

May 4, 2017

Written Testimony in Opposition to House Bill 2122A

Chair Williamson, Vice-Chairs McLane and Rayfield, and Members of the Committee,

Please vote no on House Bill 2122A.

I have concerns about the changes that are being considered in HB 2122A. One of my biggest concerns is that the bill may actually impede transformation efforts and damage the CCO model. I also have concerns about the lack of consideration in House Healthcare for the amendments proposed by Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs). Instead amendments were adopted with no public input.

I am a Lane County employee and am also the Chief Behavioral Health Officer for Trillium Community Health Plan. I want you to know about the strengths I experience with the CCO in Lane County and what we have achieved by sustaining a CCO management team and Board of Directors that includes County staff.

The County and Trillium have integrated care management staff to address physical and behavioral health needs of members with complex conditions. This results daily in care coordination with providers to promote better, timely outcomes for members.

We have supported the development of four integrated primary care clinics and four behavioral health clinics that have integrated primary care. These programs are national examples of innovation and early evidence support achieving better outcomes with lower costs.

We continue to address the treatment needs of members with serious behavioral health concerns and have state recognition for our implementation of System of Care philosophy and practice and the expansion of Assertive Community Treatment Teams (ACT). We believe we are in compliance with all federal parity guideline requirements.

We have a robust behavioral health provider panel, easy access to treatment, few requirements for service authorization, and provider partners committed to participate in CCO mission achievement.

I am a strong advocate for Trillium members and services. I believe in the vision of transforming care to better serve OHP members and I am outspoken in my views and preferences.

I am asking you to vote no on House Bill 2122A.

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