

Analysis
Oregon Health Authority
Behavioral Health Regional Governance Report

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Request: Acknowledge receipt of a progress report on the development of a behavioral health regional governance model.

Analysis: During the 2017 legislative session, the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) presented the recommendations from the Behavioral Health Collaborative, including recommendations for a regional governance model. The Subcommittee expressed their intent that this should not create a new layer of bureaucracy, but rather build on existing relationships. The following budget note was included:

The Oregon Health Authority shall work with coordinated care organizations, County Mental Health Programs, local Public Health, local mental health authorities, and others, within each geographic area, to create a single plan of shared accountability for behavioral health system coordination that builds on existing structures and partnerships and fosters further innovation and collaboration with other organizations, by July of 2018. The agency shall provide a progress report to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means during the 2018 legislative session, and a final report to the Legislature by December of 2018 on each region's governance model and plan for shared accountability.

This progress report is based on recommendations from the Behavioral Health Collaborative Governance and Finance workgroup, that was convened to advise OHA on the implementation of the single plan of shared accountability. This single plan of shared accountability is called the Regional Behavioral Health Collaborative, emphasizing the aspect of partnerships rather than the creation of a new entity.

The agency has laid out a process for coordinated care organizations, local mental health authorities, county mental health programs, local public health authorities and other key system partners within each geographic area to come together to form Regional Behavioral Health Collaboratives. While the agency included a preliminary timeline in their letter, this could change based on experience gained with pilot projects.

- Phase 1: Submit Letter of Intent to OHA. This will include the geographic service area chosen, one accountable convener, and key system partners.
- Phase 2: Establish Priorities and Rationale. This will include a description and rationale for three selected behavioral health priority topic areas.
- Phase 3: Submit an Action Plan. This will include outcome goals, strategies, and how progress will be measured.
- Phase 4: Performance and Reporting, on an on-going basis.

The agency expects to use Oregon Administrative Rules to document this process and the role of local partnerships.

The report notes that some geographic areas are much further along in this process than others, and

OHA expects to begin piloting Collaboratives in those areas. The agency hopes to begin identifying regions for the pilot in the next month, intending to pilot a rural, urban, and frontier region. In addition, OHA will provide technical assistance through the Transformation Center to the Collaboratives who request it.

OHA will follow up with another report by December 2018, providing the basis for additional discussions during the 2019 legislative session.

Legislative Fiscal Office Recommendation: Acknowledge receipt of the report on the development of the behavioral health regional governance model.