



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

# AGENDA REQUEST & STAFF REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** November 27, 2023

**SUBJECT:** Informational presentation on the Behavioral Health Division's Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST)

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

None—presentation only.

**BACKGROUND AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

The Deschutes County Health Services Department (DCHS) has provided homeless outreach services since 2011. This program initially stemmed from a successful federal grant application (PATH - Projects for Assistance in Transitioning from Homelessness). Prior to 2021, this 2.0 FTE team served houseless individuals primarily in the Bend area. In 2021, Health Services applied for and received ARPA funding to expand homeless outreach services to the communities of La Pine, Redmond, and Sisters. In 2022, as a result of Measure 110 and [Senate Bill 755](#), DCHS received Behavioral Health Resource Network (BHRN) funding to further expand outreach services in the county.

**BUDGET IMPACTS:**

None.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Janice Garceau, Health Services Director  
Holly Harris, Behavioral Health Deputy Director  
Kara Cronin, Behavioral Health Program Manager  
Colleen Thomas, Behavioral Health HOST/ HRP Supervisor