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Review Committee- RFA-OHA-4690-19

Oregon Health Authority 500 Summer Street N.E. Salem, OR. 97301

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### **Administrative Office**

March 27, 2019

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Our County Health Center and Health Department have partnered with Columbia Pacific since its inception with the Administrator serving on the first board as a board member and then as the Chair. The Health Center strives to achieve the "triple aim" through clinical skills enhancement and engagement; provision of services and program based on community need; improving quality of care by achieving State and National metrics; and improving our patients' care experience. Columbia Pacific is our partner in this work!

We participate in an array of Columbia Pacific work from the Community Advisor Council, Regional Strategic Planning to CCO Committees. Our Medical Director and Clinical Nurse Manager participate in the CCO Clinical Advisory Panel. This Advisory Panel provides opportunities for input, networking, improvement in clinical practice, and the development of clinical services and policy implementation. We participate in performance improvement projects and receive direct support through the CCO staff and P3 collaborative. With strategic investments of funding, technical assistance, and consulting by the CCO, our Health Centers have successfully integrated behavioral health services in the primary care setting, integrated a nutritionist to address prevention and management of chronic disease, and achieved quality metric targets for three years or more. In addition, we have improved access to health care for the community.

We do not need or want two CCOs in Tillamook County to serve the relatively small population of OHP members (approximately 5600). It would be duplicative, inefficient, and contrary to the purpose and intended outcome of the Triple Aim. We have years invested in local and regional partnerships, and clinical strategies supported by CPCCO, and we hate to see this work disrupted or fractured.

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Sincerely,

Marlene Putman, Administrator

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Date: April 16, 2019



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Providence Seaside Hospital and Clinics works closely with the CCO serving some of our most vulnerable patients. In addition, we are closely involved in the structure of the CCO with caregivers from our organizations serving on the Community Advisory Panel and the Finance Committee. We have been involved since the CCO was first established and the working relationships that we have developed are solid and now thriving. It is vital that we are able to continue with this collaboration that has taken time/effort to build. Our community and patients deserve this.

Also important to mention is that this work would become much more difficult if there are two CCOs serving Clatsop County. In a system that is already stretched thin, patients would suffer from our inability to maintain strong working relationships with 2 CCOs.

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Sincerely,

bominique Greco, MD Family Physician with OB

Medical Director for Primary Care Providence Medical Group Seaside



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To be specific, CPCCO has helped fund a number of important programs at our clinic that we think are critical to our ability to provide high quality care. Losing this funding would have a major impact on our patients' health. Some examples we would like to highlight include the following:

- Incentive programs for preventive care (e.g., well child visits)
- Transportation for patients (critical to the rural setting)
- Panel coordinator and health resilience specialist positions
- Community paramedic program
- Support for development of new clinical operations through meetings (PC3) and other incentives
- · Risk share payments
- Added payment for services otherwise not otherwise provided in the community (e.g., circumcisions)
- Funding for non-medical services related to patient health (e.g., membership for swimming)

In addition, as part of our working relationship, we have made a major impact on treating the opioid use disorder epidemic in the tri-county "North Coast" area, including integration of behavioral health in our clinic. We have opened new residency training opportunities for primary care physicians interested in healthy policy. Further, we have made major improvements around attaining key population health metrics (e.g., developmental screening, well child care, maternity care and management of chronic diseases like diabetes and heart failure).

Given the size of our community, we would also like the committee to be aware that we are concerned by the prospect of having multiple CCOs serve our area. Ultimately, OHSU's primary commitment will always be to providing high quality care to the population we serve, including traditionally underserved communities, regardless of ability to pay. We

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tel 503 418-4222 fax 503 418-4223 would never exclude patients from our clinic based on insurance provider or status. However, we generally prefer that OHA awards a single CCO contract given the major administrative burden associated with metrics attainment, reporting, contracting, and engagement with CCO-specific clinical advisory groups.

We are happy to discuss in more detail at any time, if helpful to the committee. Please feel free to reach out to either of us with questions or requests for further clarification of our position.

Sincerely,

Brian Garvey, MD, MPH

**Medical Director** 

OHSU Family Medicine at Scappoose

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April 9, 2019

Request for Application Review Committee Oregon Health Authority 500 Summer Street NE Salem, OR 97301

### Dear Review Committee:

I am writing this letter to express Rinehart Clinic's support of the application by Columbia Pacific CCO for a new five-year contract with the Oregon Health Authority. Columbia Pacific CCO has served the enrollees of the Oregon Health Plan since CCOs were created in 2012. During the time that we have worked with Columbia Pacific, the CCO has demonstrated a deep commitment to health improvement, health transformation, and integrated care and services for OHP members, providers, and social safety net organizations in our community.

