

Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment in Oregon

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Oregon invited CSG Justice Center staff to facilitate a one-day forum on the criminal justice and behavioral health systems.

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On May 24, 2018, the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission and the Oregon Alcohol and Drug Commission hosted the forum to receive input from counties, tribal governments, and others on how to best pursue a cross-system, data-driven process to improve public safety and public health outcomes in Oregon.

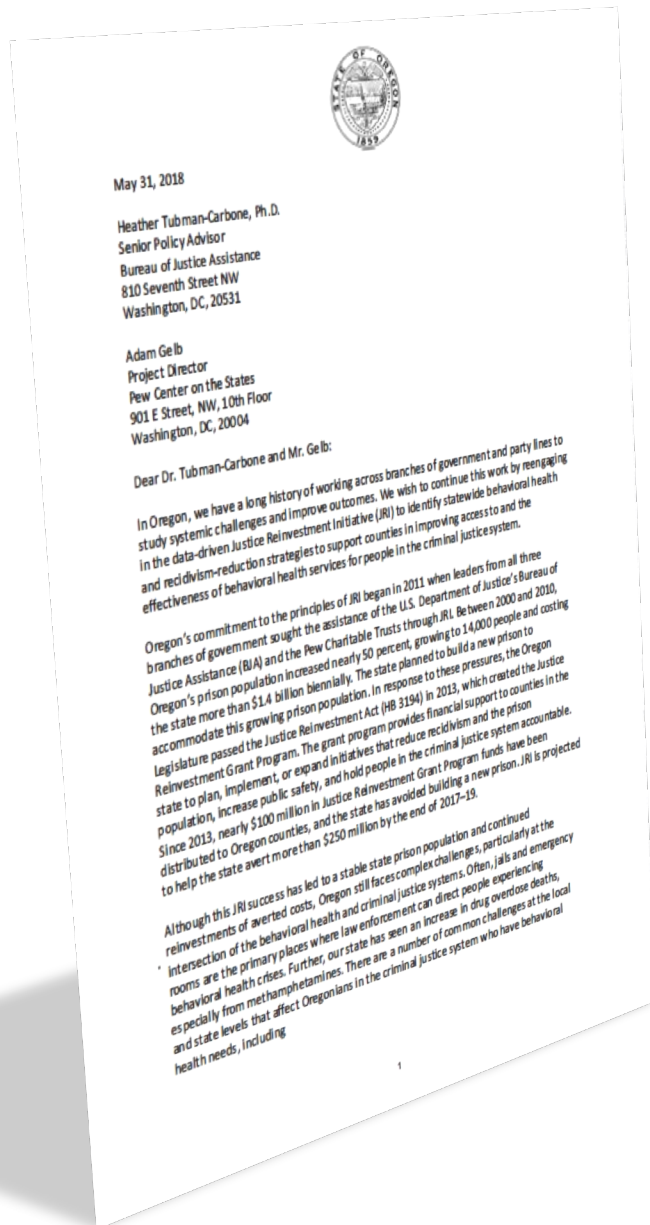


- Over 260 people attended.
- 32 of the 36 local public safety coordinating councils (LPSCCs) were represented.
- Attendees included sheriffs, jail commanders, community mental health program (CMHP) directors, probation and parole officers, judges, local police departments, LPSCC coordinators, jail mental health directors, representatives from coordinated care organizations, Oregon Health Authority behavioral health staff, district attorneys, and public defenders.

Stakeholders identified key challenges and requested additional technical assistance to analyze systems and propose action.

- Persistent access gaps in behavioral health treatment, crisis centers, and housing, especially in rural areas
- Treatment reimbursement rates that are too low to support service provision
- Significant treatment provider workforce retention problems
- Slow adoption, among providers, of evidence-based practices specific to people in the criminal justice system
- Lack of case coordination and timely, collaborative information sharing
- Unnecessary duplication of treatment services
- A lack of system accountability and outcomes reporting


Oregon state and county leadership requested and have been approved for ongoing technical assistance through the Justice Reinvestment Initiative.




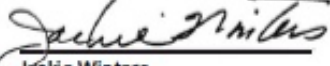
Support from state and county government to seek criminal justice and behavioral health systems improvements through a data-driven approach

criminal justice reforms that maximize public safety, reduce recidivism, and wisely spend tax resources. We welcome and appreciate your support to launch a behavioral health justice reinvestment partnership.

