Date: March 23, 2016

Re: CCBHC Preliminary Survey

Congress passed the Protecting Access to Medicare Act (H.R. 4302) in March 2014. This legislation includes provisions of the Excellence in Mental Health Act — an eight-state demonstration program and the single largest investment in community behavioral health in more than 50 years. This legislation aims to improve quality and access to behavioral health services through the creation of federal criteria for Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) as entities to serve adults with serious mental illness, children with serious emotional disturbance, and those with long term and serious substance use disorders, as well as others with mental illness and substance use disorders. Twenty-five million dollars in planning grants was available to states to develop applications to participate in a 2-year CCBHC demonstration program. Only states awarded a planning grant are eligible to apply for the demonstration program grant.

Oregon applied for a planning grant, as the demonstration program aligns with the state's broader health care transformation efforts, and will enable Oregon to further advance behavioral health care for Oregonians. Oregon was awarded the grant in late 2015.

In order to meet goals outlined in the planning grant, Oregon Health Authority plans to certify up to 30 Community Behavioral Health Centers (CCBHCs). In order to plan, prepare, and allocate resources most effectively, OHA is looking for your assistance in completing the following eight-question survey. While your organization may deliver services across multiple sites, we ask you limit your response to one completed survey per organization.

This survey should take approximately five minutes to complete. The link will be valid until midnight on Friday, April 1, 2016. If you have any questions about the CCBHC Planning Grant, please contact OHA's grant team at ccbhc.grant@state.or.us

Survey Link: **https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CCBHCPreliminary**

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