



To: House Committee on Health

RE: Support for HB 2020

Dear Chair, Representative Greenlick, Vice Chairs Representatives Keny-Guyer and Thompson, and Committee Members:

I am writing in support of House Bill 2020 which is a simple , common sense, and cost effective approach to the issue of provider credentialing for Collaborative Care Organizations across the state of Oregon

South Lane Mental Health is a community mental health agency in Cottage Grove, Oregon. We serve approximately 1500 people a year; many of those are families with children. We run an Intensive Community Treatment and Support (ICTS) program for children with difficult behavioral health issues. The ICTS program provides in-home treatment and skill building for children and their parents, with the goal of keeping children in the home and at school.

While we do not provide residential treatment services for children at our agency, we work closely with the residential treatment providers in Lane County, such as Looking Glass. These programs provide an essential component in the continuum of care for children with complex psychiatric and behavioral problems.

I am writing to support our colleagues who provide residential treatment as they push for the passage of HB 2020. In the spirit of health transformation, which seeks to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of our healthcare system, I urge you to pass HB 2020—it just makes sense!

Sincerely,

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