



Oregon Public Guardian & Conservator

2020 UPDATE

Purpose – Clients

- ▶ Provide high quality, ethically principled guardianship services to cognitively incapacitated adults at high risk of serious harm or death.
 - ▶ Follow NGA practice standards and ethical principles
 - ▶ Focus on maximizing client independence and self direction.
- ▶ Guardian of last resort
 - ▶ No less restrictive alternative
 - ▶ No appropriate alternative guardian available
- ▶ Clients we serve
 - ▶ High complexity and variety
 - ▶ Cover all systems, services, facility types, ages, issues.

Benefits to other systems

▶ Community Hospitals

- ▶ Facilitates safe discharge of individuals that become stuck in hospitals
 - ▶ Some OPGC clients have spent up to 10 months in a hospitals prior to referral to OPGC
 - ▶ \$3000 per day cost to hospitals
- ▶ Significant reduction of utilization of emergency room services and hospital admissions for clients after OPGC is appointed as guardian

▶ Law enforcement

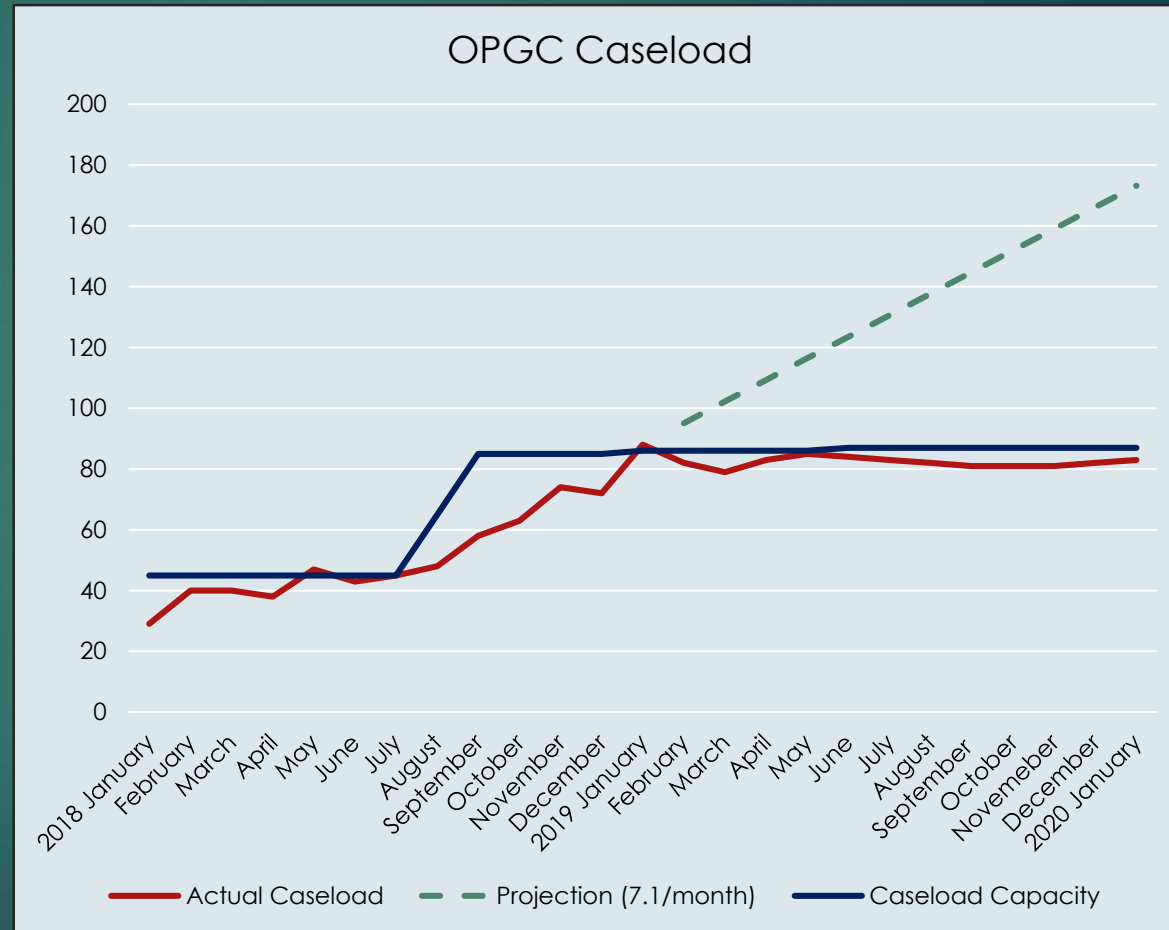
- ▶ Almost complete elimination of law enforcement utilization by clients after OPGC is appointed as guardian

