

Behavioral Health Crisis System Advisory Committee

9/23/25

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Members present: Amy Fellows, Brant Wolf, Cherryl Ramirez, Chris Bouneff, Dannielle Brown, Juan Villalobos, Lane Magill, Laura Rose, Robin Henderson, Shree Aier, Stacy Brubaker, Talina Ali, Jennifer Fraga

Members absent: Erica Stolhand, Greg Borders, Stephanie Wachter

1. Agenda Item: Federal impacts on Oregon (Christa Jones)

There will be a provider listening session on September 30th with Community Mental Health Programs (CMHPs) and Association of Oregon Counties (AOCs). Updated information can be found on the [OHA website](#).

2. Agenda Item: Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD) Waiver Letter (Jon Collins)

Jon answered questions about the Institutions for Mental Diseases (IMD) Waiver. The Oregon Health Authority has been working with the Department of Justice and is following their guidance. Cherryl Ramirez will send Lauren Palma the legal analysis.

3. Agenda Item: Crisis Stabilization Center Workgroup

Invitations were sent to join the Crisis Stabilization Center Workgroup. Anyone interested in participating should contact Juliana Wichers at Juliana.S.Wichers@oha.oregon.gov.

4. Agenda Item: Presentation on Proposed Division 72 Rules Draft (Juliana Wichers and Brian Pitkin)

Juliana Wichers and Brian Pitkin presented the draft rules for Division 72 covering Mobile Crisis Intervention Services and Mobile Response and Stabilization Services. The full presentation can be viewed on the [Committee Web Page](#), along with the video. The committee provided comments, which Brian recorded in real time. Ebony Clarke will follow up on changing the wording from "Frontier" to "Remote." Since this wording change must be applied statewide, it cannot be changed in this document until that update occurs.

5. Agenda Item: Introduction to the County Financial Assistance Agreement (CFAA) (Jon Collins, Christa Jones, Marisha Elkins)

Due to time, this agenda item was not discussed.

6. Agenda Item: Next Month

- Local Plans for the CFAA.
- CSC Funding: Discussion to identify sustainable funding pathways for Crisis Stabilization Centers.
- 988/911 Update: Greg Borders and his team will provide an update on their recent work.

7. Agenda Item: Public Comment

Barb Ranish encouraged the use of the terms “turning microphones on/off” instead of “mute/unmute” for clarity. She also shared information from the September meeting of her Local Public Safety Coordinating Council (LPSCC), which included a presentation on Extreme Risk Protection Orders-similar to red flag laws-that address how to remove firearms from individuals who may be suicidal or homicidal. She stated that their use varies across the state and shared a link to the presentation. Barb also raised concerns about whether Portland Street Response can receive crisis funding, given how current rules are being written and the original local intentions for the program.