The team at Rinehart Clinic has worked with Columbia Pacific CCO on a myriad of programs and projects, including our annual adolescent well-check program, behavioral health integration into primary care, as well as the important work on opioid use education and reduction in our community. CPCCO funded a year-long Diabetes Risk Reduction program that incentivized patients with healthy food vouchers and vegetables fresh off a local organic farm. The Rinehart Clinic finished 2018 as the CCO's top performer in Diabetes Control, a large part due to this innovative funding opportunity. In 2019, we have received funding through the CCO's Community Advisory Council that has helped us usher in innovative and comprehensive approaches to reducing obesity and increasing wellness in our community.

The Rinehart Clinic has seen Columbia Pacific CCO develop important relationships with community and clinic leaders over the years. They have fostered conversations across our communities about how to improve health and well-being, and have participated in local collaboratives to prevent or address mental illness, addictions, and chronic disease, and helped fill gaps and enhance delivery of services across the continuum.

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Gail Nelson, MHA, FACHE

Chief Executive Officer

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April 17, 2019

### **Clinic Services**

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HIV Prevention Services
Immunizations
Maternity Case Management
Prenatal/Family Planning
Sexually Transmitted Disease
School-Based Health Centers
Primary Care

### **Health Education**

Healthy Communities
Tobacco Prevention & Education
Problem Gambling Prevention
Drug and Alcohol Prevention
Suicide Prevention
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Dear Review Committee:

It is my pleasure to support the application by Columbia Pacific CCO for a new five-year contract with the Oregon Health Authority. Columbia Pacific CCO has served the enrollees of the Oregon Health Plan since CCOs were created in 2012. Our agency's experience working with Columbia Pacific as a partner, collaborator, and on the Community Advisory Council has demonstrated the CCO's deep commitment to health improvement, health transformation and integrated care and services for OHP members, providers and social safety net organizations in Columbia County.

We have been most impressed with CPCCO's commitment to investing in community initiatives to improve the health of the community. They have been innovative and openminded, always considering the broader impact of their investments on the social determinants of health.

We were fortunate enough to be invited to the table when the CCO was being developed. Since the start, local input has been respected and valued. Our staff serve on task forces and committees, of which there are necessarily many, to represent the local voice. We believe that the local perspective and engagement are instrumental to the CCO's success and have concerns about dividing our resources to be as actively involved if there were two CCOs serving Columbia County. We hope that the state seeks local opinions when determining whether to select one or multiple CCOs for our geographic area.

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Sincerely,

Sherrie Ford, MPH Director



# Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic

April 5, 2019

Review Committee Oregon Health Authority 500 Summer Street NE Salem, OR 97301

Dear Review Committee:

On behalf of Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic (YVFWC), I am writing this letter in support of the application by Columbia Pacific CCO for a new five-year contract with the Oregon Health Authority. Columbia Pacific CCO has served the enrollees of the Oregon Health Plan since CCOs were created in 2012. YVFWC's experience working with Columbia Pacific has demonstrated the CCO's deep commitment to health improvement, health transformation and integrated care and services for OHP members, providers and social safety net organizations in the community.

As a Community/Migrant Health Center, YVFWC provides high-quality, culturally sensitive, patient-centered medical, dental, behavioral health, Women Infants Children, pharmacy, enabling, and social services to low-income residents and migrant/seasonal agricultural workers throughout Washington and Oregon. In 2018, YVFWC served over 162,000 patients, of which 91% were low-income, 64% Hispanic, and 33% migrant/seasonal agricultural workers. As such, we value the benefits Columbia Pacific CCO offers to our patients throughout Clatsop, Columbia, and Tillamook counties. Additionally, we understand the importance of our outreach and enrollment efforts with Columbia Pacific CCO to ensure that Oregon's most vulnerable populations have health benefits and access to care.

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Sincerely,

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Monday May 13, 2019

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I have had a great experience and working relationship with them as a member of the Clinical Advisory Panel since it's inception in 2012. One specific example is that this relationship has helped us with grant funding to embed a clinic Behaviorist, who is able to provide brief counseling services in the moment when needed during visits.

In addition to fully supporting Columbia Pacific CCO, I am very concerned about the prospect of trying to work with more than one CCO. Because we are a rural community the ability to participate with and effectively manage patient's in multiple CCOs would be very difficult and strain our already strained system to the breaking point. We urge you to please continue with only one CCO for our region.

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Donald L. Lemmon, CEO

**Providence Seaside Hospital** 



May 3, 2019

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As a contracted dental plan, Advantage Dental has administered the dental benefit for assigned Columbia Pacific members since 2014. As such, Advantage recognizes Columbia Pacific's focus on whole-person care, demonstrated by the consistent and intentional inclusion of oral health through both messaging and engagement.

Columbia Pacific has amply demonstrated their commitment to the triple aim of better health, better care, and lower costs. They have a clear commitment to integrated and coordinated health care for our community members in our county. They have moved our community forward in addressing the social determinants of health and health equity and in providing culturally appropriate care. We look forward to continuing to work with them in the future.

