the COHC grant platform. The two grants are described in detail below.

Older Adults grant for \$484,484: DCHS intends to use the Older Adults grant to continue services to a population of vulnerable older adults living with mental health and substance use disorders. The funds will allow DCHS to provide case management, caregiver training and other supports not typically covered by Medicare, as well as pre-treatment outreach and engagement services not eligible for reimbursement. Funding will support the extension of one limited duration Behavioral Health Specialist I position, #2906, on the Older Adults Team from June 30, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

Stabilization Center grant for \$617,500: A critical service provided at the County's Stabilization Center (DCSC) is 23-hour respite which relies on 24/7 operations. This service is not covered by Medicaid and is essential to keeping Medicaid individuals out of higher levels of care such as the Emergency Department or jail. To date, more than 800 individuals have received respite with an average stay of 10 hours per individual. Approximately 56%

of those served at the DCSC are Medicaid members. DCHS intends to use these grant funds for uncovered costs associated with 23-hour respite for Medicaid members.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

\$1,101,984 revenue for July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. These funds and expenditures will be included in the FY25 proposed budget.

ATTENDANCE:

Janice Garceau, Health Services Director

Holly Harris, Director Behavioral Health

Dan Emerson, Budget & Financial Planning Manager