



Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) update

Office of Developmental Disabilities Services

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Agenda

1. SACU background and refocus
2. Budget note and planning
3. Project update and community engagement
4. Learn more / contact us



Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU)

Supports individuals with I/DD who are in crisis and often have co-occurring mental and/or physical health conditions.

15 children
66 adults

Authority:
K Plan

746
staff

18 state-run
homes in
neighborhoods

Services:

- 24-7 support
- Daily tasks
- Work with other service systems/resources
- Medical and behavior supports
- Transportation

The vision for SACU

- Place of stabilization, healing and support for individuals in crisis in the least restrictive setting possible
- Shorter-term crisis services
- Person-centered, trauma-informed practices

What will success look like?

- Individuals regain stability
- Effective and safe transitions to their communities
- HCBS compliance
- Supported families and providers



House Bill 5006 and budget note

- Fully funded SACU base budget for 2025–27 biennium
- Create SACU operational plan, due Sep. 30, 2026
 - Proposed first phase to begin July 1, 2027
 - Shorten length of stay
 - Attain/maintain HCBS compliance
 - Person-centered transition strategies to help individuals stabilize
 - Support return to communities, ready to live the lives they want
 - Work with the community

Preparation work: Internal operations

Steering committee

- Identify service gaps
- Review compliance risks
- Map transition pathways

Internal planning workgroups

- Program operations
- Person-centered services/supports
- Site maintenance
- HCBS alignment

Project update: Community engagement

Listening sessions October

- Corvallis, Eugene, McMinnville, Salem, Portland
- In-person and virtual
- Focus: Residents, guardians, self-advocates, local communities

Future engagement

- Residents, guardians
- Union, staff
- Community partners, providers
- Contractor to support this work

Key accomplishments

Completed

- ✓ Health Education Curriculum
- ✓ SPOTS and Petty Cash Policy

In process

- 180 work orders to meet HCBS compliance — 31% complete
- 168 work orders to repair homes — 7% complete
- Communications and community engagement — ongoing

Projects in planning

Entry/exit criteria

- Set individuals up for success
- Meet compliance rules

Medical and mental health access

- Streamline current delays in access to care

Quality check process

- Accurately identify individuals' needs
- Ensure their goals are met

Next steps and conclusions

- **Hire and onboard contractor**
 - Develop the proposed plan to fulfill Legislative directive
- **Engage individuals, families, staff, partners and community**
- **HCBS compliance**
 - Community integration is keystone of our system
 - Engagement with case management entities
- **Complete other remaining subprojects**

No intent to return to an institutional model

Questions and discussion



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