



Testimony in support of HB 2675 – Integrated Care focus and strategy in CHIP

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Dear Chair Monnes-Anderson and Members of Senate Health Care Committee,

On behalf of the Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs (AOCMHP), I would like to express support for HB 2675, requiring community health improvement plans to focus on and develop strategies for integrating care. We know that a key to improving health outcomes and quality of life for people in our communities is to integrate their care, which appears seamless to them, but involves a lot of work among the delivery system partners: close coordination, information sharing, changes in payment and trusting relationships.

In addition to integrating care through person-centered primary care homes (PCPCHs), we enthusiastically endorse OHA's Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) demonstration pilot, particularly for people with serious mental illness and chronic substance use disorders, children and adolescents with serious behavioral health challenges, and those with co-occurring behavioral health and physical health disorders. This demonstration pilot will help Oregon's health system get to where it needs to go for a smaller population, but one most in need of coordinated and integrated quality care.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 2675.

Sincerely,

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