



Trillium Family Services – SAIP Replacement Facility Project

A solution to the capacity and facility needs of Oregon's children served in the Secure Adolescent Inpatient Program (SAIP)

Background: Since 2005, Trillium has been Oregon's sole provider of the Secure Adolescent Inpatient Program (SAIP) for youth ages 14-17 years suffering with severe mental illnesses – a level of care previously delivered at the Oregon State Hospital (OSH). From 2005 to the present, outcomes for these children have dramatically improved:

- Trillium has **eliminated the use of mechanical and chemical interventions.**
- Trillium has **reduced the average length of stay by 29%.**
- Trillium **delivers SAIP at less than 40% of the cost compared to the OSH, resulting in about \$70 million in savings for Oregon taxpayers over this period.**

The Need: While the effectiveness of Trillium's delivery of SAIP is unquestioned, the facilities on its Corvallis campus are no longer adequate to serve this increasingly challenging and at times violent youth population. The buildings do not provide the security and function required to keep both children and staff safe, and **the need for new facilities is urgent so that Trillium may continue delivering outstanding, often life-saving treatment to teenagers at the highest level of mental health acuity in the state.**

As such, Trillium is planning the construction of three 16-bed, state-of-the-art treatment units on its Corvallis campus, which would result in 48 beds of upgraded capacity for these youth. The first 16-bed building will be completed in August 2015 at a cost of \$6 million, with construction of the second 16-bed building and related infrastructure to begin shortly thereafter, at an estimated cost of \$8.8 million.

Trillium's Request: The SAIP program is a true partnership between Trillium and the State of Oregon since the State has a statutory responsibility to provide a hospital level of care for adolescents at this degree of mental health acuity – and that responsibility is fulfilled solely through its contract with Trillium.

Due to the nature of our partnership, we believe that an equal public-private commitment is necessary and appropriate to fund the project. Specifically, we are proposing that the State commit to fund 50% of the project's cost, with Trillium securing commitments of private support to fund the balance.

The State committed \$2 million to the project's first phase cost of approximately \$6 million, or about one-third of the budget. **For the second phase, our request to the State is a commitment of 50% – or \$4.4 million – of the projected \$8.8 million budget.** We urge the Legislature to invest a portion of the new tobacco tax revenues in this project. These revenues have been dedicated to mental health services by the Co-Chairs.