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Good afternoon Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden, & members of the committee. For the record I am Heather Jefferis the Executive Director of the Oregon Council for Behavioral Health. OCBH is the statewide association of primarily non-profit providers that provide mental health and substance use disorder treatment. It is likely the behavioral health providers in your districts are members of OCBH. I am here today to talk about SB 624 which enshrines Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC) into statute.

### **Current context of CCBHC model**

- The CCBHC model was created when fed government authorized an eight-state demonstration program, funded by the single largest federal investment in community behavioral health in more than 50 years to expand access to treatment in states. (2014)
- The CCBHC model has strong and growing national Bi-Partisan support being utilized across the nation to meet the historic crisis of Behavioral Health need and lack of access.\*
- Federal investment & support continues and is growing for states to move forward CCBHC in their communities. There are currently over 500 CCBHC's, see attached.
- Oregon was selected as one of the original eight demonstration states in 2017.
- The model is reimbursed with an enhanced federal match to make the provision of behavioral health simple in several ways:
  - CCBHC are required to serve all regardless of insurance status and ability to pay - removing complicated barriers for folks transitioning on/off Medicaid.
  - The model supports diverse organizations to provide whole-person health, which in Oregon means getting outside of the silos between mental health and addiction to more easily treat people with what we call co-occurring disorders. And also provides primary care since a severe BH need often means primary care goes unaddressed.

**SB 624 and its forthcoming amendment are the consensus product of a workgroup I was asked to lead that met since the summer of 2022 to enshrine CCBHCs into Oregon statute.**

- The bill importantly asks OHA to seek a state plan amendment to ensure that CCBHCs are part of our Medicaid model with the flexibility to best leverage federal investments and continue our local CCBHC's if the federal demonstrations current structure ends.
- The bill also begins a conversation about expanding much-needed access to CCBHCs in certain parts of the state.
- We ask for your support of this bill so we can have a conversation in Ways and Means about expanding BH access meaningfully through this model.

Thank you,

Heather Jefferis, OCBH



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# CCBHC Timeline

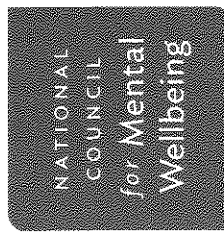
Information is current as of July 5, 2022

# Demonstration and Funding Timeline

- 2014:** Passage of Excellence Act demonstration as part of PAMA
- 2016:** Demonstration applications due; 8 states selected
- 2017:** 8 states begin demonstration (MN, MO, NJ, NV, NY, OK, OR, PA)
- 2018:** \$100M appropriated for CCBHC-E grants
- 2019:** \$150M appropriated for CCBHC-E grants  
CCBHC SPAs approved in MO, OK  
PA transitions CCBHCs out of demo to a permanent Medicaid directed payment program
- 2020:** Demonstration expanded to 2 additional states; KY and MI selected  
CCBHC SPA approved in NV  
\$450M appropriated for CCBHC-E grants

**Notes:**

- All appropriations are listed in the federal fiscal year (FFY) in which they were appropriated. Other milestones are listed in the calendar year in which they occurred.
- Demonstration extensions are too numerous and are not tracked here except for the most recent extension in 2022.



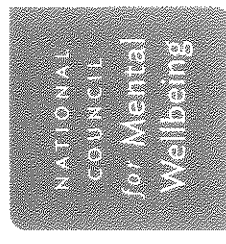
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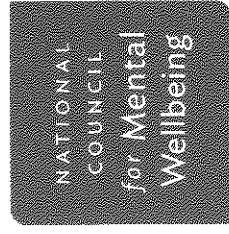
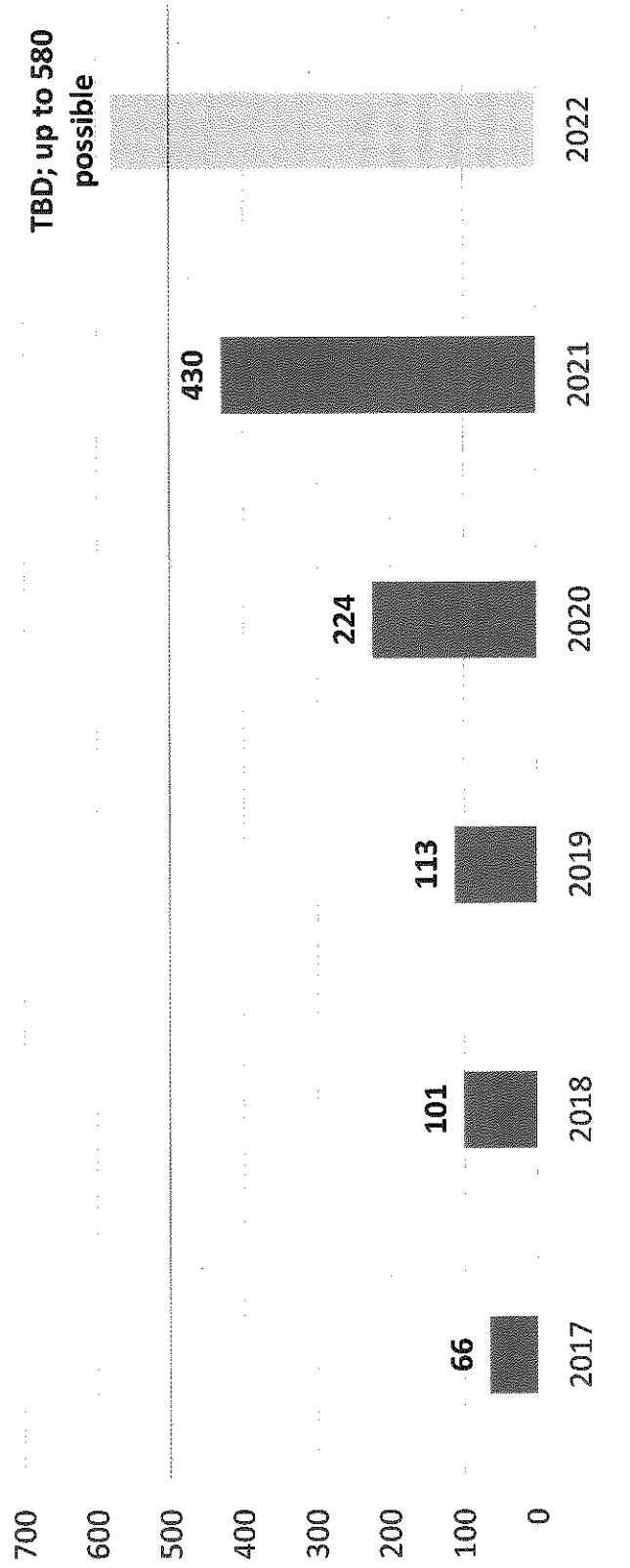
- 2021:** Demonstration begins in MI  
CCBHC SPA approved in MN  
National CCBHC TTA Center launches  
\$1.27B appropriated for CCBHC-E grants
- 2022:** Demonstration begins in KY  
TX completes certification of all Community Centers as CCBHCs; payment begins  
KS files CCBHC SPA  
OK and MO complete certification of CCBHCs statewide  
Demonstration expanded nationwide, with 10 states eligible to join every 2 years  
Demonstration extended to Sept. 2025 for original 8 states and to 2027 for KY and MI  
\$40M appropriated for a new round of state planning grants  
\$315M appropriated for CCBHC-E grants

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# Accelerating growth in number of CCBHCs

CCBHCs' Growth, 2017-2022



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