

Oregon Health Authority MacDonald

Request: Authorization to apply for a competitive federal Promoting Integration of Primary and Behavioral Health Care (PIPBHC) grant of up to \$2,000,000 per year for five years, for a total of \$10 million.

Recommendation: Approve the request.

Discussion: The Oregon Health Authority (OHA) requests authorization to apply for the federal PIPBHC grant through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration. According to the federal funding announcement, the grant has the following three objectives:

1. Promote full integration and collaboration in clinical practices between primary and behavioral health care.
2. Support the improvement of integrated care models for primary care and behavioral health care to improve the overall wellness and physical health status of adults with a serious mental illness or children with a serious emotional disturbance.
3. Promote integrated care services related to screening, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of mental and substance use disorders, and co-occurring physical health conditions and chronic diseases.

Grant applicants must select qualified community programs or community health centers serving an area or population of high need. To this extent, OHA proposes to use funds to support the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) demonstration project. CCBHCs are designed to provide a comprehensive range of mental health and substance use disorder services, particularly to vulnerable individuals with the most complex needs, such as individuals with serious mental illness and co-occurring substance use disorder and/or chronic conditions. Oregon was awarded a federal CCBHC planning grant in October 2015 and was selected in December 2016 as one of eight states to participate in the demonstration. OHA launched Oregon's demonstration in April 2017 and has so far certified 12 organizations as CCBHCs. The CCBHC demonstration is currently supported through an enhanced Federal Medical Assistance Percentage rate.

OHA believes CCBHC organizations have the best opportunity to advance the objectives of the PIPBHC grant. If awarded PIPBHC funds, the CCBHCs will use the resources to support the integration of primary care services through infrastructure development and direct services, examples of which include: addiction screening of new patients; physical health screenings; establishing electronic health record exchanges; expanding clinic workforce; and wrap-around services. The PIPBHC dollars would also help CCBHCs meet their required provision of 20 hours per week of onsite primary care in the second year of the demonstration and will fund this service beyond the demonstration period.

If OHA receives PIPBHC funds, additional federal expenditure limitation may be needed as part of the agency's 2017-19 budget; no additional staff are needed. The federal grant application is due by May 17, 2017 and the grant period lasts from July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2021. The grant does not require state matching funds or maintenance of effort.