



MARION COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Board Session Agenda Review Form

Meeting date: Wednesday, December 3rd, 2025 9:00a

Department: Health & Human Services

Title:

Appointment of Director's Designees

Management Update/Work Session Date: 9/23/2025

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Time Required: 5

Contact: Samantha Andress

Phone: x4903

Requested Action:

Approve the list of Director's Designees to authorize emergency actions in the Community Mental Health Program.

Issue, Description
& Background:

Under ORS 426.233, the Community Mental Health Program (CMHP) Director has the authority to designate specific individuals to act on their behalf in carrying out emergency mental health actions, including emergency holds and admissions. These designations are essential to ensuring timely and appropriate responses during behavioral health crises, particularly when immediate action is required to protect both individual and community safety. The Director has reviewed the qualifications of the recommended designees and determined they meet the professional and departmental standards necessary for this authority. Approval by the Board of Commissioners affirms these designations and provides a clear legal basis for the individuals listed in the Board Order to act as the Director's designees.

Financial Impacts:

None

Impacts to Department
& External Agencies:

None

List of attachments:

Board order

Presenter:

Debbie Wells

Department Head
Signature:

Ryan Matthews

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BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FOR MARION COUNTY, OREGON

In the Matter of approving)
designees to authorize emergency)
actions in the Community Mental)
Health Program)

ORDER No. _____

This matter came before the Marion County Board of Commissioners at its regularly scheduled public meeting on Wednesday, December 3, 2025 for the purpose of approving designees of the Marion County Community Mental Health Program Director, herein after “the Director,” who may authorize certain actions including emergency holds and admissions.

WHEREAS, designees of the Director may be authorized to take certain actions including emergency holds and admissions under ORS 426.233; and

WHEREAS, the Director may recommend persons who meet the standards established by the department as designees, who may, in addition to the Director, authorize certain actions such as emergency holds and admissions; and

WHEREAS, the Director has determined that the following individuals be approved by the Board as designees for these purposes:

Kat Altair, MA, QMHP-C
Robert George, LCSW
Jennifer Heine, MA, LPC
Steve Jackson, MA
Cathy Martell, MA
Dana Padilla, MSW
Laura Roberts, MS, LPC
Kathy Sias, PhD
Shannon Wilhelm, LCSW

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the above designees are authorized to utilize actions outlined in ORS 426.233 in accordance with all applicable laws and direction of the Director.

DATED this 3rd day of December, 2025.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Chair

Commissioner

Commissioner