Sincerely,

Kevin Boie

**Chief Operating Officer** 

Advantage Dental from DentaQuest



May 1, 2019

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Dear Review Committee,

I am writing on behalf of Capitol Dental Care, Inc. (Capitol) in support of Columbia Pacific CCO's application for a new five year contract with the Oregon Health Authority. We have worked with Columbia Pacific for several years and find them to be uniquely situated to address the needs of our community while stimulating collaboration among providers and community partners. As the State of Oregon looks to innovate and improve health care in the next five years, we strongly support the network of community stakeholders Columbia Pacific has involved in their efforts to address social determinants of health, access to care, and health disparities.

Our current community outreach efforts, which we expect to expand throughout the term of CCO 2.0, include providing oral evaluations to elementary and middle school students, sponsoring and participating in health fairs in the region, and addressing social determinants of health through our sponsorship of a dental van, which is used to better reach Columbia Pacific's members who struggle with access to dental services in this rural part of the state.

Although Capitol generally prefers to remain agnostic with respect to CCO applicants in any given service area, we believe the members served by Columbia Pacific have historically received necessary services in an efficient, high quality, and cost-effective manner and for that reason, would be pleased to see Columbia Pacific continue as the sole CCO in this region.

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As a dental subcontracting organization with Columbia Pacific CCO since 2014, Willamette Dental Group, PC (WDG) has seen first-hand the impact made by our partnership in their service area. Broadly, we are appreciative of their inclusive and innovative mindset and prioritized efforts regarding medical-dental integration and in establishing quality incentive metrics as part of alternative payment model.

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Sincerely,

Matt Sinnott

Senior Director of Government Affairs and Contract Management

Willamette Dental Group

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# Columbia River Fire & Rescue

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April 8, 2019

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CPCCO has been a strong partner in our communities and has provided the primary funding for the innovative Columbia County Community Paramedic Program. This is one of only two programs in Oregon that receive funding from a CCO. It has been, and continues to be a highly collaborative process. The relationship has been mutually beneficial, providing services to underserved and vulnerable populations. Local clinics and government organizations often reach out to the community paramedic for assistance with shared clients. This is but one example of how CPCCO does not only serve our communities but integrates into them.

Columbia Pacific CCO serves approximately 24,000 across three rural counties. I believe services would be negatively impacted if two CCOs were allowed to share this small population. It is common in government to consolidate in order to maintain service levels while controlling overhead expenses. The inverse is true. Two CCOs would require twice the administration to serve the same population. It would not be a fiscally responsible option.

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Sincerely,

Michael S. Greisen, Fire Chief Columbia River Fire & Rescue

Scappoose Rural Fire Protection District



# **Department of Human Services**

Child Welfare, Self Sufficiency

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April 9, 2019

Request Application Review Committee
Oregon Health Authority 500
Summer St. NE Salem,
OR 97301



### Dear Review Committee:

I am writing this letter in support of the application by Columbia Pacific CCO for a new five-year contract with the Oregon Health Authority. Columbia Pacific CCO has served the enrollees of the Oregon Health Plan since CCO's were created in 2012. My experience working with Columbia Pacific has demonstrated this CCO's deep commitment to health improvement, health transformation and integrated care and services for OHP members, providers and the social safety net organizations in my community of Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook Counties.

As the District Manager for Child Welfare and Self-Sufficiency programs for Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook Counties, I have first had knowledge of the partnership with Columbia Pacific. We are currently working in Clatsop County on a Family Find initiative. Family Find helps foster children learn about and connect with family members through an extensive relative search. We are also partnering with Columbia Pacific CCO for creating "Trauma Resilient Clatsop and Columbia County" which is a collection of public, private and non-profit businesses and agencies charged to inform and work in a trauma informed manner.

I have seen Columbia Pacific develop deep relationships with communities and convene inspired conversations across our communities about how to improve health and well-being, improve access to mental health services, addiction services and help fill in gaps and/or enhance a delivery of services across the continuum. Columbia County has worked with us over the past six years and we look forward to continuing to partner with Columbia Pacific for the next five years to improve the health of our shared populations and our communities.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Amy Youngflesh

DHS District Manager Child Welfare, Self Sufficiency

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St Helens, OR 97051



# **Helping Hands Reentry Outreach Centers**

Serving the homeless of Clatsop, Tillamook, Yamhill, & Lincoln Counties www.helpinghandsreentry.org
P.O. Box 413 Seaside, OR 97138

501(c)(3) Nonprofit - Federal Tax ID: 27-1158468
Helping Hands is an equal opportunity organization and employer.

