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**Cc:** Keri Hinton; Crystal Cox; Christina Malae; Christian Boenisch; Lindsey Manfrin; Amy Thorkildson  
**Subject:** Board Authorization: Silas Halloran-Steiner to sign for CCBHC participation with OHA demonstration program  
**Attachments:** 050517\_Yamhill\_CCBHC.pdf

Hi Mary and Laura,

I am requesting Board Authorization to sign a letter of agreement between Yamhill County Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Oregon Health Authority for the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs) Demonstration Program, effective April 1, 2017 through March 31, 2019. Oregon is one of eight states in the nation that has been selected in a competitive process to participate in a two year demonstration project with federal funds and technical support from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Within Oregon we are one of 11 centers who will build additional capacity for integrated care, as well as operate under a pilot payment model similar to the Federally Qualified Health Centers. All of the model of care improvements are in line with existing goals within our HHS programs.

Overall, the project will also allow us to better serve veterans and other populations who might not otherwise easily access our services. I recommend the Board authorize my signature on behalf of the County. It is also important to note that there is language that permits a CCBHC to withdraw at any moment without cause. In the event that federal funding is reduced or insufficient, I will return to the Board with any recommendations regarding continued participation.

Lastly, if approved, I am also requesting the following mid-year additions to HHS Position Management roster for 2016-2017 so we may begin critical position recruitments. Please note that other clinical positions will be recommended, however, these two must come first in order to design and implement the service and data tracking change within a CCBHC model:

1. 1.0 FTE of Data Analyst

This position, working title Electronic Health Record (EHR) Technical Support Specialist, will ensure that our health record is built out to track the new CCBHC, Physician Quality Reporting System (PQRS), and Meaningful Use measures, document EHR business rules related to these measures, train staff on EHR improvements related to these measures, and participate in code writing and EHR system design toward these needed enhancements.

2. 1.0 FTE of Human Services Specialist II

This position, working title of Quality Improvement Specialist, will be responsible for providing programmatic assessment and improvement for key CCBHC clinical quality measures, process improvement recommendations based on data for performance and program evaluation initiatives, lead efforts with partner agencies who participate in the project, assist with writing reports and analysis on improvement data, and will assist in the development and coordination of project assignments.

These positions, along with other clinical capacity building positions, will be added into the HHS recommended changes for 2017-2018 budget adoption in June for Board Consideration. An analysis of our Oregon Health Plan Open Card revenue suggests that this new CCBHC payment mechanism will increase our open card revenue by 65%, which would support the increased administrative staff costs.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Crystal/Keri, please place this request on next week's Board Agenda for approval. Suggested Board Agenda language:

"Authorize Silas Halloran-Steiner to sign a Letter of Agreement with the Oregon Health Authority for Yamhill County Health and Human Services to participate in the Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic national demonstration project."

"Add the following to the HHS 2016-2017 Position Management authority:

1. 1.0 FTE of Data Analyst
2. 1.0 FTE of Human Services Specialist II"

Thanks,

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 Board of Commissioners on  
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