▶ Oregon State Hospital

- ▶ Facilitates safe discharge of clients from OSH as well as prevents readmission
 - ▶ Cost savings to the state of \$100,000 per year, per client
- ▶ Opportunity for direct intervention in .370 cases
 - ▶ SB 24 allows for petitions

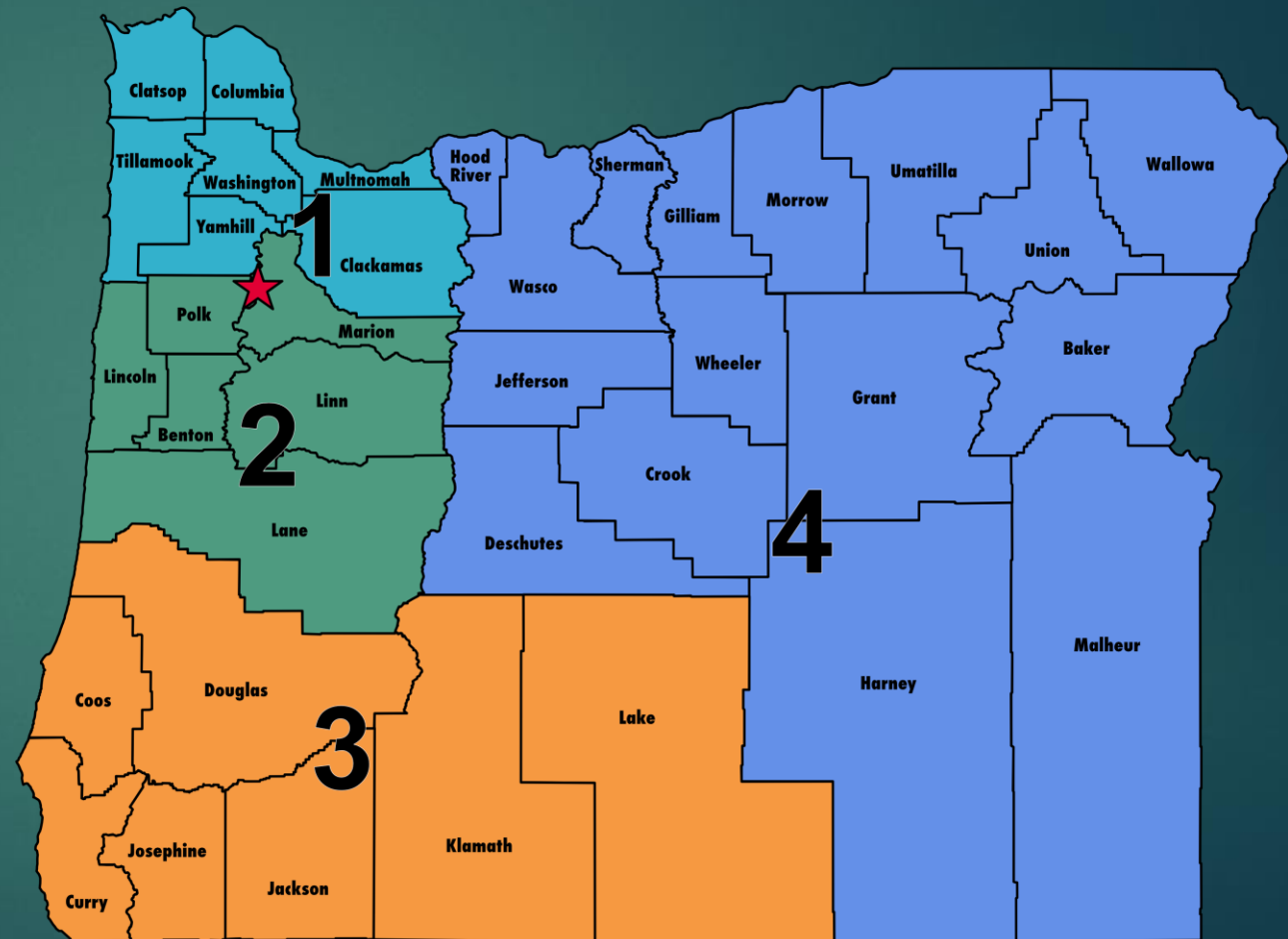
Current program status

- ▶ Full caseload capacity with current resources was reached in January 2019
 - ▶ Unable to accept almost any new cases since January 2019
 - ▶ Unable to accept new cases for our waitlist since July 2019