April 2, 2019

Request for Application Review Committee Oregon Health Authority 500 Summer Street NE Salem, OR 97301

Re: Letter of Support for Columbia Pacific CCO's Application for 5-year OHA Contract

Dear Review Committee,

Helping Hands serves members of our community who are experiencing homelessness, and provides both temporary emergency shelter as well as long-term, program-based transitional housing. Program participants work one-on-one with case managers and crisis managers to identify barriers to self-sufficiency and strategize solutions, build skills, and gain access to resources to rebuild independence.

Columbia Pacific CCO has been a dedicated and integral partner in improving and expanding services for the homeless in Clatsop and Tillamook counties. They are passionate about ensuring that our most vulnerable populations are able to gain equal access to healthcare and diverse services which improve overall health, and demonstrate a deep commitment to identifying and addressing gaps in services. By being actively involved and encouraging collaboration between service providers on a local level, Columbia Pacific CCO has become a pillar in the communities we serve.

The homeless clients we serve in partnership with Columbia Pacific CCO often have difficulty navigating healthcare systems. Literacy levels can be a challenge, and with additional vulnerabilities like mental health or chronic disease complications, understanding something as basic as what benefits one has or how to access services can be an uphill battle. We believe that further complicating the system by having multiple CCOs in a rural area would be confusing for our clients who already fear seeking treatment, and would be detrimental to equitable access to healthcare for our vulnerable clients.

If you have any questions about Helping Hands' strong support of Columbia Pacific CCO's application to renew the five-year OHA contract for Clatsop, Tillamook, and Columbia counties, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Best regards,

Alan Evans, Helping Hands CEO/Executive Director a.evans@helpinghandsreentry.org

503-440-9357

April 8, 2019

Request for Application Review Committee Oregon Health Authority 500 Summer Street NE Salem, OR 97301

### Dear Review Committee:

I am in strong support of the application by Columbia Pacific CCO for a new five-year contract with the Oregon Health Authority. Columbia Pacific CCO has served the enrollees of the Oregon Health Plan since CCOs were created in 2012. Clatsop Community Action's experience working with Columbia Pacific has demonstrated the CCO's deep commitment to health improvement, health transformation and integrated care and services for OHP members, providers and social safety net organizations in my community.

Clatsop Community Action's Mission is to help People with Food, Housing and Other Basic Needs. We deeply understand how our County's health and its overall community impact depends on the importance of education that ties basic human long-term self-sufficiency with preventive healthcare. Health challenges of those in poverty that can multiply logarithmically. Compounded with a chronic medical issue that often is a result of obesity and/or a mental illness, developmental disability, and/or an addiction problem can send an individual and their family into a long-term descent into poverty or homelessness.

I have noted Columbia Pacific's commitment with effective working relationships with community and clinic leaders, convene inspired conversations across our communities about how to improve health and well-being. They have led and participated in local collaboratives to prevent or address mental illness, addictions or chronic disease, and have helped to fill gaps or enhance delivery of services across the continuum. Columbia Pacific has been here for us over the past six years and we look forward to continuing to partner with Columbia Pacific for the next five to improve the health of our shared populations and our communities. Access to good, preventative healthcare services along with education is the key to solving Clatsop County's challenges. Columbia Pacific should be allowed to continue its work without interruption and any additional fragmentation on behalf of our OHP clients.

Sincerely,

Elaine Bruce, Executive Director Clatsop Community Action

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

125 N. 17<sup>th</sup> St. St. Helens, Oregon 97051 (503) 397-3511 Ext. 2013 Housing Development Community Facilities

HOUSING CENTER (503) 325-8098

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125 N. 17th St. St. Helens, Oregon 97051 (503) 366-6584 Respite Care, OPI Senior Support & Nutrition Programs

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# COMMUNITY ACTION TEAM, INC.

"BUILDING BRIDGES TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY"



April 19, 2019

Request for Application Review Committee Oregon Health Authority 500 Summer Street NE Salem, OR 97301

Dear Review Committee:

I am writing this letter in strong support of the application by Columbia Pacific CCO for a new five-year contract with the Oregon Health Authority. Columbia Pacific CCO has served the enrollees of the Oregon Health Plan since CCOs were created in 2012. Our experience working with Columbia Pacific has demonstrated the CCO's deep commitment to health improvement, health transformation and integrated care and services for OHP members, providers and social safety net organizations in our community.

For the past sixteen months, Columbia Pacific CCO has partnered with Community Action Team by providing funding for our Healthy Homes Program. These funds allow us to do repair and remediation measures that improve the home environment of high risk, low-income families residing in Clatsop, Columbia or Tillamook County. The Oregon Health Plan members who participate in the program report less visits to the doctor or emergency room, less hospitalizations, less asthma attacks and less falls. They live healthier lives because of the partnership and support of Columbia Pacific CCO.

We are also concerned about the potential of ending up with two different CCOs in the counties we serve. Our clients already struggle to navigate the health care system, and to potentially end up with a household connected to different CCOs is an unreasonable burden to add to their lives.

