



Testimony in support of HB 4082

Behavioral Health Road Map Commission

February 4, 2020

Dear Chair Greenlick and Members of the House Behavioral Health Committee,

On behalf of the Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs (AOCMHP), representing the 32 community mental health program directors across the state, I am writing to express support for HB 4082 to establish a Behavioral Health Road Map Commission.

We appreciate the interest and initiative from the Legislature in creating a legislator-led structure to help guide the evolution of the behavioral health system by assessing the adequacy of the current funding and system components, and identifying ways we can improve, such as through enhanced investments in the community-based infrastructure and the behavioral health workforce, and by strengthening mental health/addictions parity laws and enforcement.

We strongly encourage the Behavioral Health Road Map Commission to begin by reviewing past studies and reports that were completed with similar intentions and to consult with state and local behavioral health system partners to hear about successes and challenges on the ground.

Please support HB 4082 to help guide the future of the behavioral health system.

Sincerely,

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