

AGENDA ITEM FOR ADMINISTRATIVE MEETING () Discussion only
(X) Action

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): County Counsel

SUBJECT: CCS Support Letter

<p>Background:</p> <p>Community Counseling Solutions is applying for congressional funding to remodel and expand its facility in Pendleton. The improvements will allow it to consolidate its operations and provide for future expansion. The County has been requested to provide a support letter.</p>	<p>Requested Action:</p> <p>Approve CCS funding support letter and authorize the Chair to sign</p>
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ATTACHMENTS: Proposed Letter

*****For Internal Use Only*****

Checkoffs:

- () Dept. Heard (copy)
- () Human Resources (copy)
- (X) Legal (copy)
- () (Other - List:)

To be notified of Meeting:

Needed at Meeting:

Scheduled for meeting on: February 7, 2024

Action taken:

Follow-up:

(Place on letterhead)

(Insert date)

To Whom It May Concern:

(Insert your agency name) strongly supports Community Counseling Solutions (CCS) application to receive congressional funding to remodel and expand their building in Pendleton, OR.

Currently CCS provides services in four different locations in Pendleton. One office provides addictions treatment, one provides mental health, one provides peer support services and the last is our Foster Grandparent/Senior Companion program office. This model was born out of necessity but it is easy to see the inefficiencies and challenges faced by customers in need of services. Frequently individuals go to one location only to find that they need to go to another CCS location for the service they are needing. This creates hardships for the individual, missed appointments, frustrations with services and scheduling challenges. Additionally, the overhead costs to staff and maintain 4 different offices is not a good use of public funds. By reducing the number of offices, we will be able to redirect funds back into services by increasing FTE or other related services.

As an on-going concern, CCS is on the frontlines fighting mental health and addictions concerns. They provide complete behavioral health assessments, individual and group counseling, and classes and training for mental health and substance education and relapse prevention. CCS provides comprehensive medication management services including those related to substance use harm reduction, and they provide debriefings to first responders impacted by a traumatic event. CCS promotes and implements a culturally competent framework within the delivery of behavioral health services and supports in a culturally competent manner to all those served, including those with limited English proficiency and diverse cultural and ethnic backgrounds in order to ensure patients/customers receive effective, understandable, and respectful care compatible with their cultural health beliefs and practices and preferred language.

The remodel of this building will allow CCS to bring all services under one roof and the expansion will provide an adequate space for a large training/education room as well as additional office space to support future growth. This updated facility will allow for services to be better integrated and for a more efficient service delivery. Please consider providing the necessary funding for this important project in our community,

Sincerely,

(insert signature)