We have witnessed Columbia Pacific develop deep relationships with community and clinic leaders, convene inspired conversations across our communities about how to improve health and well-being, participate in local collaboratives to prevent or address mental illness, addictions or chronic disease, and help fill gaps or enhance delivery of services across the continuum. Columbia Pacific has been here for us over the past six years and we look forward to continuing to partner with Columbia Pacific for the next five.

Sincerely,

Daniel Brown

**Executive Director** 

April 10, 2019

Request for Application Review Committee Oregon Health Authority 500 Summer Street NE Salem, OR 97301



### Dear Review Committee:

Food Roots is writing this letter in strong support of the application by Columbia Pacific CCO for a new five-year contract with the Oregon Health Authority. Columbia Pacific CCO has served the enrollees of the Oregon Health Plan since CCOs were created in 2012. Our experience working with Columbia Pacific has demonstrated the CCO's deep commitment to health improvement, health transformation and integrated care and services for OHP members, providers and social safety net organizations in our community.

Food Roots has worked closely with Columbia Pacific as a key supporter and partner in our efforts to grow a robust food system on the north Oregon coast. Columbia Pacific has provided us support for our work in Access to Local Food and Farm to School education, helping us to provide gardening workshops to low-income adults, garden-based education and local food sourcing for over a thousand students in Tillamook County schools, and increased access to fresh, healthy, locally-grown produce for OHP enrollees and SNAP recipients through our Double Up Food Bucks program. Additionally, Columbia Pacific has helped connect us with OHP enrollees, SNAP recipients, and other low-income community members so that we can both provide them with access to our programming and better understand their needs, concerns, and specific challenges to better craft our ability to serve them and improve our community's health and wellbeing.

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Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Lauren Sorg Executive Director

Food Roots

Joel Caris

**Development Director** 

Food Roots



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Phone: (503) 397-9708

April 8, 2019

Request for Application Review Committee Oregon Health Authority 500 Summer Street NE Salem, OR 97301

Dear Review Committee:

I am writing this letter in strong support of the application by Columbia Pacific CCO for a new five-year contract with the Oregon Health Authority. Columbia Pacific CCO has served the enrollees of the Oregon Health Plan since CCOs were created in 2012. My experience working with Columbia Pacific has demonstrated the CCO's deep commitment to health improvement, health transformation and integrated care and services for OHP members, providers and social safety net organizations in my community.

We partner with Columbia Pacific CCO in helping distribute fresh produce to those in need throughout Columbia County to help them develop healthier eating habits and reduce obesity. Our particular focus is reaching children and seniors. Many of our clients are also clients of Columbia Pacific CCO so it is a win-win for both of us.

Columbia County is a small rural county and does not need two CCOs. This would lead to confusion and increased stress levels among individuals that you are trying to serve.

I have witnessed Columbia Pacific develop deep relationships with community and clinic leaders, convene inspired conversations across our communities about how to improve health and well-being, participate in local collaboratives to prevent or address mental illness, addictions or chronic disease, and help fill gaps or enhance delivery of services across the continuum. Columbia Pacific has been here for us over the past six years and we look forward to continuing to partner with Columbia Pacific for the next five to improve the health of our shared populations and our communities.

Sincerely,

Casey Wheeler Executive Director



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May 14, 2019

Request for Application Review Committee Oregon Health Authority 500 Summer Street NE Salem, OR 97301

Dear Review Committee:

I am writing this letter in support of the application by Columbia Pacific CCO for a new five-year contract with the Oregon Health Authority. Columbia Pacific CCO has served the enrollees of the Oregon Health Plan since CCOs were created in 2012. My experience working with Columbia Pacific has demonstrated the CCO's deep commitment to health improvement, health transformation and integrated care and services for OHP members, providers and social safety net organizations in my community.

NOHA has partnered with Columbia Pacific CCO to provide the Healthy Homes program and also the Seed to Supper program in partnership with OSU Extension.

Columbia Pacific has developed relationships with community and clinic leaders, convened conversations across our communities about how to improve health and well-being and participate in local collaboratives to prevent or address mental illness, addictions or chronic disease. We look forward to continuing to partner with Columbia Pacific for the next five to improve the health of our shared populations and our communities.

Sincerely,

Todd Johnston
Executive Director





Randy Schild Superintendent 503/842-2558 • FAX 503/842-6854 schildr@tillamook.k12.or.us

Request for Application Review Committee Oregon Health Authority 500 Summer Street NE Salem, OR 97301

Dear Review Committee:

I am writing this letter in strong support of the application by Columbia Pacific CCO for a new five-year contract with the Oregon Health Authority. Columbia Pacific CCO has served the enrollees of the Oregon Health Plan since CCOs were created in 2012. As the Superintendent of Tillamook School District, my experience working with Columbia Pacific has demonstrated the CCO's deep commitment to health improvement, health transformation and integrated care and services for OHP members, providers and social safety net organizations in my district and community.

