

**TO:** Joint Committee on Addiction and Community Safety

**RE:** Shovel-Ready Projects Update, 4D Recovery

**DATE:** December 11, 2024

Co-Chairs Senator Prozanski, Representative Kropf, and Committee Members,

My name is Tony Vezina, the Executive Director of 4D Recovery, and I am honored to provide updates on shovel-ready projects at today's hearing.

I would like to once again express my appreciation for your efforts in connecting public safety and health care during the last session. Some of the projects we were funded for are working in tandem with deflection efforts, and it has been incredible to witness our relationship with public safety grow in such a short period.

Last year, 4D Recovery set ambitious goals to address the demands of our behavioral health crisis, and we were fortunate to receive support from several funders and elected leaders. We leveraged contributions from CareOregon, the Legislature, and Multnomah County to launch addiction and mental health treatment, recovery-supportive housing, and deflection outreach services in Multnomah County for young adults, as well as addiction and mental health treatment for adolescents in and around the tri-county area.

**Key Achievements:**

- **Recovery Housing Enabled by SB 1530**

SB 1530 allowed us to acquire two recovery residences, now fully operational, supporting 15 beds. Eight of these beds are connected to our newly opened young adult addiction and mental health treatment center in Gresham, Oregon, which officially opened on November 12, 2024. Since opening, we have served 16 clients, 12 of whom have entered our housing, with three occupying SB 1530-funded beds. Additionally, our Gresham-based deflection program has referred five individuals to treatment. The remaining seven beds are allocated to our LGBTQ+ program, providing post-treatment self-sufficiency housing. We are proud to be moving our first residents into these homes this week and to report that both sites are already NARR accredited by the Mental Health and Addiction Certification Board of Oregon.

- **Adolescent Behavioral Health Expansion via HB 5204**

HB 5204 provided capital funds to expand services to include substance use and mental health outpatient treatment, as well as substance use residential and detox care. We secured a 6,400 sq. ft. facility on SE 111th and Stark in SE Portland. While we await the previous owners to vacate by the end of December, structural improvements are underway. The Oregon Health Authority granted us an initial certificate of approval on Tuesday, and we plan to open fully in March.

This facility will offer comprehensive care for youth and their families, including substance use and co-occurring mental health treatment, family therapy, and peer support recovery services. We also plan to collaborate closely with Recovery High

Schools and local school districts to maximize impact. Additionally, with remaining funds, we are negotiating the purchase of a 16,000 sq. ft. facility on NE 102nd in Portland to launch adolescent residential and detox services. Initially, approximately 4,500 sq. ft. will be utilized for these services, with plans to expand auxiliary services and bed capacity in the future if needed. The two programs will be located one mile—or a four-minute drive—apart.

**Acknowledgments and Next Steps:**

I want to extend my gratitude to the Oregon Health Authority, particularly Behavioral Health Director Ebony Clarke, for their dedication and urgency in disbursing funds. I also want to acknowledge the Department of Administrative Services for their seamless coordination throughout this process.

One area for improvement would be the flexibility to allocate portions of HB 5204 and SB 1530 funds toward short-term operational costs. Depending on our ability to secure additional funding, we may request the legislature to consider a minor adjustment to our contract to support the initial operations of our residential facility.

Thank you for your inquiry into these critical projects. Sober living and adolescent behavioral health care are essential, life-saving services. We look forward to collaborating with you and other partners to continue advancing these initiatives.

Sincerely,  
Tony Vezina  
Executive Director, 4D Recovery