

April 10, 2013

To: Representative Mitch Greenlick, Chair
House Health Care Committee

Dear Chair Greenlick,

Youth Villages Oregon provides behavioral health services to children and families throughout Oregon, including the nine federally recognized tribes. Our service began in 1859 when, as The Christie School, we served children and families arriving on the Oregon Trail.

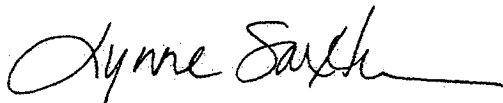
We support HB 2020-3. It is one of many administrative efficiency advances we must make on the road to cost-effective implementation of Health Care Transformation. Improving administrative processes and reducing overhead expenditures will insure available resources reach populations of need throughout Oregon.

Reciprocity for credentialing has many advantages for the state, CCOs and providers. But the most important beneficiary will be the participants in the Oregon Health Plan. By bringing our administrative processes and procedures into alignment with the other structural changes in health care, we are assuring people throughout Oregon who rely on the Oregon Health Plan that their needs will come first and that maximum resources will be provided for their care.

We applaud Representative Nathanson's vision and support the Oregon Alliance of Children's Programs efforts on behalf of this bill.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director