

Written testimony re: HB 2122A

Chair Williamson, Vice Chairs McLane and Rayfield and members of the Rules Committee,

I am writing to ask for your no vote on HB 2122A.

I am concerned that HB 2122A makes changes that could potentially harm the CCO model and prevent us from achieving our goal of system transformation.

Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) have made great strides to improve the health of Oregon Health Plan members. This work has evolved over time and has been transformative. The CCO in Lane County, Trillium Community Health Plan, is an important partner with my organization in improving the health of the most vulnerable in our community.

Willamette Family Inc., has provided behavioral health care in Lane County for over 50 years. Starting as a substance abuse treatment program, Willamette Family integrated mental health treatment into our addiction treatment services about a decade ago, and we have worked with Trillium since the inception of the CCO model.

In 2014, Willamette Family responded to an RFP for the Trillium Integration Incubator Project. We were selected as one of four programs that would integrate primary care into a behavioral health home. This was transformational for us, and for the population that we serve. Prior to the Trillium Integration Incubator Project, access to medical treatment for our population was non-existent, or, at best, provided episodically through emergency room contacts. Treatment of chronic health conditions, which includes co-morbid behavioral health issues, was inconsistent and provided in “silos” that failed to address the whole person. Through this innovative model fostered by Trillium, this population now receives medical care within a clinic system that has experience and ability to treat behavioral health disorders as well.

Thanks to the investment by Trillium, Willamette Family’s Health clinic has had great success providing services to a population that was not engaging in primary care and who frequented emergency room care. By co-locating our health clinic in the same building as our Rapid Access Center, individuals receive immediate access to integrated behavioral health care and primary care. Our partnership with Trillium is an example of how we are achieving the triple aim together, by providing better care to our patients, better health to the community and lower costs to the system.

Please vote no on HB 2122A.

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