

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER AND RESOLUTION  
NO: 19-10-08-03

IN THE MATTER OF ADVOCATING FOR A  
STATEWIDE ADDICTION RECOVERY  
CONTINUUM OF CARE

**WHEREAS**, Oregon law now defines substance use disorder and alcoholism to be a chronic disease; and

**WHEREAS**, these statutory definitions are designed to improve access to multiple systems of care and a lifetime of support; and

**WHEREAS**, substance use disorder and alcoholism are treatable conditions, as exemplified by the millions of people who identify as in recovery; and

**WHEREAS**, according to data compiled by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for 2017, Oregon has the 4th highest rate of substance use disorder rate in the country; and

**WHEREAS**, according to data compiled by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for 2017, Oregon ranks 50th in access to addiction treatment; and

**WHEREAS**, according to an 2006 EcoNorthwest analysis, untreated substance abuse disorder in Oregon represents economic costs of \$5.9 billion annually; and

**WHEREAS**, two-thirds of Oregonians have a friend or family member who suffers from addiction; and

**WHEREAS**, five Oregonians die each day in alcohol-related deaths and one to two Oregonians die each day from drug-overdoses; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 2100 people die each year in Oregon from untreated addiction; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature has tasked the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission with producing a strategic plan to address alcohol and drug abuse prevention and treatment service delivery in the state of Oregon; and

**WHEREAS**, Oregon will be the first state to measure a “recovery rate,” a metric which can be used to track the success of the Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission’s strategic plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Lane County is committed to the ongoing work of its Mental Health Advisory/Local Drug and Alcohol Planning Committee and its Public Health Advisory Committee in identifying and recommending policies and procedures addressing addictions.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners **ORDERS AND RESOLVES** as follows:

1. That Lane County supports Governor Brown’s May, 2018 executive order on addiction as a public health crisis; and
2. That Lane County is closely monitoring the work of the Oregon Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission; and

3. That Lane County will continue to advocate to state and federal elected leaders to develop and implement a new, comprehensive statewide addiction recovery continuum-of-care, and to provide adequate funding for same.

**ADOPTED** this 8th day of October, 2019.



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Pete Sorenson, Chair  
Lane County Board of Commissioners