

Good afternoon, Co-Chairs, for the record my name is Robin Winkle, I am the Director of Operations for Shangri-La.

I am here today to advocate for the expansion of residential treatment homes (RTHs) in Lane County to better serve individuals with severe and persistent mental illness (SPMI). Shangri-La currently operates 4 RTH's providing 24-hour support for 5 individuals with SPMI in Lane County. We are seeking funds to purchase and renovate an additional home, allowing us to increase our capacity and meet the growing and urgent needs of this population.

The need for these services is significant. Individuals with SPMI often face complex challenges that require comprehensive, on-going support beyond traditional outpatient services. Our current RTH model provides a crucial environment of stability, structure, and individualized care, fostering recovery and integration into the community. This model, proven effective in supporting individuals with SPMI, is critical to their well-being and the overall health and safety of our community.

The proposed expansion, through the purchase and renovation of an additional home, will allow us to:

- **Increase capacity:** Supporting five more individuals with SPMI in a safe and supportive environment.
- **Reduce hospital re-admissions:** Stable housing is a proven factor in preventing repeated inpatient stays.
- **Improve outcomes:** Extend access to the proven support and stability of our RTH model, leading to improved recovery and community integration for those served.
- **Enhance community well-being:** By providing comprehensive support, our RTHs contribute to a safer and more stable community for all residents.

We understand the financial commitment involved in this project. We have developed a detailed financial plan which we have shared with the committee and are prepared to provide the 10% match, or more if needed. We are confident that the return on investment in the well-being of our community's most vulnerable residents will be significant. Thank you for your time and consideration.