

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

Resolution No.

11-4-13-4

In the matter of providing input to the Oregon Department of Human Services for budgetary priorities during the 2011-13 biennium

WHEREAS, the current mental health system configuration is a central component of on-going discussions at the Oregon Legislative Assembly with regards to the development of a balanced biennial budget; and

WHEREAS community mental health services have proven cost-effective in enabling people with serious mental illness to thrive in the community; and

WHEREAS Oregon's Addictions and Mental Health Division and Community Mental Health Programs have developed a co-management plan together to facilitate better integration between the state and community-based providers; and

WHEREAS creation of community based mental health facilities in strategic locations across Oregon would create numerous benefits including assuring continued proximity of the consumer with family, friends and community resources; assuring access to needed treatment; providing jobs and economic stimulus of under-served areas; and

WHEREAS community based programs and facilities offer the opportunity for federal Medicaid match for operating costs which are not available for institutional care settings; and


WHEREAS the US Department of Justice is recognizing the importance of providing care in community settings, and failing to support investments in local programs could risk a federal lawsuit under Olmstead;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lane County Board of Commissioners supports adequately funding community mental health programs and small regional facilities across Oregon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lane County Board of Commissioners considers the construction and operation of a scaled-down state hospital proposed for Junction City to be an issue not related to the current biennial budget discussions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lane County Board of Commissioners directs the Intergovernmental Relations Manager to indicate to the Oregon Legislature the Board's support for funding proposals that increase resources for community based mental health programs.

Effective this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011

  
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Chair, Lane County Board of County Commissioners