



HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

1. The sponsoring representative's first name:
Natalie
2. The sponsoring representative's last name:
Price
3. The cosponsoring representatives' names. All cosponsors must be listed. If none, please type 'n/a.' A signed letter from the sponsor approving the co-sponsorship and a signed letter from the member wishing to co-sponsor are required. Attach letters at question #9 below.
State Representatives Tisdell, Kuhn, Breen, Weiss, B. Carter, MacDonell, and Steckloff; letters are attached under question #9.
4. Name of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
Oakland County Health Network
5. Physical address of the entity that the spending item is intended for:
1200 N Telegraph Rd., Bldg 32E, Pontiac, MI 48341; and 5505 Corporate Drive, Troy, MI 48098
6. If there is not a specific recipient, the intended location of the project or activity:
This two-prong proposal with sites in Pontiac and Troy would serve all of Oakland County.
7. Name of the representative and the district number where the legislatively directed spending item is located:
Rep. Brenda Carter, House District 53; Rep. MacDonell, House District 56
8. Purpose of the legislatively directed spending item. Please include how it provides a public benefit and why it is an appropriate use of taxpayer funding. Please also demonstrate that the item does not violate Article IV, S 30 of the Michigan Constitution. A detailed project proposal is attached under question #9.

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9. Attach documents here if needed:

Attachments added to the end of this file.

10. The amount of state funding requested for the legislatively directed spending item.

3000000

11. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received any of the following types of funding? Check all that apply.

["None"]

12. Please select one of the following groups that describes the entity requesting the legislatively directed spending item:

Non-profit organization

13. For a non-profit organization, has the organization been operating within Michigan for the preceding 36 months?

Yes

14. For a non-profit organization, has the entity had a physical office within Michigan for the preceding 12 months?

Yes

15. For a non-profit organization, does the organization have a board of directors?

Yes

16. For a non-profit organization, list all the active members on the organization's board of directors and any other officers. If this question is not applicable, please type 'n/a.'

Dennis G. Cowan, Chairperson; Malkia Maisha Newman, Vice Chairperson; John Young, Treasurer; Adam Fuhrman, Secretary; Bijaya Avasthy Hans, M.D., Member; Sarah Guadalupe, Ph.D, Member; Sarah May, Member; Christina Root, Member; Yvette Woodruff, Member; Pastor Douglas Jones, Member; Yolanda Giles, M.D., Member; Chris Smith, Member; Dana Lasenby, Chief Executive Director (CEO); Trisha Zizumbo, Chief Operating Officer (COO); Robert Blumenfeld, Chief Financial Officer (CFO); Christine Burk, Chief of Staff; Kimberly Flowers, Chief Clinical Officer (CCO); Vasilis K. Pozios, M.D., Chief Medical Officer (CMO); Nasr Doss, Chief Information Officer (CIO); Bernard Hooper, Chief Administration Officer (CAO)

17. "I certify that neither the sponsoring representative nor the sponsoring representative's staff or immediate family has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the legislatively directed spending item."

Yes, this is correct

18. Anticipated start and end dates for the legislatively directed spending item:

FY 26, One-time funds only for capital improvements

19. "I hereby certify that all information provided in this request is true and accurate."

Yes



Oakland Community Health Network

Phase II Proposal: Continued Expansion of the Crisis Continuum of Care in Oakland County

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Background

Oakland Community Health Network (OCHN) leads and manages a provider service network that assists approximately 30,000 Oakland County citizens at more than 400 service sites across the county. OCHN is funded in part by Oakland County, the Michigan Department of Health Human Services, General Fund, and grants. OCHN's provider network serves individuals with an intellectual or developmental disability, mental health need, or substance use treatment need. Most of these individuals have Medicaid insurance coverage.

Request for Support

In Fiscal Year 2025-26 (FY26), OCHN is prioritizing the expansion of crisis continuum services in Oakland County, ensuring that residents are aware of and have access to services and support that improve their health and quality of life. We appreciate the legislature's consideration of this proposal, a request for \$3.0 million to support two initiatives that address behavioral health service gaps and expand options for the crisis continuum of care in Oakland County:

- 1) Launch of a behavioral health urgent care center at the county's crisis hub, the Resource and Crisis Center (RCC), in Pontiac (\$2.5 million)
- 2) Phase II renovations to the OCHN Assessment Center (\$500,000)

Community Impact

This one-time investment will lay the foundation for OCHN to expand existing programs that address a chronic need for a robust crisis continuum of care model in Oakland County. By building out treatment options that serve mild-to-moderate needs, OCHN will be able to divert individuals from more costly intervention options, such as in-patient care, which are often used as a last resort. Appropriate levels of care not only reduce costs but also improve quality of care by connecting individuals to community-based services and supports. By investing in OCHN's comprehensive service array, the legislature will be investing in a model of early intervention, reduced crisis severity, improved access to care, better treatment adherence, and a decreased likelihood of re-hospitalization.