Three years ago I approached the Columbia Pacific CCO with a concern related to meeting the needs of our highest need students and families. We were trying to become a trauma informed school district, but we needed help. We shared our needs with Mimi and the CCO and they immediately stepped up to help. For the last two years Columbia Pacific CCO have made a monumental difference in our district and community by funding a community resource coordinator to assists students and families. Additionally, our CCO has also been instrumental in bringing a higher level of dental care to our area. Their ability to bring groups together for the common good has been the secret to all of the great things we've been able to do together.

The success of CCO's of CCO's coordinating with school district's like ours is all based on relationships. In rural areas especially, we need partners who understand our mission and vision and who are willing to join us in the fight to make the lives of people in our community better. The personal relationship we have developed with the people at Columbia Pacific would have not been the same if there were competing forces within our CCO's.

I have witnessed Columbia Pacific develop deep relationships with community and clinic leaders, convene inspired conversations across our communities about how to improve health and well-being, participate in local collaboratives to prevent or address mental illness, addictions or chronic disease, and help fill gaps or enhance delivery of services across the continuum. Columbia Pacific has been here for us over the past several years and we look forward to continuing to partner with Columbia Pacific for the next five to improve the health of our shared populations and our communities.

Sincerely,

Randy Schild Superintendent

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April 19, 2019

Request for Application Review Committee Oregon Health Authority 500 Summer Street NE Salem, OR 97301

### **Dear Review Committee:**

I am writing this letter on behalf of NW Early Learning Hub in support of the application by Columbia Pacific CCO for a new five-year contract with the Oregon Health Authority. Columbia Pacific CCO has served the enrollees of the Oregon Health Plan since CCOs were created in 2012.

Over the last four years, Columbia Pacific has been working closely with NW Early Learning Hub as part of our governance council. Mimi Haley, Executive Director of Columbia Pacific, has played an important leadership role in the hub as the Vice-Chair of the council. Through their role on the governance council, Columbia Pacific has identified opportunities to integrate the work of the early learning hub and the work of the CCO. These opportunities have included partnering to distribute early kindergarten registration messaging and kinder ready booklets to families they serve, and funding an important project to improve pathways from developmental screenings to services for children under age 3 identified at risk of developmental delay. The latter project has been particularly impactful for our communities as we have seen the number of children referred to early intervention increase and an improvement in the quality of those referrals.

We have witnessed Columbia Pacific's understanding of the health outcomes & community benefits to investing in early childhood. We appreciate the partnership with Columbia Pacific over the past several years and would look forward to continuing to partner with Columbia Pacific for the next five to improve the health of our shared populations and our communities.

Sincerely,

Rob Saxton

Northwest Early Learning Hub Governance Council, Chair

Northwest Regional ESD, Superintendent



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Betsy Stark Miller Ex-Officio Executive Director Request for Application Review Committee

**Oregon Health Authority** Miller Nash Graham & Dunn LLP 500 Summer Street NE

Salem, OR 97301

May 7, 2019

**Dear Review Committee:** 

I am writing this letter in strong support of the application by Columbia Pacific CCO for a new five-year contract with the Oregon Health Authority. Columbia Pacific CCO has served the enrollees of the Oregon Health Plan since CCOs were created in 2012. My experience working with Columbia Pacific has demonstrated the CCO's deep commitment to health improvement, health transformation and integrated care and services for OHP members, providers and social safety net organizations in my community.

In fact, because of the generous financial support from CPCCO, CASA for Children is able to further its vital work in Columbia County, and recruit, train, and supervise 16 new professionally supported volunteer Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASAs) there each year. These CASAs advocate for the best interests of abused and neglected children who are under the protection of the court, and ultimately help find them a permanent home without unnecessary delay. CASA for Children has been able to provide CASAs in Columbia County for 91 foster children in 2018, and now in 2019, 96 foster children.

I have witnessed Columbia Pacific develop deep relationships with community and clinic leaders, convene inspired conversations across our communities about how to improve health and well-being, participate in local collaboratives to prevent or address mental illness, addictions or chronic disease, and help fill gaps or enhance delivery of services across the continuum. Columbia Pacific has been here for us over the past six years and we look forward to continuing to partner with Columbia Pacific for the next five to improve the health of our shared populations and our communities.

Sincerely,

**Betsy Stark Miller Executive Director** 

**Multnomah County** 

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Portland, Oregon 97213

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Hillsboro, Oregon 97124

Columbia County

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St. Helens, Oregon 97051



# Tillamook County Women's Resource Center

Working to end domestic & sexual violence in Tillamook County since 1982 Trabajando para terminar la violencia domestica y sexual en el condado de Tillamook desde 1982

April 11, 2019

Request for Application Review Committee Oregon Health Authority 500 Summer Street NE Salem, OR 97301

Dear Review Committee:

I am writing this letter in strong support of the application by Columbia Pacific CCO for a new five-year contract with the Oregon Health Authority. Columbia Pacific CCO has served the enrollees of the Oregon Health Plan since CCOs were created in 2012. My experience working with Columbia Pacific has demonstrated the CCO's deep commitment to health improvement, health transformation and integrated care and services for OHP members, providers and social safety net organizations in my community.