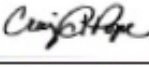
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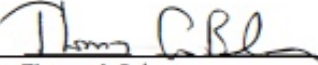

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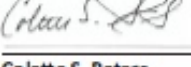

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A number of core principles guide the Justice Reinvestment process.

1. Each state is unique.
2. Data should inform decision making.
3. New initiatives should be relatively cost neutral and should, on balance, improve public safety.
4. Bipartisan, interbranch commitment for reform from top policymakers is essential.
5. Policy and budgetary changes must result.
6. Engagement of stakeholders—in tribal, county, and state government and in community organizations—is critical.
7. Sustainability planning and ongoing data analysis and reporting are essential elements to successful reform.

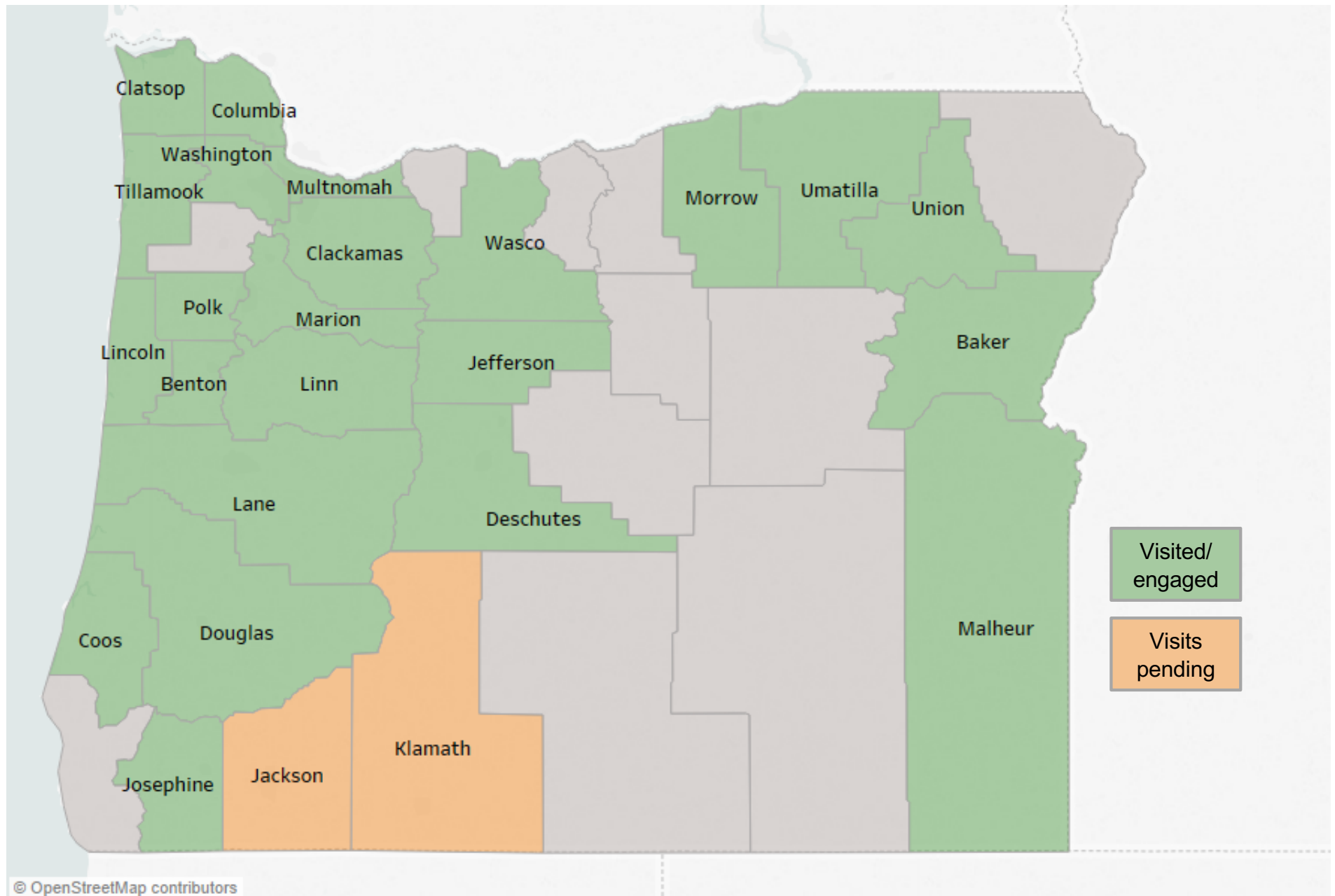
Goal and objectives for Oregon's Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment Initiative

Goal: Counties and tribal governments help develop a data-driven policy framework to improve recidivism and health outcomes for adults in the criminal justice system who have behavioral health conditions, particularly people who cycle through criminal justice and behavioral health systems repeatedly with significant impacts on the state and local communities.

