



To: Sen. Deb Patterson, Chair  
Sen. Cedric Hayden, Vice Chair  
Members of the Senate Health Care Committee

**Testimony in Support of SB 624 Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs)**

Dear Senator Patterson, Vice Chair Hayden and members of the Senate Health Care Committee:

My name is Anna Braun with Dalton Advocacy and I am submitting this testimony on behalf of our client Greater Oregon Behavioral Health Inc, (GOBHI).

GOBHI is a Behavioral Health and Social Services Network working in 12 rural/frontier counties with the goal of empowering individuals and communities to achieve better health. GOBHI was established in 1994 and is a non-profit organization.

**GOBHI strongly supports the creation of more CCBHCs in Oregon.**

A CCBHC (Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic) model is designed to ensure access to coordinated comprehensive behavioral health care. CCBHCs must provide care coordination to help people navigate behavioral health care, physical health care, social services, and the other systems they are involved in. An important feature of the CCBHC model is that it requires crisis services that are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. CCBHCs are considered the gold standard of integrated sustainable care with much of the funding matched by federal funds.

Please see the attached one pager that contains more information about CCBHCs.