

Good afternoon:

R. Mike Shirtcliff, DMD, President, Advantage Dental, Central Oregon Health Council Board Member

I am here to offer my support for SB 648. SB 648 is a vehicle to continue the unique structure we've created in Central Oregon. I am a founding member of the Central Oregon Health Council, the COHC. The COHC is the governing body for the Medicaid CCO in Central Oregon—PacificSource Community Solutions. The COHC was formed in 2011 as a result of SB 204, and since then, we've worked together with our community partners to accomplish a great deal. I'm seeking your support of SB 648 so that the legislation enabling the COHC does not sunset.

Our structure in Central Oregon promotes accountability and transparency in the following ways:

- The COHC has open meetings with time for public comment.
- The COHC's agendas and meeting materials are posted on the COHC website.
- Membership on the COHC is per statute and not by virtue of financial contribution.
- COHC committees, including the Community Advisory Council, report to the COHC and are advisory to the CCO. These committees report out on initiatives and work groups at COHC meetings.
- The COHC distributes community performance data on quality incentive measures and quality investments.
- The COHC and CCO release monthly financial data.

As I mentioned, the COHC is the structure that makes our community partnerships and open working relationships successful. I wanted to share with you some brief highlights from our collaborative work:

- The COHC and CCO have worked together to manage the region's quality incentive measures and reinvest quality funds earned by the CCO in the community.
- The majority of the community partners involved in the COHC bear risk in their contracts with the CCO and have committed to shared quality metrics.
- The COHC Board of Directors taxed itself to raise funds to pilot strategic initiatives.
- The COHC partnered with the CCO to distribute the Transformation Funds to support quality pilot projects in the community. We continue to work together to evaluate those projects and monitor progress.

One of the reasons SB 648 is so important is because it allows Central Oregon to complete one regional health assessment and one regional health improvement plan. Advantage Dental operates in many CCOs and works with many different community needs assessments and plans. It is refreshing and helpful to focus on one assessment and plan in Central Oregon. We invest our time in one plan for the entire region instead of wasting time and resources on competing plans. The COHC's regional health improvement plan takes the place of at least 6 unique plans that would otherwise be required, should the legislation enabling the COHC sunset in 2016.

On behalf of Advantage Dental and as a member of the COHC Board of Directors, I support SB 648 and the Central Oregon Health Council. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, I would be pleased to answer them.