Proposed objectives include:

1. Develop more robust community behavioral health treatment and support services tailored for people in the criminal justice system.
2. Reduce the number of people who have serious behavioral health conditions who are held in jails.
3. Create efficient case information and data sharing across behavioral health and criminal justice systems.
4. Improve system effectiveness and accountability by measuring and providing incentives for key public health and safety outcomes, such as improvements in stable work and housing and reductions in arrests and substance use.

CSG Justice Center staff have visited 22 of Oregon's counties in an effort to understand local, county, and tribal challenges.



A wide range of Oregon leaders, policymakers, community representatives, and organization and agency staff have been engaged in the process.

County meetings organized through LPSCCs

- District Attorneys
- Defense attorneys
- Judges
- Community corrections directions
- Sheriffs / jail commanders
- Police chiefs
- County commissioners
- County mental health programs
- Local behavioral health providers

Statewide organizations (criminal justice focus)

- Oregon Criminal Justice Commission
- Department of Corrections
- Oregon Judiciary Department
- Oregon Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission
- Association of Oregon Counties
- Oregon District Attorneys Association
- Office of Public Defense Services
- Partnership for Safety and Justice
- Oregon Disability Organization

Statewide organizations (behavioral health focus)

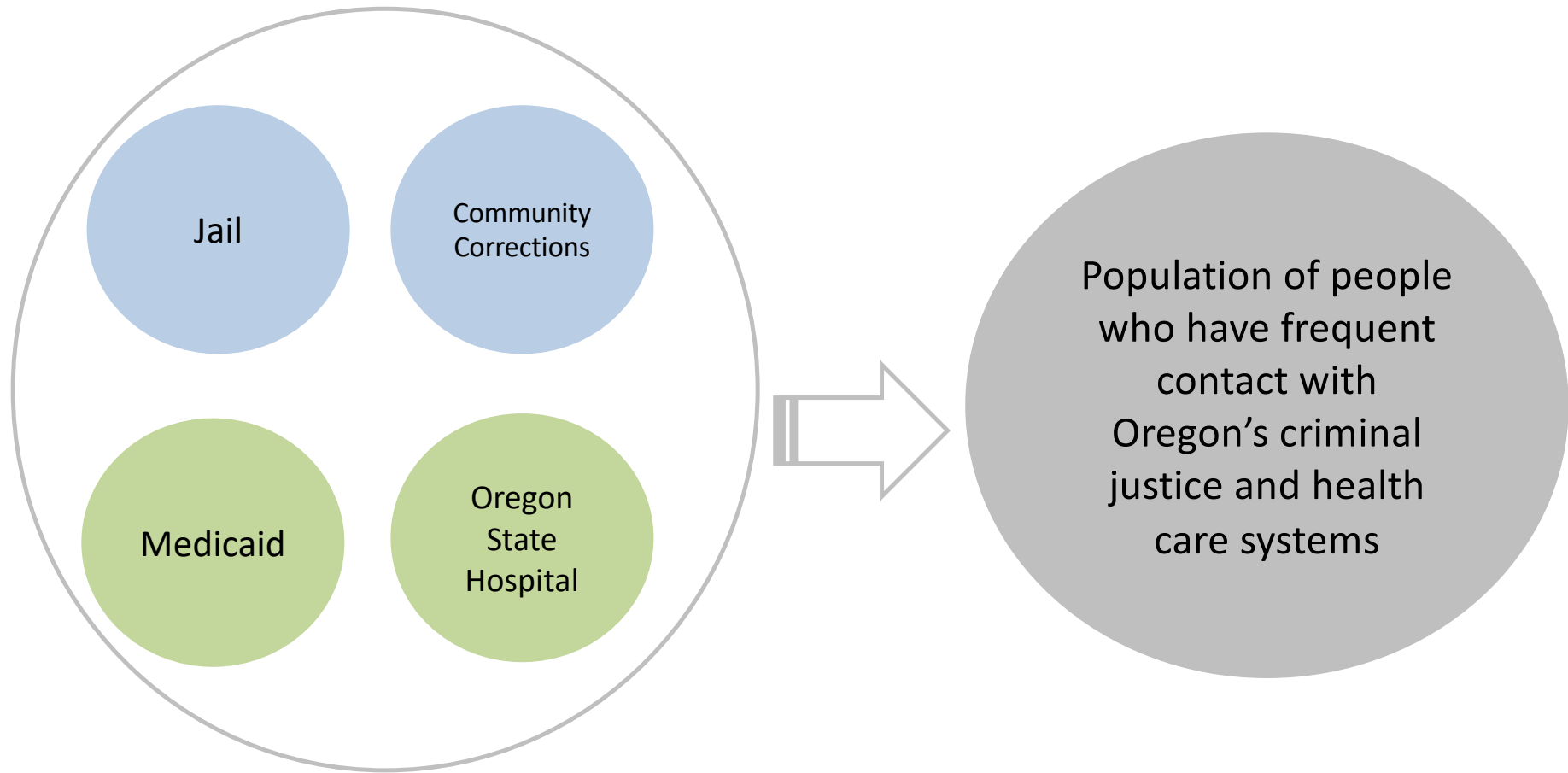
- Oregon Health Authority
- Oregon State Hospital
- GOBHI / OCBJHI / DPPST
- OPERA
- CCO Oregon
- Oregon Health and Science University

