



February 6, 2024

Oregon State Legislature
House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care
900 Court St NE
Salem, OR 97301

Re: Support for HB 4092

Dear Chair Nosse, Vice-Chair Nelson, Vice-Chair Goodwin, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing on behalf of Yamhill Community Care (YCCO) in support of HB 4092. YCCO is a coordinated care organization (CCO) serving more than 35,000 Oregon Health Plan members in Yamhill County and parts of Washington and Polk Counties.

YCCO supports HB 4092 because streamlining the behavioral health system will improve treatment capacity and patient access. This is work that needed to occur after CCOs were created, and now is the time to get it done.

We understand the purpose of HB 4092 is to establish a process that will achieve the following:

- Clarify the statutes, rules, and other redundant processes that cause administrative burden. Examples include system planning, avoiding duplicative provider auditing, portability of the behavioral health workforce, and improving the patient intake process.
- Decrease administrative burdens that consume staff time that could be better spent on direct services for members. Increasing efficiencies will increase service capacity and access to services for Oregonians.
- Identify solutions where a lack of parity exists between the physical and behavioral health systems.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 4092.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Seamus McCarthy".

Seamus McCarthy, PhD
Chief Executive Officer