



March 13, 2019

TO: Co-Chair Beyer, Co-Chair Nosse, and Members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means  
Subcommittee on Human Services  
FROM: Patrick Allen, Director, Oregon Health Authority  
SUBJECT: March 12, 2019, Committee Questions

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Dear Co-Chair Beyer, Co-Chair Nosse, and Members of the Joint Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to present before the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services on March 12, 2019, regarding the Oregon State Hospital. Please find below responses to questions raised during that presentation. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my office if you have further questions.

**1. Senator Beyer asked for more information about staff vacancies at the hospital.**

The Oregon State Hospital system has 2,284 approved permanent positions in the 2017-19 legislatively approved budget. Currently, 2,161 of those positions are filled by permanent employees. While this demonstrates a 5.4% vacancy rate on permanent positions, the OSH system also operates with a pool of limited duration, temporary, and contracted employees that are used to obtain the minimum required staffing levels, including precautions, and to cover for non-delivered staff. By factoring in the additional 307 staff, OSH is operating at a staffing level over the legislatively approved budget. This has been necessary due to a number of factors, including higher acuity levels as discussed in committee.

**2. Representative Hayden asked about the cost of the KEPRO contract.**

OHA's contract with KEPRO totals \$27.3 million. This includes services for several programs, not just the state hospital.

Within that contract, up to \$7.7 million is designated for various behavioral health services. Within that amount, as of February 2019, \$2.3 million has been paid to KEPRO for services related to the state hospital or to individuals served by it. Those services include:

- Conflict Free Case Management (independent review of patients deemed ready to transition)
- Concurrent review of need for inpatient care
- Monthly Residential Census and Report
- Performance payment for each patient assisted to discharge

Again, please contact me or my office if you have any further questions. Thank you.