Columbia Pacific CCO (CPCCO) has a history of supporting programs and program evaluations addressing the intersections of intimate partner violence and health, coordinated and led by Tillamook County Women's Resource Center. CPCCO's Tillamook Community Health Improvement Coordinator participates in our Health Programs Leadership Team, which examines the efficacy of our advocacy and health partnerships, develops suggestions for improvements, and carries out program evaluations. Additionally CPCCO invested in expansion initiatives for these partnerships to Columbia and Clatsop Counties through their Community Wellness Investment Grant. They have also supported the community based advocacy programs in Tillamook, Columbia and Clatsop Counties with technical assistance on extending services to adolescents.

Due to the low population density of the CPCCO coverage region, it does not make seem financially sustainable to operate two distinct CCO's throughout Columbia, Clatsop, and Tillamook Counties. With CPCCO's strong leadership this tri-county region can develop coordinated health care and community collaborations.

I have witnessed Columbia Pacific develop deep relationships with community and clinic leaders, convene inspired conversations across our communities about how to improve health and well-being, participate in local collaboratives to prevent or address mental illness, addictions or chronic disease, and help fill gaps or enhance delivery of services across the continuum. Columbia Pacific has been here for us over the past six years and we look forward to continuing to partner with Columbia Pacific for the next five to improve the health of our shared populations and our communities.

Sincerely,

Valerie Bundy, MA LPC NCC

**Executive Director** 





# **Tillamook County Transportation District**

"Connecting the community through sustainable transit services"

April 15, 2019

Request for Application Review Committee Oregon Health Authority 500 Summer Street NE Salem, OR 97301

Dear Review Committee:

My name is Doug Pilant and I serve as the General Manager for the Tillamook County Transportation District (TCTD). Today, I am writing this letter in strong support of the application by Columbia Pacific CCO for a new five-year contract with the Oregon Health Authority. Columbia Pacific CCO has served the enrollees of the Oregon Health Plan since CCOs were created in 2012. TCTD's experience working with Columbia Pacific has demonstrated the CCO's deep commitment to health improvement, health transformation and integrated care and services for OHP members, providers and social safety net organizations in my community.

This past year, TCTD has served as the Medicaid non-emergency medical transportation brokerage for Columbia Pacific CCO's 3-county region. TCTD and Columbia Pacific CCO staff collaborate at a high level to best serve the Oregon Health Plan enrollees. This collaboration is an outcome of the investment in technology that enables staff to collaborate in real time. Also, this collaboration has enabled TCTD and Columbia Pacific CCO to better understand and plan for the transportation needs of the OHP enrollees throughout the region.

Finally, I have witnessed Columbia Pacific develop deep relationships with community and clinic leaders, convene inspired conversations across our communities about how to improve health and well-being, participate in local collaboratives to prevent or address mental illness, addictions or chronic disease, and help fill gaps or enhance delivery of services across the continuum. Columbia Pacific has been here for us over the past six years and we look forward to continuing to partner with Columbia Pacific for the next five years to improve the health of our shared populations and our communities.

Sincerely,

Douglas Pilant, General Manager



### Connecting the world.

April 12th, 2019

Request for Application Review Committee Oregon Health Authority 500 Summer Street NE Salem, OR 97301

Dear Review Committee:

I am writing this letter in strong support of the application by Columbia Pacific CCO for a new five-year contract with the Oregon Health Authority. Columbia Pacific CCO has served the enrollees of the Oregon Health Plan since CCOs were created in 2012. My experience working with Columbia Pacific has demonstrated the CCO's deep commitment to health improvement, health transformation and integrated care and services for OHP members, providers and social safety net organizations in my community.

My company Linguava partners with Columbia Pacific CCO by providing responsive language services to their limited English proficient members. By receiving meaningful language access these members see a direct improvement with their patient experience and health outcomes.

I have witnessed Columbia Pacific develop deep relationships with community and clinic leaders, convene inspired conversations across our communities about how to improve health and well-being, participate in local collaboratives to prevent or address mental illness, addictions or chronic disease, and help fill gaps or enhance delivery of services across the continuum. Columbia Pacific has been here for us over the past six years and we look forward to continuing to partner with Columbia Pacific for the next five to improve the health of our shared populations and our communities.