FY25 Phase I: Launch Crisis Continuum Expansion

In FY25, the Michigan Legislature invested \$1,000,000 in Phase I of OCHN's crisis services expansion. This support means that OCHN can launch renovations at two locations: the Resource and Crisis Center and the OCHN Assessment Center.

Resource and Crisis Center

Located in Pontiac, the RCC is the mental health crisis hub in Oakland County. In FY25, OCHN is utilizing funding from the legislature to renovate and restructure the main lobby of the RCC to accommodate more community members, as well as provide a safe and welcoming environment for people in crisis.

OCHN Assessment Center

Located at OCHN's headquarters in Troy, OCHN launched an Assessment Center to provide enhanced screening and referral processes for children with autism, Serious Emotional Disorders, and other exceptional needs within an integrated healthcare model. In FY25, funding from the legislature is supporting renovations to the Assessment Center so that it may accommodate integrated healthcare staff.

Other Crisis Continuum Expansion

With the support of our local partners, OCHN expanded options for lower and higher levels of need. OCHN partnered with Oakland County and Honor Health to launch an integrated healthcare walk-in center in Pontiac for individuals with a lower level of need. The walk-in center provides a diagnosis and treatment for individuals requiring immediate medical and/or mental health attention for non-life-threatening conditions. Additionally, OCHN expanded the number of Clinician Co-Responders embedded with Law Enforcement to respond to 911 calls that are the result of a mental health crisis in the community.

FY26 Phase II: Expand Multi-Program Approach for Crisis Continuum of Care

The proposal expands crisis and treatment services for children and adults, strengthens the continuum of care, and

addresses behavioral health service gaps. Through increased access to a continuum of care, OCHN projects better mental health and recovery outcomes and a reduction of emergency department visits and hospital admissions.

1. Launch Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center at the RCC

OCHN is requesting funding to renovate the Resource and Crisis Center (RCC) to house a behavioral health urgent care center available for residents of the City of Pontiac and Oakland County. The RCC, which was launched 10 years ago in Pontiac by OCHN, is the only service facility of its kind in Michigan. Today, the location is a central access point for crisis services in the area. OCHN's behavioral health urgent care center will offer an appropriate level of care for individuals who are impacted by urgent mental health concerns but have not reached a level of crisis.

Individuals visiting the behavioral health urgent care center will be assessed to determine where their condition falls in the diagnostic range that includes: 1) mild to moderate, 2) moderate, or 3) severe. The goals of the program are to reduce the number of emergency room visits for mental health needs, the number of calls for assistance from law enforcement, and the number of involuntary psychiatric admissions, while increasing the willingness of individuals to access treatment because the burden of cost will be removed.

Currently, OCHN manages several foundational crisis services that significantly lower barriers and increase access to critical services for residents with the most challenging needs. Programs that OCHN funds and oversees at the RCC include, but are not limited to, an adult crisis unit and children's crisis unit. OCHN's RCC is also linked to other programs in a continuum of care that facilitates community service access. Examples of these initiatives include Co-Responders, MiKids Mobile Crisis (ICSS), School Mental Health Navigators, and the Sober Support Unit. By building an urgent care treatment at the RCC, OCHN will be able to divert individuals who do not meet the criteria for more intensive crisis services to an appropriate level of care.

Per the Michigan Medicaid Manual, "An Urgent Care Center (UCC) is a medical clinic or office, not located in a hospital emergency department, whose purpose is to provide unscheduled diagnosis and treatment of illnesses for ambulatory beneficiaries requiring immediate medical and or mental health attention for non-life-threatening conditions." By providing comprehensive screening, triage, treatment, and referral process for immediate needs, the behavioral health urgent care will minimize gaps in care.

2. Phase II of OCHN Assessment Center Renovations

In FY24, OCHN renovated a space on the first floor of the Troy building to house an integrated care assessment center. The completion of Phase I of the OCHN Assessment Center expanded OCHN's previous array of assessment services, such as autism diagnosis, with the goal of providing comprehensive assessments within an integrated healthcare model. The OCHN Assessment Center also provides access to resources, as well consultation to families and their treatment teams to better support individuals with complex care needs.

OCHN is requesting funding for Phase II of the project, which will launch further renovations to accommodate direct services staff who are focused on providing behavioral healthcare treatment services. One of the goals of the expanded access to direct services is to improve care coordination for people with complex needs, provide access to mental health services for people who otherwise might not seek out care due to stigma, and provide an opportunity to address elevated levels of anxiety, depression, or substance use, among other concerns. Additional supports will be provided to address the Social Determinants of Health, in order to serve the needs of the whole person. By providing the option to connect individuals with treatment on site, OCHN will increase accessibility to services.

Conclusion

With the support of the legislature, OCHN has the opportunity to continue developing crisis continuum services in Oakland County, meeting the needs of the community for a range of quality treatment services at varying levels of acuity. This one-time investment of \$3.0 million will make it possible for OCHN to provide effective intervention options, divert individuals from in-patient care and reduce costs through community-based services and supports. We appreciate the

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