Tribal engagement

- Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs
- Confederated Tribes of Umatilla
- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde
- Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Sisulaw
- NICWA
- Red Lodge Transitions
- Legislative Commission on Indian Affairs

Stakeholders have participated in the process through **emails, calls, and meetings**, and have provided valuable insights through conversation and **sharing reports and other materials**.

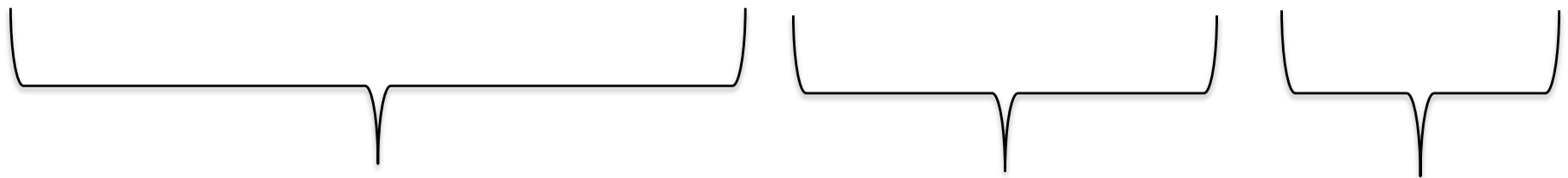
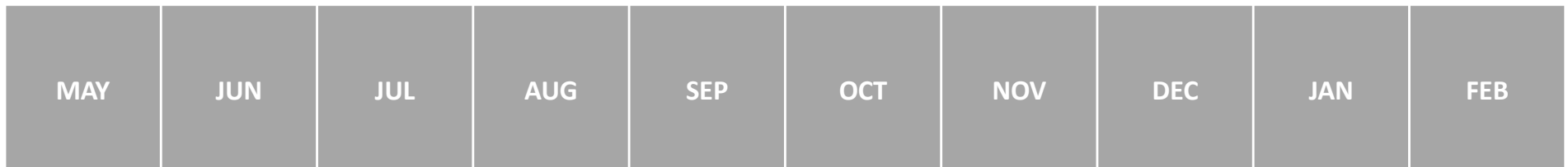
Data from multiple sources are being matched for a robust population-specific analysis.



Analysis will focus on this population's complex health care needs and utilization patterns along with related systems impacts and costs.

Project timeline for the Oregon Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment project

The CSG Justice Center conducts detailed data analysis and engages with stakeholders and briefs policymakers; Oregon steering committee convenes two times to review analysis; CSG Justice Center provides impact analysis; Oregon develops policy options.



- Forum on Behavioral Health and Public Safety
- Visits to 22+ counties and 3 tribal nations

- 1st steering committee meeting
- 2nd steering committee meeting

- 3rd and final steering committee meeting
- Final recommendations
- Legislative package

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