Sincerely,

David Brackett President

# PASSPORT TO LANGUAGES INC.



04/15/2019

Request for Application Review Committee Oregon Health Authority 500 Summer Street NE Salem, OR 97301

### **Dear Review Committee:**

I am writing this letter in strong support of the application by Columbia Pacific CCO for a new five-year contract with the Oregon Health Authority. Columbia Pacific CCO has served the enrollees of the Oregon Health Plan since CCOs were created in 2012. My experience working with Columbia Pacific has demonstrated the CCO's deep commitment to health improvement, health transformation and integrated care and services for OHP members, providers and social safety net organizations in my community.

Passport To Languages Inc. has provided language access to the limited English speaking communities of Columbia, Clatsop, and Tillamook counties for well over the last twenty years. Since the formation of Columbia Pacific CCO in 2012, we have worked directly with their leadership, and have innovated in ways that serve to provide meaningful language access to their LEP members; specifically identifying cultural nuances and helping to map out members with diverse backgrounds, and those who might be speakers of languages of lesser diffusion. This symbiotic partnership has helped to contribute towards better health outcomes, health equity in the market space, and provide continuity of care for its members. By aligning our efforts with Columbia Pacific CCO, we have been able to strategically define demographics in the region; which has helped to determine emerging language trends, and has also served to align our coverage in ways that meet the necessary capacity and diversity for language access, critical for its membership. We also work in tandem with Columbia Pacific CCO to connect with key providers; educating them on best practices for accessing services, and optimally engaging with healthcare interpreters.

It is our strong desire to maintain a relationship with Columbia Pacific CCO and the provider network that it supports for its membership within the Columbia, Clatsop, and Tillamook counties alike. Our long-term plans include hosting seminars in the greater

# PASSPORT TO LANGUAGES INC.



Astoria and Tillamook areas that would serve to educate the communities in accessing language services, for recruitment (to embed interpreters in active areas), to possibly encourage working with current staff interpreters-and have them interpret as agency interpreters when the patient is a CPCCO member, and to provide direct interaction with providers, with the goal of partnering in vertical language access training. In the training, we intend to address provider scheduling for LEP patients, working with on-site interpreters rather than family members, knowing when to offer OPI and VRI-especially with in-home visits, and brainstorming with leadership to provide access for locally hosted (OHA accredited) seminars in the coastal regions- that will help emerging interpreters become qualified or certified. We also plan on doing further independent marketing/outreach to known providers in the network to uncover any possible language access gaps in their specific network. We are also working together on providing updated marketing collateral that will create broader awareness of the services we provide. This effort will further galvanize our alignment with Columbia Pacific CCO, and to assist in promoting these benefits to their membership. Our ultimate goal for the future is to create wider awareness for all members- specifically that qualified and certified healthcare interpreters are available for them at any time, to ensure their equity as it pertains to receiving optimal healthcare.

I have witnessed Columbia Pacific develop deep relationships with community and clinic leaders, convene inspired conversations across our communities about how to improve health and well-being, participate in local collaboratives to prevent or address mental illness, addictions or chronic disease, and help fill gaps or enhance delivery of services across the continuum. Columbia Pacific has been here for us over the past six years and we look forward to continuing to partner with Columbia Pacific for the next five to improve the health of our shared populations and our communities.

Sincerely,

Erik Lawson

Passport To Languages Inc.

Director, Business Development





April 15, 2019

Request for Application Review Committee Oregon Health Authority 500 Summer Street NE Salem, OR 97301

### **Dear Review Committee:**

We at Wellville are writing this letter in strong support of the application by Columbia Pacific CCO for a new five-year contract with the Oregon Health Authority. We have worked closely with the Columbia Pacific CCO since 2014 and have been impressed with its deep commitment to health improvement, health transformation, and integrated care and services for OHP members, providers and social safety net organizations in Clatsop County.

Wellville is a national nonprofit that selected Clatsop County and four other U.S. communities in 2014 for a 10-year project to improve community health, equity and wellbeing. The strong support and commitment of Columbia Pacific CCO is a key reason that Wellville selected Clatsop County as one of our five communities among the 42 applications we received nationwide. During our 10-year project, Wellville provides each community with a dedicated advisor to help them achieve measurable outcomes through multi-sector collaboration and investments that will scale, spread and sustain impact over time.

Wellville's advisor to Clatsop County and our national team will continue to enthusiastically partner with Columbia Pacific CCO to achieve the best outcomes for OHP members in Clatsop County and the wider population. We will also participate when needed in helping determine appropriate evidence-based interventions, and assessing provider quality and opportunities for high quality professional development.

Over the past five years, we have seen Columbia Pacific CCO develop deep relationships with community and clinical leaders; convene important conversations across Clatsop County about how to improve health and wellbeing; add staff to build resilience in the County; participate in local collaboratives to prevent or address mental illness, addictions or chronic disease; and help fill gaps or enhance delivery of services across the continuum.

We hope you will look favorably upon Columbia Pacific CCO's application on behalf of multiple counties and the residents of NW Oregon.

Sincerely,

Rick Brush Chief Executive Officer

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