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Tides of Change

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Re: Tillamook County-Wide SANE Expansion Proposal O-LVC-2022-171306

The Tillamook County Board of Commissioners supports the community-wide proposal being submitted by Tides of Change to expand sexual assault nurse examiner (SANE) services in Tillamook County.

Tillamook County supports the county-wide effort to achieve a consistent, supportive, trauma-informed collaborative partnership response for victims/survivors of sexual assault that enhances the health and well-being of survivors, increases the level of accountability for sexual assault offenders, and increases the overall safety and well-being of our rural community as a whole.

Tillamook County Community Health Centers commit to supporting the county-wide SANE expansion proposal through: 1) participating in ongoing collaborative planning, sexual assault response team (SART) protocol review, and MOU framework development; 2) recruiting, hiring and retaining RNs who are SANE-certified or willing to become certified who will then provide SAFE services on a contract basis; 3) enhancing quality of post-sexual assault care through medical care and referrals for wraparound social services; 4) participating in workforce trainings on adverse child experiences (ACES) and trauma-informed care; 5) ensuring consistent advocate involvement when victims of sexual assault are identified at various points along the continuum of care; 6) working with community partners to develop a SANE service sustainability plan that works for rural service areas and includes both program finances as well as SANE retention best practices.

Thank you for leading this community-wide work in Tillamook County.

Sincerely,

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR TILLAMOOK COUNTY, OREGON

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