

# *MEND THE GAP*

**AN ACTION PLAN**

## *WHERE DO WE GO?*

Delve into solutions to Oregon's behavioral health crisis

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\$18.9m**

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## THE TASK FORCE

Examine solutions to our health licensing challenges.  
(HB 4071 -1)

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## SOCIAL WORK COMPACT

Passed in two states, pending in many others. Just passed the Washington House unanimously. (HB 4071 -2)

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## COUNSELING COMPACT

Passed in 32 states with more pending.  
(HB 4071 -3)

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## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INCENTIVE SUBACCOUNT

A proven strategy to improve the recruitment and retention of behavioral health practitioners. A \$10m ask.

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## THE CENTER FOR ADDICTION TRIAGE AND TREATMENT (CATT)

Funding for the CATT will add 86 treatment beds to Washington County's system of care. A \$8.9m ask.



# *HB 4071 -1, -2, -3*

The -1 amendment creates the Task Force on Health Professional Licensing Modernization which includes members who will identify ways to improve Oregon's health licensure process.

The -2 amendment directs Oregon to adopt the Social Work Licensure Compact. Already passed by several states with some actively in consideration right now, this will create reciprocity with other states to improve Oregon's Behavioral Health Workforce crisis.

The -3 amendment passes the Counseling Compact which has been approved by 28 states. This too creates reciprocity with other states to help Oregon tap into additional pools of workers across the country.

Taken together, these amendments represent a significant advancement in health and behavioral health workforce development.

Learn more at:  
<https://counselingcompact.org/>  
<https://swcompact.org/>

# *\$10M TO COUNTIES FOR THE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WORKERS*

HB 2949 drafted by Rep. Janelle Bynum in 2021 created the Behavioral Health Incentive Subaccount. The bill proved to be a successful measure that allowed for the retention and expansion of Oregon's behavioral health workforce.

Now with Oregon poised to expand its treatment facilities, a similar investment will be necessary to ensure that each treatment bed built has the necessary staff to serve clients and the community.

The Behavioral Health Incentive Subaccount can be used to support the whole student and worker by funding:

- Scholarships
- Loan forgiveness
- Housing assistance
- Sign-on bonuses
- Retention bonuses
- Tuition assistance
- Child care

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The Center for Addiction Triage and Treatment (CATT) will be a comprehensive center offering assessment, sobering, withdrawal support, residential treatment, transition supports, peer mentoring and outpatient services. In addition, we want to provide co-located health services and housing supports so a person with a substance use disorder can get most of their needs met through a single program. With nearly 80,000 sq. ft. of clinical space across two buildings, the center will add 86 treatment beds to our system of care, along with peer mentoring and outpatient care.



The program is centered on the values of rapid access, racial equity, family inclusion, integrated mental health support and person-centered services. The CATT will bring together systems to provide a central access point into various social services, including supported housing and employment resources.

Total ask: \$8.9m

\$3.8m for Capital Construction  
\$5.1m for startup and sobering operation funds over FY25, FY26, FY27.

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