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Members of the Community Review Board  
Oregon Health Authority  
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Dear Committee Members,

Asian Health & Service Center (AHSC) has pursued a mission for the past 42 years to be the bridge between Asian and American cultures and build a harmonious community. We focus on providing health care, community services and resources to Asian and immigrant community members across our region. This work relies on strong collaboration with other health providers, community organizations and health systems.

We appreciate the members of the Community Review Board for your time and energy to review the proposed integration of OHSU and Legacy. We understand that the Community Review Board is considering many factors, including OHSU's and Legacy's past record of community outreach and efforts to achieve health equity in health care access and outcomes.

We are submitting our comments in this letter to provide examples of OHSU's and Legacy's long-term commitment to community engagement and support for health equity dating back over 40 years.

- OHSU founded the Intercultural Psychiatric Program (IPP) in 1977 primarily to serve large groups of refugees arriving from Southeast Asia following the end of the Vietnam War and it has grown to serve many more communities since then. Dr. David Kinzie, M.D., helped start IPP at OHSU and was also a founding volunteer & Board Member of Asian Health & Service Center (AHSC) in 1983. Dr. Kinzie and OHSU further supported AHSC to start our own mental health program in 1985 which has grown since then.
- AHSC has organized nearly 20 annual community health fairs over the past two decades. OHSU has been a close partner in providing doctors, nurses and health services to help staff these health fairs held at AHSC's locations in SE Portland.
- Since 2016, AHSC and OHSU Casey Eye Institute have collaborated to provide neighborhood vision and eye health clinics at AHSC locations. Through this collaboration, we have been able help community members prevent permanent vision loss by identifying high risk problems early and scheduling urgent eye care procedures.



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- Since 2012, AHSC has hosted OHSU Nursing School students as part of their educational program. OHSU nursing students have worked regularly at AHSC to provide preventive health care and health education to our members. We have appreciated this opportunity to help educate the next generation of health providers on how to deliver culturally sensitive care, including to members who speak limited English.
  - From 2013 to 2017, we partnered with OHSU on the Interprofessional Care Access Network (I-CAN), a model of healthcare delivery and inter-professional education that serves vulnerable populations in underserved neighborhoods.
  - In 2015, AHSC carried out an assessment of cancer in the Asian community through a study supported by the OHSU Knight Cancer Institute. The study revealed a large gap in services to meet the specific needs of members of different Asian communities impacted by cancer. As a result, AHSC was able to start an innovative new program – Asian Cancer Resource & Support Services (ACRSS) – which is one of the only programs nationally offering culturally specific cancer support services. OHSU’s collaboration was a key element of AHSC’s launching this innovative program.
  - In 2012, Legacy trained and supported AHSC to deliver a curriculum called *Powerful Tools for Caregivers* which we have used since then to train and support family and community caregivers to support loved ones and friends at times of great need.
  - In 2023, Legacy Health provided a Tri-County Health grant which has helped sustain our services based in Washington County.

I hope this information will provide you with useful context and will help you understand OHSU’s historical and positive commitment to health equity. Thank you for ensuring that past and future commitment to health equity be a key factor in your analysis and recommendations.

Sincerely,

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