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Senator Wlnsvey Campos, Co-Chair  
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Joint Ways and Means Human Services Sub-Committee  
900 Court Street NE  
State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairs and Committee Members:

We inadvertently omitted our response to one of the questions asked at the meeting of the Joint Ways and Means Human Services Sub-Committee on March 8, 2023. That response is below.

**What areas of Oregon are currently not covered by Regional Health Equity Coalitions (RHECs), and where will the expansion of five additional RHECs be?**

Currently, the 10 RHECs represent 19 counties and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. An interactive map is available here:

<https://geo.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Viewer/index.html?appid=d877c83afed14f7280245fb6a2ed89f2>

Broadly, the areas not covered are in central Oregon and along the northern part of the coast.

RHECs are established through a competitive solicitation process. OHA asks community partners to indicate what regions they want to represent to honor and build on where networks, relationships, and partnerships already exist. Each RHEC is required to identify 2-3 counties they will be representing. The only overlap that will be allowed is for the inclusion of Oregon Tribes who may have interest in developing their own RHEC. OHA has been in communication with groups in the following counties who may likely submit a proposal if there are future funding opportunities: Tillamook, Columbia, Clatsop, Klamath, Jefferson, Lincoln, and Yamhill. It's likely there are other regions who have interest that we're not yet aware of, and we cannot know exactly where the new RHECs will be until the process is completed.

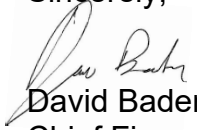
More information about Regional Health Equity Coalitions is available here:

<https://www.oregon.gov/oha/EI/Pages/RHEC.aspx>

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Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any further questions or clarifications.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Baden". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

David Baden  
Chief Financial Officer