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AGENDA DATE: August 6, 2006  
TO: Board of County Commissioners  
DEPARTMENT: Health & Human Services  
PRESENTED BY: Rob Rockstroh



AGENDA TITLE: ORDER \_\_\_\_\_ / IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING ONE FULL TIME (1.0 FTE) MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST 2 POSITION FOR LANECARE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2006 AND APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$54,423 IN REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR FY 2006-2007 IN FUND 287 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

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**I. MOTION**

ORDER \_\_\_\_\_ / In the Matter of Establishing One Full-Time (1.0 FTE) Mental Health Specialist 2 Position for LaneCare Mental Health Services effective October 1, 2006 and Appropriate an Additional \$54,423 in Revenue and Expenditures for FY 2006-2007 in Fund 287 Department of Health & Human Services.

**II. ISSUE OR PROBLEM**

LaneCare, Lane County's Managed Mental Health Organization, requires an additional Mental Health Specialist 2, performing the duties of care coordination, to meet increase workload demand due to the new complex Children's System Change Initiative, to increase inter-system coordination among LaneCare provider panel and to increase management of adults in psychiatric hospitals in order to better manage acute care costs.

**III. DISCUSSION**

A. Background

LaneCare is a Lane County Program within Lane County Health & Human Services. Lane County contracts with the State of Oregon Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health and Addiction Services to receive monthly Oregon Health Plan capitated mental health funds and provide mental health services to the approximately 35,000 Lane County residents who are Oregon Health Plan members.

The Care Coordinator duties include authorization for outpatient mental health services beyond the routine allowable services hours, non-emergency hospital admissions, psychiatric residential treatment for children and adolescents and day treatment for children. Care Coordinators serve as gatekeepers to manage utilization of resources that ensure appropriate access to treatment and services for LaneCare members and maintain services within capitation dollars awarded to the County.

**B. Analysis**

Since the inception of LaneCare nine years ago, new state requirements, new initiatives and more demand for mental health treatment services has increased the complexity of the Mental Health Specialist 2 position performing the duties of care coordination. The duties of the care coordinator provide an integral gate keeping function for LaneCare. This new position will help further develop a strength-based mental health system that provides cost effective, comprehensive, and individualized care to children, adolescents and adults with a serious mental illness. This position will promote a coordinated mental health service delivery system with community partners, help members access appropriate mental health treatment, oversee mental health care coordination for eligible children with complex mental health needs, review authorization requests, make determination of appropriateness of authorization requests, assure coordination of service planning and delivery, and perform utilization management activities and monitor system performance.

This position will be funded through capitation dollars received from the state. Establishing this position will allow LaneCare to perform essential coordinating tasks that ensure mental health access to services and financial stability by managing utilization and resources.

**C. Alternative / Options**

1. To establish one full-time (1.0 FTE) Mental Health Specialist 2 position for LaneCare mental health services effective October 1, 2006 and appropriate an additional \$54,423 in revenue and expenditures for FY 2006-2007 in Fund 287 Department of Health & Human Services. This will allow for effective utilization of mental health services and management of capitation dollars.
2. Not to establish one full-time (1.0 FTE) Mental Health Specialist 2 position for LaneCare mental health services effective October 1, 2006 and appropriate an additional \$54,423 in revenue and expenditures for FY 2006-2007 in Fund 287 Department of Health & Human Services. If this position is not established, the current staff will be unable to complete some essential care coordination tasks that could put

LaneCare at increased financial and legal risk due to access and utilization issues.

D. Recommendation

To approve the motion stated above.

E. Timing

This position will be established after Board approval with the effective date of October 1, 2006.

**IV. IMPLEMENTATION / FOLLOW-UP**

Upon Board approval, revenues and expenditures will be increased in Health & Human Services and Lane County Human Resources will create a position number and post this position.

**V. ATTACHMENT**

Board Order

**THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON**

**RESOLUTION AND ORDER:** ) IN THE MATTER OF ESTABLISHING ONE FULL-TIME (1.0 FTE)  
) MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST POSITION 2 FOR LANECARE  
) MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2006  
) AND APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$54,423 IN REVENUE AND  
) EXPENDITURES FOR FY 2006-2007 IN FUND 287 DEPARTMENT  
) OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

WHEREAS, LaneCare, Lane County's Managed Mental Health Organization receives capitation funds to provide mental health services to Oregon Health Plan members; and

WHEREAS, LaneCare utilizes Mental Health Specialist 2 position to perform the duties of care coordination; and

WHEREAS, Care Coordinators perform the necessary tasks of managing authorization, utilization and access to mental health services within capitation dollars received from the State of Oregon; and

WHEREAS, LaneCare desires to establish an additional Mental Health Specialist 2 position, performing the duties of care coordination; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of this new position is necessary due to increase workload demand of the Children's System Change Initiative, increase inter-system coordination and the need for increase management of adult in psychiatric hospitals in order to better manage acute care costs .

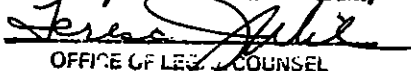
NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Board of County Commissioners establish one full-time (1. FTE) Mental Health Specialist 2 position for LaneCare mental health services effective October 1, 2006 and appropriate an additional \$54,423 in revenue and expenditures for FY 2006-2007 in Fund 287 Department of Health & Human Services.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of August 2006

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Bill Dwyer, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date 7/24/06 Lane County

  
OFFICE OF LEGAL COUNSEL

**Personnel Changes**

| <b>Program</b> | <b>Title/Position Number</b> | <b>FTE Change</b> | <b>Job Code</b> | <b>Effective Date</b> | <b>Position Cost</b> | <b>Benefit Cost</b> |
|----------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 3427710        | Mental Health Specialist 2   | 1.0 FTE           | B012            | 10/01/06              | \$29,531             | \$22,417            |
| <b>TOTAL</b>   |                              | 1.0 FTE           |                 |                       | \$29,531             | \$22,417            |

**Materials and Services Changes**

| <b>Program</b>            | <b>Line Item</b>           | <b>Cost</b> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|
| 287-3427710               | IS indirect (including PC) | 2,475       |
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| <b>TOTAL</b>              |                            | \$2,475     |
| <b>TOTAL ORDER CHANGE</b> |                            | \$54,423    |