



Quality Coordinated Care

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Chair Monnes-Anderson and members of the committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

My name is Jan Buffa and I am the Chief Executive Officer of WVP, a not-for-profit taxable mutual benefit company. Our Health Plan, Marion Polk Community Health Plan, serves approximately 60-thousand OHP enrollees. We represent more than 500 physicians practicing independently in Marion and Polk Counties. The Board of WVP and the health plan tasked our management team to initiate CCO discussions with our areas mental, public and private health care partners. Not for the purpose of controlling or owning the process but for the purpose of transforming the current health care system as envisioned by the Governor and the Oregon Legislature.

In the Mid-Valley, Health care professionals and community leaders have been meeting to explore the formation of a Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) to better serve the medical needs of citizens in the region.

While this group is still informal, talks have been taking place for nearly a year. In recent months; the group has expanded in size to touch a wide array of community based organizations which provide health care and social services to our most vulnerable citizens.

The community organizations include: Polk County Health & Human Services; Marion County Health Department; Mid-Valley Behavioral Care Network; Silverton Health; the two community based Federally qualified health clinics; Salem Clinic; Capitol Dental Care; Service Employees International Union; Long Term Care Partner Facilities, Family Building Blocks; Santiam Memorial Hospital; Salem & West Valley Health; and 457 physicians in the community who have signed a Memo of Understanding to be part of the Marion/Polk Counties CCO via WVP Health Authority. The community leaders involved directly and indirectly include: Sue Miller of Family Building Blocks, and Dick Withnell of Withnell Motors. Marion County Commissioners

Janet Carlson and Patti Milne; Polk County Commissioner Craig Pope; and State Representative Jim Thompson.

By relying on the community health care workforce, each partner brings a unique perspective and critical capabilities to the program. Meetings between the parties have been focused on structure and governance. While there is still much work to be done at a structural level, we are excited at our community's efforts and commitment to build a locally based CCO.

At the same time many of our respective organization's clinicians have been working together on a clinical transformation. A clinical transformation that focuses on how to better coordinate care across different service delivery systems, be more efficient with the limited resources, and achieve improved health outcomes for both the Medicaid population and the community as a whole.

Smaller subsets of this work group have already produced results:

- Partnership between SEIU, NWSSD and WVP on CMS Innovations Grant
- Letter of support were provided to Silverton Health for their CMS Innovations Grant
- Silverton Health invited WVP management to meet with their areas medical staff to discuss our CCO work to date and how the goals of the health system and the physicians align with those of the larger CCO work group.

The Marion/Polk Counties CCO group is determined to work out the details to ensure the CCO servicing the Mid-Valley is controlled and operated by members from our community.

We are building a community-based health care workforce where collaboration and coordination is the norm not the exception.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to address you today.