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MEMORANDUM

From the office of

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County Administrator

Request for brief update to BCC on BH Housing Investment at future Issues meeting

This memo is intended to provide both clarification on the recent Consent Agenda item from June 14, 2022, in which H3S-Behavioral Health Division requested approval to apply for Behavioral Health (BH) Housing Investments, and to request 5 minutes at a future Issues meeting (*July 12th or July 19th*) to answer any questions and provide clarification to the Board of County Commissioners regarding this funding.

HB 5202 (BH Housing Investment) allocated \$100 M to the 32 Community Mental Health Programs (CMHPs) using an equitable funding formula. The portion for Clackamas County BHD is \$4.7M, the 3rd largest amount. This money is not the same funding passed previously by legislation allowing for \$300M to be distributed by the Oregon Health Authority for various types of BH Housing, through a competitive request for grant application and in three phases over 2021 and 2022.

The BH Housing Investment allowable use is for either short term or permanent housing with the priority population focused on the significant number of individuals under Aid and Assist who are waiting to either get into the state hospital or ready to discharge from the state hospital. Clackamas BHD's goal is to create transitional housing so that these individuals can successfully be 'restored' in the community (rather than the Oregon State Hospital) where they can aid in their own defense during their legal processes. The 2nd priority are for those individuals who are currently under civil commitment at local hospitals and are unable to get into the state hospital due to lack of capacity. Our goal is to get them temporarily housed, stable and then on to permanent housing. We will be able to divert some individuals from jail right into this housing. Supportive services both on-site and contracted out will address both mental health and substance use needs.

While these are one-time funds, we believe that we will be able to partner with other funding such as Supportive Housing Services and other OHA Behavioral Health Housing funds to support a community based provider long term in maintaining a housing program for our forensic population.

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Once OHA approves our application, we expect to go out for a competitive request for proposal and will be seeking qualified community-based organizations (non-profits) to apply for both the housing and support services that are allowable under the funding. We will require on-site peer support services as part of the proposal.

Additional questions can be submitted to Mary Rumbaugh, BHD Director at maryrum@clackamas.us.