



## **AOCMHP Testimony in Support of HB 4098**

**2/9/2022**

Dear Chair Nosse, Vice-Chairs Moore-Green and Reynolds, Members of the Committee,

For the record, my name is Cherryl Ramirez, and I am the Executive Director of the Association of Oregon Community Mental Health Programs, representing all CMHPs across the state, whose role is to manage the local BH safety net. CMHPs are also part of the delivery system that provides substance use prevention, early intervention and treatment services for people in their communities.

I just want to voice our appreciation for the collaborative process among all parties to craft the enabling legislation for the opioid settlement through the HB 4098 -2 amendments. I am also glad to see CMHPs represented on the Opioid Settlement Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Board, and completely agree with the allocation priorities listed as predominantly programs that provide treatment, prevention, and recovery services for people with opioid use disorders and co-occurring disorders. I look forward to these funds being used to complement the M110 and other funds to truly change the trajectory for people struggling with substance use disorders.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support for HB 4098.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director, AOCMHP