



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: January 10, 2024

SUBJECT: Oregon Health Authority BHRN grant amendment #177290-1

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Move approval of Chair signature of Document No. 2023-1083, amending an Oregon Health Authority BHRN grant agreement.

BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) #177290 was approved by the Board of County Commissioners in August of 2022. This agreement funded Behavioral Health Resource Network (BHRN) activities through December 31, 2023. This amendment restates and amends that IGA by increasing the maximum funding to \$5,117,122 and extending the term through June 30, 2025.

In November 2020, Oregon voters passed Measure 110, the Drug Addiction Treatment and Recovery Act of 2020 (hereinafter referred to as "Measure 110"), to better serve people actively using substances or diagnosed with a substance use disorder. Measure 110 was initiated 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.

Measure 110 centers on equity. It ensures that health assessments, low-barrier access to care and low-barrier treatment, and harm reduction and recovery services are available to all those who need and want access to those services, and makes it a priority to provide additional support and assistance to people and communities who experience a higher burden of disease. Measure 110 also established the Oversight and Accountability Council (OAC) which grants funds and approves grants for providers and services that meet the criteria for a Behavioral Health Resource Network (BHRN).

A BHRN is a system of interconnected providers working together to ensure increased access to care for all communities, including those disproportionately impacted by rates of incarceration. BHRNs provide services to all in need of treatment and support for substance use concerns, including but not limited to: housing, harm reduction, ongoing peer support, supported employment and substance use disorder treatment. All services

provided through these networks must be evidence-informed, trauma informed, culturally and linguistically specific and responsive, person-centered, nonjudgmental, and free of charge to clients.

Deschutes County Health Services (DCHS) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with five treatment providers to establish the Deschutes County BHRN. The participating entities have worked together to form a comprehensive substance use disorder network of care that is coordinated, accessible and supports our community. Participating entities are BestCare Treatment Services, Inc., Boulder Care Provider Group, P.A., Healing Reins Adaptive Riding Center, Ideal Option, and Rimrock Trails Treatment Services.

DCHS plans to use the additional \$2,227,076 of BHRN funding to continue its peer support, mentoring, and recovery services for adults, youth, and the adult intensive and unhoused populations. Funding will support continuation of 14.2 existing FTE, barrier removals, harm reduction supplies, and shelter beds.

Data collection and reporting is required.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

\$2,227,076 revenue

ATTENDANCE:

Holly Harris, Deputy Director, Health Services