



Joint Ways & Means
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Capitol Construction
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PeaceHealth would like to express our support for the allocation of state funding to Lane County's Behavioral Health Stabilization Center project. PeaceHealth is committed to supporting efforts that help meet everyone's unique health care needs at all stages of life. We have a front row seat to how important behavioral health infrastructure is to Lane County's at-risk populations, and in particular individuals experiencing a behavioral health crisis who are also unhoused and in need connection to supportive resources that lead to long term stability. We will continue to play an advisory role in structuring this project and look forward to partnering with the County in ways that provide mutual benefit.

Lane County's Behavioral Health Division currently encompass a broad array of services and programs. The importance of the Stabilization Center is the role it will play in providing an earlier intercept to at risk individuals than the County has historically have been able to offer. That early intercept is critically important because individuals with behavioral health issues tend to decompensate over time, especially when they encounter new traumas in their lives.

The Lane County Stabilization Center will be a behavioral health facility offering 24/7 access to person-centered, trauma-informed services for anyone in Lane County experiencing a behavioral health-related crisis. These services will be accessible through walk-in, referral from a community organization, steps-down from higher levels of care, or for individuals transported by mobile crisis response or law enforcement as an alternative to incarceration. It will become a core component to providing the right kind of care to growing, and more complex behavioral health needs.

The total cost of the project, including construction and equipment is \$21 million. Lane County is seeking \$5 million from the State General Fund to meet the goal of launching operations by the end of 2024. Site reviews and preliminary designs are underway and capital project and operational budgeting is mostly determined.

Behavioral health needs are on the rise. The Lane County Behavioral Health Stabilization Center will help meet the goals that the Governor has set and put the State of Oregon on the right path to maintaining healthy communities. We urge you to keep Lane County and behavioral health resources in Oregon in mind when making your funding recommendations to the full Joint Ways and Means Committee.

With Gratitude,

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