

CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM ROUTING SLIP (ARS)
PART I – SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: RETURN TO BOC_OFFICE@CO.CURRY.OR.US

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: [CURRY COUNTY – TRANSFER CURRY LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY TO THE OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY - RESOLUTION - COMMISSIONER BOICE](#)

TIMELY FILED Yes No

AGENDA DATE: May 6, 2021 11:30 **DEPARTMENT:**
Board of Commissioners

1. Financial Stability 2. Economic Development 3. Quality of Life
4. Public Trust 5. Infrastructure

TIME NEEDED: 20 Minutes

RECOMMENDED AGENDA CATEGORY **ACTION ITEM**

MEMO ATTACHED Yes No

CONTACT PERSON: [COMMISSIONER BOICE](#) **TODAY'S DATE:** May 4, 2021

BRIEF BACKGROUND:

The Resolution recommended for Board consideration will be provided prior and read for the Board and Public ...

Curry Community Health has voluntarily offered to extend their Mental-Behavioral Health Services for Curry County through September 30th, 2021

For them to do this the approval of the Resolution is important and the next step.

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AGENDA ITEM TITLE: [CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – SPECIAL MEETING TO CONSIDER TRANSFERING THEIR LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY TO OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY \(OHA\) - COMMISSIONER BOICE](#)

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RECOMMENDED AGENDA CATEGORY **ACTION ITEM** General Meeting

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CONTACT PERSON: [COMMISSIONER BOICE](#) **TODAY'S DATE:** May 4, 2021

BRIEF BACKGROUND:

430.640 Duties of Oregon Health Authority in assisting and supervising community mental health programs; rules.

(1) The Oregon Health Authority, in carrying out the legislative policy declared in ORS 430.610, subject to the availability of funds, shall:

(a) Assist Oregon counties and groups of Oregon counties in the establishment and financing of community mental health programs operated or contracted for by one or more counties.

(b) If a county declines to operate or contract for a community mental health program, contract with another public agency or private corporation to provide the program. The county must be provided with an opportunity to review and comment.

Oregon Health Authority interprets statutes as follows: (OHA) contracts with the Local Mental Health Authority (LMHA) to either provide the services of the Community Mental Health Provider (CMHP) or subcontracts for the services of the CMHP.

If the LMHA is unable to do above, the option is to return the LMHA to OHA. With new Curry Mental Health issues surfacing, there is urgency for our County to responsibly act in the best interest of our Citizens; It is imperative that we promptly relinquish-transfer our LMHA to OHA. They will then become responsible for selecting an LMHA. We have been working very closely with OHA staff, the Community Care Organizations, and Adapt in regards to transitioning the responsibilities of the CMHP. By relinquishing the LMHA, we can then encourage and enable Adapt Health Care of Douglas County, or whomever the state selects, to Contract directly with OHA for important Curry County Mental Health Services.

This will also assist the new LMHA/CMHP to immediately work to recruit our current Curry Community Health employees that if they so choose to remain in our local communities.

Adapt Oregon is willing to take on the CMHP role, but cannot contract directly with Curry County and can only contract with the Community Care Organizations – Advanced and All Care Health. Court Boice is asking the Curry County Board of Commissioners to act promptly in responsibly transferring the Local Mental Health Authority (LMHA) to Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

Respectfully submitted:
Curry County Commissioner Court Boice

**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CURRY, OREGON**

Relinquishing Local Mental Health)
Authority (LMHA) back to the Oregon) RESOLUTION NO. _____
Health Authority (OHA), State of)
Oregon)

WHEREAS, the Curry County Board of Commissioners on this day held a Special Board Meeting to discuss the County returning the LMHA back to the OHA; and

WHEREAS, the County declines to operate or contract for a community mental health program; and

WHEREAS, following a lengthy discussion, the Board voted _____ in favor of the County relinquishing its' authority back to State; and

WHEREAS, by signing this resolution, and forwarding a signed copy to the OHA sets in motion the process for additional necessary paperwork to be completed/furnished by the County to the OHA; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF CURRY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS to designate County Counsel to work with the OHA regarding required necessary paperwork to relinquishing its' LMHA back to the OHA.

DATED this 6th day of May, 2021.

CURRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Court Boice, Chair

John Herzog, Vice Chair

Christopher Paasch, Commissioner

Approved as to Form:

Anthony Pope, Curry County Counsel

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