

Request for Public Hearing Regarding HCMO's Legacy-Pacific Source Application

To: Oregon Health Authority, Health Care Market Oversight Program

February 6, 2025

Dear Sir/Madame,

We write to request that the Community Review Board for HCMO Application 039-OHSU-Legacy hold a dedicated public hearing focused on the proposed foundation.

The Community First Campaign is a public engagement initiative mobilizing Community Based Organizations to ensure that any philanthropic resources generated through a historic OHSU & Legacy Health merger are centered on equity and governed by communities most impacted by health disparities. You can learn more about at ourhealthourfoundation.org.

We don't believe HCMO, as conceived, was designed to properly consider a health conversion foundation as proposed in both HCMO Applications. But it is possibly the only public avenue for our communities to weigh in about it. We were disappointed that a Community Review Board was not formed for HCMO Application 038 Legacy-Legacy Foundation-PacificSource. That CRB and subsequent public hearings would have provided a focused public venue for the important issues raised by this historic proposal for new foundation resources.

The CRB for HCMO Application 039-OHSU-Legacy has an incredibly important task to understand the impact on healthcare access, equity and cost presented by this merger in developing its recommendations. The public deserves hearings focused on this significant charge.

The CRB also deserves the chance to hear directly from community members about the foundation itself in a venue focused on the topic and given the attention it requires.

We look forward to sharing our own thoughts about the foundation in the weeks to come. We hope that includes a public hearing focused on this very important aspect of the proposed merger. We ask the CRB members to request it.

Sincerely,

Luz Reyna, Campaign Manager

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