

Nancy Bloom Testimony for HB 2737

At a time when the State budget for mental health is stressed and the need for mental health services in Oregon is greater than ever, this bill provides a solution. Re-instating the Oregon State Certified Mental Health Clinics that provided excellent care throughout our state for over two decades is crucial now. These clinics are structured in such a way as to cost the state virtually nothing. The provision for insurance re-imbusement along with client co-pays and non-insured clients' fees have allowed all 52 State Certified Mental Health clinics to meet their payroll and continue to meet clients needs throughout our state until July of 2011, when, due to minor concerns, the State Certification of them all was ended. Since 1990 I have worked as a Qualified Mental Health Professional counselor at the Rosewood Institute, along with other effective and experienced colleagues, providing much needed services to individuals, families, veterans, teens, children and the elderly. The mandated supervision has meant that we have oversight in all we do by a Psychologist or Psychiatrist.

I urge you to support this bill so that it passes, giving Oregonians once again much greater access to Mental Health care.

Thank you,

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