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**Subject:** Board Consideration: Health and Human Services Position Management Changes  
**Attachments:** MH.Investments.Overview.pdf; MH.Awards.pdf

Hi Commissioners and Laura:

I am pleased to announce that Yamhill County HHS was successful with several of our Community Mental Health Investment grant applications. As a reminder these Requests for Proposals were released by the Oregon Health Authority following last year's legislative session in which there was a 30 million dollar statewide investment in community behavioral health programs. See attached documents for context and an overall summary of the awards by community and region across the state.

While typically increases to safety net services, like 24/7 psychiatric crisis screening, come through an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), the state decided to make this a competitive process. The intent is to fund these grants through 6/30/15 and then continue funding via IGA into future biennia unless it is awarded through a Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) contract as noted below. The following 18 month awards were made:

- School Services - Enhances the availability of mental health services to students in School Based Health Centers by bringing professional into schools and building on existing school-based infrastructure. \$161,000
- System of Care and Wraparound – Increases the availability of wraparound services and provides intensive care coordination for children with emotional and behavioral disorders. Still pending contact negotiations for final award amount through Yamhill CCO with a potential of up to \$411,694.
- Mental Health Promotion and Prevention – Supports outreach and training in Mental Health First to all seven school districts and faith-based organizations, as well as implementation of Summer Blast in all school districts which is a summer skills training program for at-risk students who struggle with mental health challenges. \$125,000.
- Crisis Services - Improves and enhances mobile response to 24/7, helping to avoid unnecessary hospitalization or incarceration for persons challenged with severe mental health disorders. \$185,902.
- Jail Diversion - Expands services to keep criminal justice system-involved people with mental illness from unnecessary incarceration in local jails, including a peer-engagement and outreach component. \$103,935.
- Assertive Community Treatment/Case Management - Increased capacity to provide case management and assertive community treatment to help people avoid hospitalization or shorten hospital stays. Still pending contact negotiations for final award amount through Yamhill CCO with a potential of up to \$244,378.
- Supported Housing – Creates rental assistance for persons challenged with severe mental illness who are often returning to the community post-hospitalization or post-incarceration and in need of safe, drug-free and supportive housing. \$46,500. This was a regional application through the Mid-Valley Behavioral Care Network.

Additionally, we were fortunate to receive a \$25,000 award for our County Veterans' Services Office. This will allow for additional staff time to assist with community outreach and education in hopes to better serve military service men, women and their families.

Mostly, we are currently in the process of working on an Agreement with the state's Department of Human Services (DHS) for Transitional Treatment and Recovery Services. If approved, this will allow us to utilize legislatively approved funding under Strengthening Preserving and Reunifying Families to keep parents and children unified and/or reunified when they come into the State's Child Welfare system and also provide needed housing and behavioral health services

and supports. If approved, this request includes 2.50 FTE of additional staff which is included in the full time equivalent (FTE) summary below. This allows us begin recruitments as the final scope of services is further defined and I will bring the contract to the full Board prior to hiring staff.

I recommend the Board approve the following mid-year position management increases in order to begin recruitment, hiring and orientation of staff within required grant award timelines:

- 0.25 FTE Human Services Technician
- 3.40 FTE Human Services Associate (1.5 FTE is DHS Transitional Treatment)
- 4.50 FTE Human Services Specialist I (1.0 FTE is DHS Transitional Treatment)
- 5.75 FTE Human Services Specialist II
- 0.75 FTE Registered Nurse II
- 1.50 FTE Office Specialist II
- 1.00 FTE Senior Accounting Clerk

TOTAL REQUEST of 17.15 FTE

I plan to attend Monday's informal for my monthly departmental update and will include this as a topic of discussion. Please let me know if you have any questions prior to the meeting.

Anne, please place this on the Agenda for next week's Board session.

Thanks,

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