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May 7, 2015

Board of County Commissioner
Clackamas County

Members of the Board:

Approval to Apply for the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission Specialty Court Grant Funding

Purpose/Outcomes	The intent of the project is to reduce recidivism for those individuals living with mental illness who have become known to the criminal justice and behavioral health systems. Mental Health Court is an evidence based program which provides extensive coordination between the systems to maintain individuals in the community and out of our jails.
Dollar Amount and Fiscal Impact	The request is for \$467,200 total for the two year funding period. There will also be revenue generated by mental health and substance abuse insurance fees for services provided to these individuals.
Funding Source	State Of Oregon Criminal Justice Commission. The funding source is state general fund dollars. No County General Funds will be needed for this program. There is no financial or in-kind match required.
Safety Impact	The participants of this program are all involved in the criminal justice system. National recidivism rates are 54 percent re-incarceration for people with severe mental illness and 68 percent for those with co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse disorders. Neighboring Clark County research shows that <i>"the average number of arrests among participants one year after enrollment in mental health court was more than four times lower than the average number of arrests in the year before they entered the program. In addition, participation was associated with a 62 percent reduction in re-arrest for probation violations."</i>
Duration	July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2017
Previous Board Action	None
Contact Person	Tracy Garell, Clackamas Health Centers – Behavioral Health Centers Manager 503 723 4803
Contract No.	N/A

BACKGROUND:

The Clackamas Health Centers Division is requesting approval to apply for a \$467,200 grant on behalf of Clackamas County Mental Health Court Program. Coordination between the Criminal Justice System and the Treatment System using the Specialty Court Model is an evidence-based practice.

The current Circuit Court Judge presiding over the Mental Health Court Program is the Honorable Kathie Steele. She has provided oversight of this Specialty Court for more than 3 years. The Judge developed a docket which she calls the "Public Safety Docket". Individuals placed on this docket are those living with very serious mental illness and are not currently served by the Mental Health Court Treatment Team. This grant provides the capacity to treat these individuals within the Mental Health Court Program.

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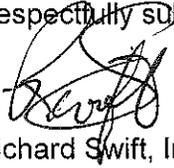
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RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Board approval to apply for these funding opportunities and authorizes Richard Swift, H3S Interim Director, to sign on behalf of Clackamas County.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Swift", written over a faint, illegible printed name.

Richard Swift, Interim Director