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TO: House Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care
FROM: Vanessa Cornwall, Lane County Intergovernmental Relations Officer
RE: HB 2317, Relating to Coordinated Care Organizations

Dear Chair Nosse, Co-Chair Javadi and Nelson, and Members of the Committee:

Lane County strongly supports HB 2317, which seeks to enhance the governance of Coordinated Care Organizations (CCO) by requiring the inclusion of at least one representative from a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) and one senior public health official.

CCOs were designed to play a critical role in ensuring access to quality, integrated healthcare for Oregonians. By adding representatives from FQHCs and public health leadership to the governing bodies of CCOs, as is the case in Lane County, this bill strengthens the ability of these organizations to address health disparities, improve service coordination, and ensure that community needs are reflected in decision making.

FQHCs serve as a vital safety net for underserved communities, providing essential primary and preventative care to low-income, uninsured, and unhoused individuals in our community. Their inclusion in CCO governance ensures that the voices of those most impacted by healthcare policy are represented. Additionally, public health officials bring expertise in population health, disease prevention, and social determinants of health, all of which are necessary for a comprehensive, community-centered approach to care delivery.

This bill aligns with Oregon's commitment to healthcare transformation by fostering greater collaboration between healthcare providers and public health entities. It will lead to improved health outcomes, reduced disparities, and a stronger more equitable healthcare system statewide.

Lane County urges the passage of HB 2317 to take this important step toward a more inclusive and effective healthcare system.

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