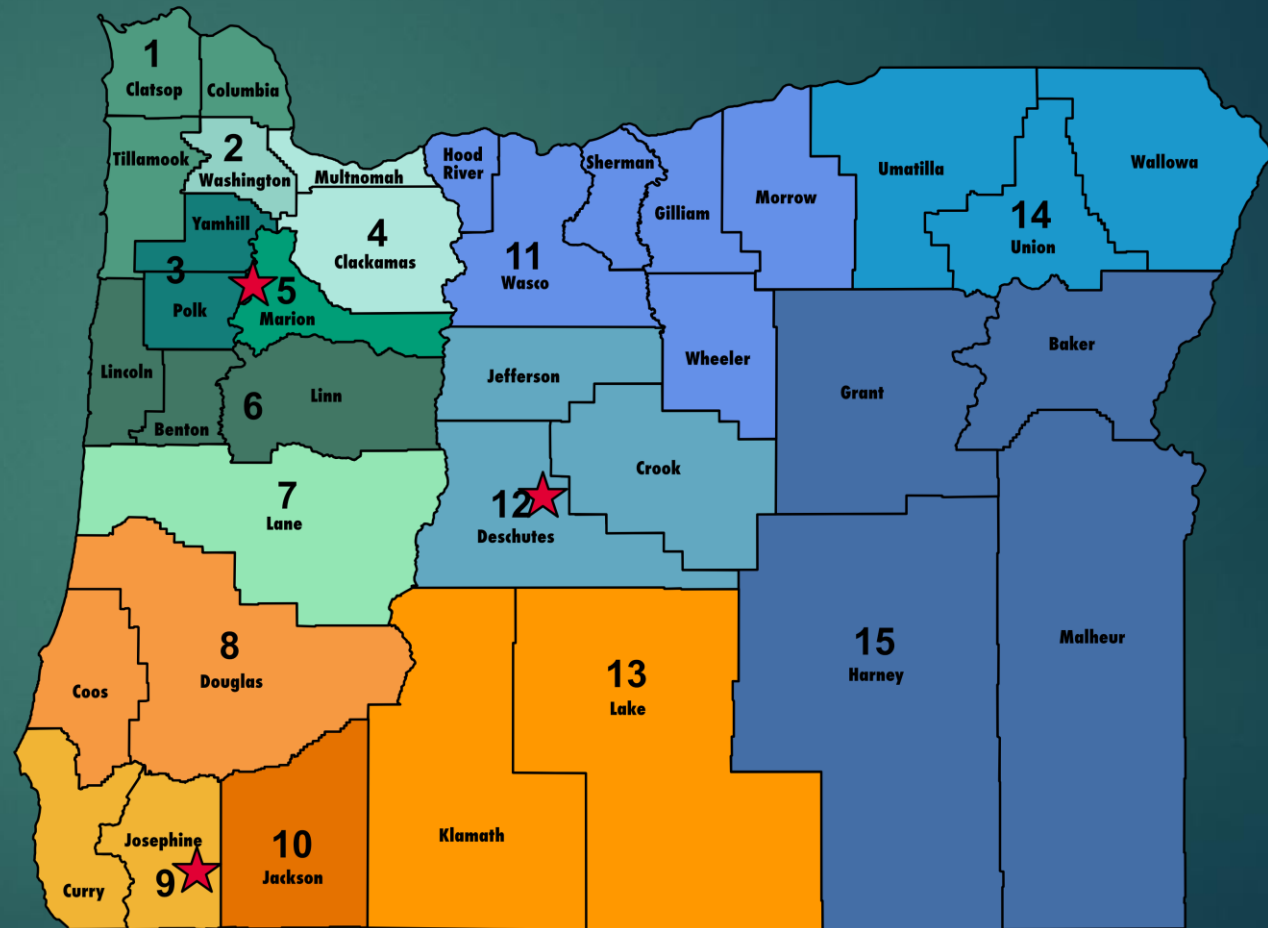
Current Program Structure

- ▶ Staff Resources (6 FTE)
 - ▶ OPGC
 - ▶ (4 FTE) Deputy Public Guardians
 - ▶ Administrative specialist



Expansion: Statewide plan to meet Oregon's need

- ▶ Full statewide coverage
- ▶ 3 Regionally based team with local managers, support staff and deputies
 - ▶ 24 FTE additional staff
- ▶ Caseload capacity sufficient to take on all appropriate cases through the end of the 21-23 biennium
 - ▶ Additional 400 case capacity
- ▶ Adequate Supports for
 - ▶ Clients
 - ▶ Volunteers
 - ▶ Deputies
 - ▶ High-Risk Teams
 - ▶ Growth





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