

**Oregon Health Authority
Integration of Primary and Behavioral Health Care**

On May 16th, the Human Services Subcommittee recommended approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Oregon Health Authority to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in the amount of \$2 million per year for five years to promote the integration of primary and behavioral health care.

The purpose of the grant is to promote full integration in clinical practice between primary and behavioral health care. The grant will focus on those organizations participating in the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics demonstration project. Currently 12 organizations are certified to participate, and receive enhanced federal matching rates. In addition to federal standards for these clinics, Oregon requires at least 20 hours per week of on-site primary care. This new funding opportunity would help implement this primary care requirement.

If the grant is awarded, the Behavior Health Clinics would be able to use the funds to support the integration of primary care services through infrastructure development and direct services. Some examples include physical health screenings, wrap-around services, establishing electronic health record exchanges, purchasing instruments necessary for screenings, and expanding clinic workforce such as adding a primary care provider. No state matching funds are required and no additional staff are needed.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.