

Task Force Update

Joint Task Force on Regional Behavioral Health Accountability

PREPARED FOR: Senate Interim Committee on Early Childhood and Behavioral Health

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Background – House Bill 4002

HB 4002 (2024) – Section 16

- Charged with developing recommendations to:
 - Improve collaboration and accountability across programs and funding
 - Ensure equitable outcomes in public treatment settings
 - Provide greater cost efficiencies
 - Establish board access to methadone and other MOUD
- 26 Members:
 - Four legislative, one Oregon Judicial Department representative, 21 Governor appointees representing stakeholders across Oregon's behavioral health system
- Senator Kate Lieber, Co-Chair
- Senator Dick Anderson, Co-Chair



Task Force Timeline



Initial Assessment and Planning



ACHIEVING A
STATEWIDE
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
SYSTEM



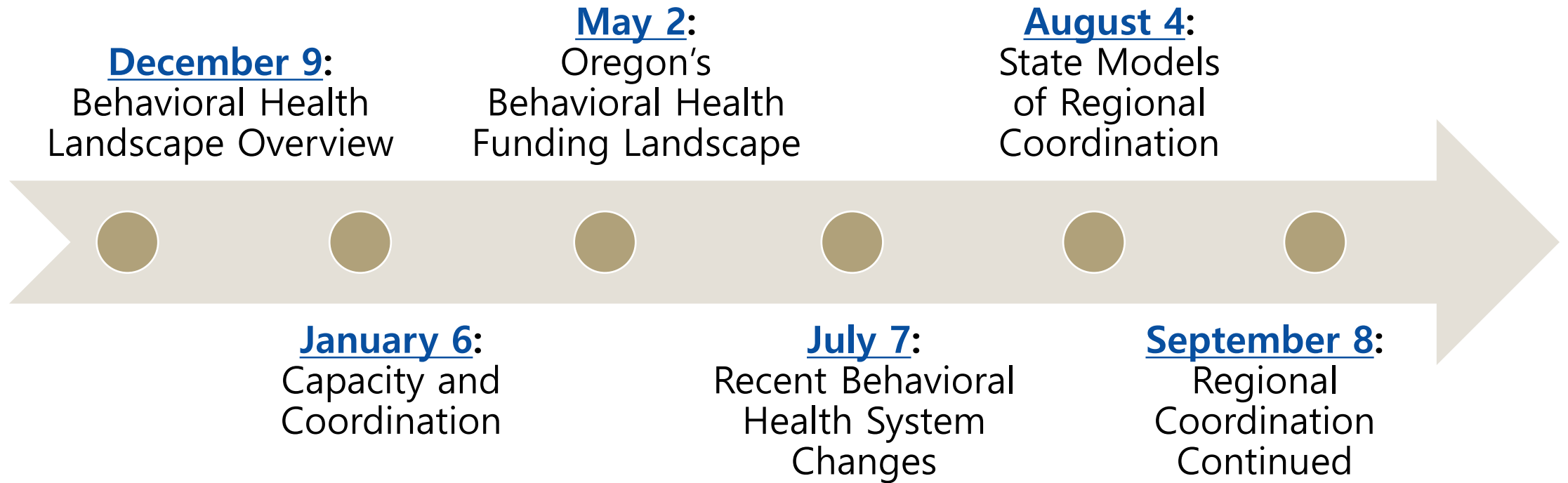
ALIGNING
GOVERNANCE AND
FUNDING
STRUCTURES



INCREASING SYSTEM
TRANSPARENCY



Informational Meeting Overview



Content Overview

Behavioral Health Landscape

- Oregon's Behavioral Health Landscape
- National Behavioral Health State Rankings

Capacity and Coordination

- Oregon's Behavioral Health Coordination Center and Mental Health Treatment Capacity Model

Oregon's Behavioral Health Funding Landscape

- Presentation of LPRO research findings

Recent Behavioral Health System Changes

- Lessons from the Governor's Office regional behavioral health discussions
- County Financial Assistance Agreement Updates
 - 2025 legislative session highlights

State Models of Regional Coordination

- Colorado's Behavioral Health Administrative Service Organizations
- Arizona's Regional Behavioral Health Authorities
- Minnesota's Adult Mental Health Initiatives
- LPRO summary of additional state models



Task Force Problem Statement

Funding decisions in Oregon's behavioral health system are made based on a variety of factors specific to the funding source and without consistent collaboration across these entities. While there is care coordination at the ground level, at the systems level there is a need to improve **transparency** and **collaboration** to support efficient funding across the system, particularly in coordinating for individuals with severe mental illness or subject to court-ordered treatment.



HR 1

- On July 4, 2025, President Trump signed [H.R. 1](#) (the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act”) into law.
- On August 11, the Oregon Department of Administrative Services (DAS) released a [report](#) outlining the preliminary estimated impacts of H.R. 1 on state agencies and programs, including impacts to the Oregon Health Authority and Department of Human Services.
- The Task Force is considering how the potential impacts of H.R.1 might impact final recommendations.



Forthcoming Report and Recommendations

Remaining Task Force Meetings:

- October 6th
- November 3rd
- December 8th

The Task Force will submit its final recommendations to the interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to health by December 15, 2025.



Thank you. Questions?

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