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Memorandum

Date: October 5, 2012

To: Stakeholder

From: Linda Hammond, Interim Director

Subject: Accepting Applications for the Addictions & Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council

During the last eighteen months, the Addictions and Mental Health Division (AMH) has been engaged in restructuring how we do business. This work could not have been done, without the invaluable input and guidance from our stakeholders. AMH is committed to continuing this effective communication and collaboration moving forward.

With this in mind, AMH gathered feedback and recommendations from the existing advisory groups about how the advisory activities could be used more effectively and efficiently. These recommendations, along with the needs of AMH System Change, Health System Transformation and guidance from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) led AMH in creating the Addictions and Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council (AMHPAC). This new structure renews the focus of our advisory groups to be more effective and to reinvigorate the council's role in addictions and mental health processes.

AMHPAC will meet the planning council requirements for the Mental Health Block Grant and will be responsible to:

- Review the Combined Mental Health and Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant application and reports;
- Serve as an advocate for children, youth, young adults and adults with behavioral health disorders; and
- Monitor, review and evaluate the allocation and adequacy of behavioral health services in Oregon. AMHPAC membership will consist of no more than 50 percent State employees or providers of behavioral health services.

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AMHPAC members will be expected to attend and participate in AMHPAC meetings and attend and participate in at least one subcommittee. The subcommittees are: Behavioral Health Promotion and Behavioral Health Disorders Prevention; Treatment; Recovery Support Services; and Olmstead/Housing. Additionally, an Executive Committee will be formed which also will serve a Metrics and Data subcommittee because these affect the council as a whole, as well as its subcommittees. Each subcommittee will develop a charter that clearly defines its scope, dependencies and deliverables.

A diagram of AMHPAC and its subcommittees, a list of seats available on AMHPAC, and a membership application are included with this letter.

Applications for AMHPAC will be accepted through close of business on November 5, 2012. Half of the AMHPAC members will be appointed initially to a two-year term and the other half to a three-year term by the Director of AMH. Ongoing term lengths will be determined by the council in the development of its bylaws. Applicants will be notified whether or not they have been appointed to the council by Dec. 5, 2012. An orientation and strategic planning session will be held on Jan. 15 - 16, 2013, to begin the work of the council.

I would like to thank you, in advance, for your interest in joining AMHPAC. Should you have any questions or need further information, please call Marisha L. Johnson, Mental Health Planner, at 503-947-5544 or email her at Marisha.L.Johnson@state.or.us.

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