



February 24, 2021

Re: Testimony supporting HB 3111

Chair Sanchez, Vice Chairs Moore-Green and Nosse, and members of the House Behavioral Health Committee,

Allied Health Services is a provider of medically supervised medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for adults 18 and older. To promote successful recovery from addiction to heroin, prescription painkillers, and other opioids, our six locations across Oregon provide effective medications, such as methadone, as well as counseling services. Our staff of experienced professionals, which includes doctors, nurses, and counselors, are dedicated to offering exemplary care to every person who chooses to heal with us.

Comprehensive recovery is at the heart of our mission. Every person who seeks treatment at Allied Health Services receives counseling in addition to MAT. This model has led to outstanding outcomes:

- 70% of patients are opiate free after 6 months in treatment
- 69% of patients are retained in treatment after 90 days, and
- 95% of patients receive their medication in 10 minutes or less

Yet, we know a person's recovery journey does not end when they leave our building. We therefore offer our support of HB 3111, which directs the Oregon Health Authority to contract with at least four Recovery Community Organizations to operate four recovery centers across the state. This bill will provide our patients another avenue to explore their recovery.

We are excited to support the forthcoming amendments which will make it clear that **those utilizing Medication Assisted Treatment are able to receive services in Oregon's Recovery Community Organizations**. This is a great step forward in reducing stigma and building connections among those in all types of recovery.

Thank you for your support of HB 3111.

Sincerely,

Kelly Moehling, Regional Director