

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Oregon Health Authority Mobile Response and Stabilization Services

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Nosse

On March 11th, the Human Services Subcommittee recommended retroactive approval of the submission of a federal grant application from the Oregon Health Authority to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for up to \$3 million per year for four years for mobile response and stabilization services for children.

The federal System of Care Expansion and Sustainability grant supports the infrastructure and services necessary to develop a children’s mobile response and stabilization service model that could eventually be expanded statewide. Mobile response and stabilization services offer initial phone crisis support, in-person or telehealth assessment, and stabilization services for 72 hours or for up to eight weeks for all children who need these services.

OHA plans to develop this model in Linn, Benton, Lincoln, and Jackson counties, and the services offered will support children with serious emotional disturbances before they require more intensive support. The major costs in OHA’s proposal are for contractual work to develop the model; peer-delivered services; service costs for families without insurance coverage; training and technical assistance; call center support; and data analysis and program evaluation. OHA will also hire a grant manager and Family Partnership Specialist.

The grant requires a one-to-three match during the first three years and one-to-one match in the fourth year, which can be met through direct or in-kind support. OHA is partnering with the Department of Human Services and other state and local partners to satisfy the match within existing program resources.

The grant application was due February 5th; due to this deadline and the timing of the legislative session, the request is retroactive. If the grant is awarded, OHA will return to the Legislature or

Emergency Board for expenditure limitation and position authority for the four-year grant period beginning August 31, 2021.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends approval.