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AGENDA DATE: September 21, 2005  
TO: Board of County Commissioners  
DEPARTMENT: Health & Human Services  
PRESENTED BY: Rob Rockstroh



AGENDA TITLE: ORDER \_\_\_\_\_ / IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING TWO FULL TIME (2.0 FTE) MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS POSITIONS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005 AND APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$159,024 IN REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR FY 2005-2006 IN FUND 286 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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**I. MOTION**

ORDER \_\_\_\_\_ / In the Matter of Establishing Two Full-Time (2.0 FTE) Mental Health Specialist Positions effective July 1, 2005 and Appropriating an Additional \$159,024 in Revenue and Expenditures for FY 2005-2006 in Fund 286 Department of Health & Human Services.

**II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM**

Department of Human Services Oregon Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS) has increased funding for mental health services to children and youth in Lane County to implement the new Children's Systems Change Initiative. In order to provide mental health services with these new funds, two new children's mental health specialists positions must be established and funds appropriated.

**III. DISCUSSION**

**A. Background**

Historically, The Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS) has met the mental health needs of Oregon's children and youth through a variety of direct contracts with mental health providers throughout the state. The 2003 Oregon Legislative Assembly, through a Budget Note, mandated significant changes for the Children's Mental Health System in Oregon in how services are provided and funds distributed.

The key elements of the new Children's Systems Change Initiative include integrating intensive treatment services (acute hospital, psychiatric residential treatment, psychiatric day treatment) and intensive community based

treatment services into the local or regional managed care system for Medicaid eligible children. Here in Lane County, the local managed care system for mental health is LaneCare. The Community Mental Health Programs (CMHP) will have the new responsibility for coordinating intensive treatment services and intensive community based treatment services for those children uninsured or for children who are Medicaid eligible and not enrolled in the managed care system (open-card, fee-for-service).

The CMHP will be required to complete level of needs determination whereby children or youth are assessed for medically appropriate mental health treatment which determines the appropriate level of care and results in a child or youth being referred for intensive treatment services or intensive community based treatment services. In addition to the levels of need determination, the CMHP is responsible for continuous care coordination and discharge planning for children and youth in residential programs.

The goals of the new Children's System Change Initiative are to insure local management of children's mental health funds; require that mental health funds designated for children be spent on children and provide mental health services in the least restrictive and natural community environment as possible. OMHAS desires to reduce the historical pattern of children being placed out of their communities and in treatment facilities for extended periods of time without coordinated services to return the children to their communities or without treatment plans that are community based. In addition, the Children's System Change Initiative requires more intensive and comprehensive family involvement through Family Advisory Councils and mental health services based on evidence-based practices. It is anticipated that more children and youth in Lane County will be able to access these new funds and thus more children and youth will receive mental health services.

B. Analysis

The Children's System Change Initiative is a major change in the way mental health services are provided to children, youth and their families. Historically, Lane County has not received its fair share of funds to provide children's mental health. With this new system change, OMHAS has allocated to Lane County \$378,000 for the 2005-2006 fiscal year to provide mental health services to children and their families and an additional \$378,000 for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. Lane County has not received the amendment from Department of Human Services awarding these funds as of this date. Once the amendment is received, the remainder of the funds will be allocated through supplemental budget. The allocation of \$159,024 is solely for personnel and related M&S costs. No personnel will be hired until the DHS amendment is received and executed.

New Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR 309-032-124 thru 309-032-1305) have been adopted to prescribe the new standards and procedures expected of providers who will be providing intensive community-based treatment and support services (ICTS). Lane County Mental Health is in the process of applying for ICTS certification. The two additional mental health specialist positions will allow for a caseload of approximately 40 children and families for each specialist and will increase access to mental health services for the children and their families in Lane County.

**C. Alternative / Options**

1. To establish two-full time (2.0 FTE) Mental Health Specialist positions effective July 1, 2005 and appropriate an additional \$159,024 in revenue and expenditures for FY 2005-2006 in Fund 286 Department of Health & Human Services. This will allow Lane County Mental Health to add capacity to the children's mental health program and serve the additional children and youth expected through the Children's System Change Initiative.
2. Not to establish two full-time (2.0 FTE) Mental Health Specialist positions effective July 1, 2005 and appropriate an additional \$159,024 in revenue and expenditures for FY 2005-2006 in Fund 286 Department of Health & Human Services. If these positions are not established and these funds not allocated, Lane County Mental Health will still be required to provide these children mental health services but caseload size will be larger and meeting the access demands for children's mental health will be more difficult.

**D. Recommendation**

To approve the motion stated above.

**E. Timing**

These positions will be established as soon as possible after Board approval.

**IV. IMPLEMENTATION / FOLLOW-UP**

Upon Board approval, revenues and expenditures will be increased in Health & Human Services and Lane County Human Resources will create a position numbers and post these positions.

**V. ATTACHMENT**

Board Order

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON**

**RESOLUTION AND ORDER:** ) IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING TWO FULL TIME (2.0 FTE)  
) MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS POSITIONS EFFECTIVE JULY 1,  
) 2005 AND APPROPRIATING AN ADDITIONAL \$159,024 IN  
) REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR FY 2005-2006 IN FUND  
) 286 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

WHEREAS, the 2003 Oregon Legislative Assembly, through a Budget Note, mandated significant changes for the Children's Mental Health System in Oregon; and

WHEREAS, the Children's System Change Initiative is the new program to serve children, youth and their families with mental health problems; and

WHEREAS, the Community Mental Health Programs (CMHP) will have the new responsibility for coordinating intensive treatment services and intensive community based treatment services for those children uninsured or for children who are Medicaid eligible and not enrolled in the managed care system (open-card, fee-for-service); and

WHEREAS, OMHAS has allocated to Lane County \$378,000 for the 2005-2006 fiscal year to provide for mental health services to children and their families through the Children's System Change Initiative of which \$159,024 are being appropriated for personnel costs; and

WHEREAS, upon receipt and execution of the Department of Human services amendment awarding these funds, the remainder will be appropriated in the supplemental budget, and;

WHEREAS, two additional mental health specialist positions will allow for a caseload of approximately 40 children and families for each specialist and will increase access to mental health services for the children and their families in Lane County.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Board of County Commissioners establish two full-time (2.0 FTE) Mental Health Specialist positions effective July 1, 2005 and appropriate an additional \$159,024 in revenue and expenditures for FY 2005-2006 in Fund 286 Department of Health & Human Services.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of September, 2005

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Anna Morrison, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM  
Date 9/9/05 Lane County  
J. Aidan  
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

October 13, 2004 Agenda Item

Zoe and Teresa:

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**Personnel Changes**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Title/Position Number</b>	<b>FTE Change</b>	<b>Job Code</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>	<b>Position Cost</b>	<b>Benefit Cost</b>
3427412	Mental Health Specialist	1.0 FTE	B012	7/1/05	\$42,328	\$29,137
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<b>TOTAL</b>		2.0 FTE			\$84,656	\$58,274

**Materials and Services Changes**

<b>Program</b>	<b>Line Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>
286-3427412	512552- IS Direct	\$11,294
286-3427412	512622 – DP supplies	\$2,000
286-3427412	512611 – Office supplies	\$2,000
286-3427412	512344 – phone include install	\$800
<b>TOTAL</b>		\$16,094
<b>TOTAL ORDER CHANGE</b>		\$159,024