# SUD 1115 Waiver Application, Implementation Plan & State Plan Amendment

**Portland Townhall Minutes**

Tuesday, February 04, 2020 – 10:00am – 11:30am  
Portland State Office Building, 800 NE Oregon Street Portland, OR- Room 1C  
Conference Call Line: 1- 866-434-5269, Participant: 3490709

## Attendance

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<th>In Attendance</th>
<th>Alley Linn-foot; Kevin</th>
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<td>On Phone</td>
<td>None</td>
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<td>Staffed By</td>
<td>Megan Anya, Brandy Hemsley, Joanna Johnson</td>
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## Minutes

### Topic | Presenter | Discussion
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1. Informational | Joanna Johnson | An overview of both the SUD application and the SPA were provided. The goal is to create a full continuum of care for those with SUD. The group decided to start with the application.

Waiver activities:
1. Community Integration- Housing Supports
2. IMD +6 bed Exclusion
3. Recovery Supports-
   a. Provided access to Peer Delivered Services, by current treatment providers before during and after treatment / outside of a treatment plan. It is provided only in treatment currently.
   b. Create a new Provider type: Peer Run Organizations- who can then provide peer services outside of the traditional treatment model.

State Plan Amendment (SPA) Activities- Goal is to create parity in services between MH & SUD so there is equal access to services.
1. Case management
2. Crisis intervention
3. Skills training
4. Early/ Brief intervention services
5. **Prevention services**

We have 90 days after the SPA for the implementation plan to be submitted to CMS. The application and implementation plan are being submitted together in hopes of expediting the process. The Implementation Plan are the milestones (set by CMS) Oregon must achieve to apply for the SUD 1115 Waiver and how Oregon is or is planning to meet those. The first 10-12 pages of the application are background information.

The application for the waiver starts on page 10. A question was asked around behavioral health aides (BHA), which are NOT included, which it was agreed upon a summary in the background should be included. Along with a billing code for housing and those transitioning out of higher levels of care.

### 2. Questions & Dialogue

Alley asked how is this different from what they had asked from the SUD waiver 1915 amendment. Joanna explained that the idea is to help support services such as help pay for rent, help get matched funds for more beds in facilities and expand services. Alley stated that this would be great for the reason people are looking for that additional support outside of treatment.

Kevin stated it would be interesting to know how many SUD waivers are attached toBehavior health. Joanna responded that our waiver is related to 1115 rules which is works with CCOs and allows us to work with manage care organizations. Joanna also explained how our state plan amendment works and how the authority is provided. Also, that the SUD waiver will provide more sustained funding for the PRO’s and allow more leverage with CCOs.

### 3. Oral Testimony

None provided

### 4. Next Steps

Public Comment is from January 14 - February 21, 2020

Have presented to the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission, Medicaid Advisory Council, and the Addictions and Mental Health Policy Advisory Committee

Town halls to come (See Webpage):
- Roseburg; February 12, 2020
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<td>Tribal Consultation from January 13 - March 13, 2020</td>
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<td>Will be compiling comments and responses to be published by the end of March to the 1115 Waiver Webpage</td>
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<td>Edits will be made to the application from the comments</td>
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<td>We anticipate submitting the application and Implementation Plan to CMS in April</td>
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<td><em>Could be approved as early as 90 days post submission</em></td>
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**Next Townhall: Roseburg: Wednesday, February 12, 2020; 10-11:00pm- with a call in option**

**Oregon’s SUD 1115 Waiver Webpage:** [https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/Medicaid-Policy/Pages/SUD-Waiver.aspx](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HSD/Medicaid-Policy/Pages/SUD-Waiver.aspx)