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**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON**

**ORDER:**            ) IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING THE POLICY CHOICES IN  
                          ) RESPONSE TO MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING CUTS

03-2-19-5

WHEREAS, Lane County Health & Human Services (H&HS) is receiving significant reductions in funding for mental health services due to State budget rebalancing and the failure of Measure 28; and

WHEREAS, these funding cuts require H&HS to make changes in policies directing the provision of mental health services; and

WHEREAS, examples of these policy choices include: discontinuing emergency room coverage; cutting commitment investigation by 50 percent; delivering to the state hospital people approved by the state for long-term care who are housed at the Lane County Psychiatric Hospital; rationing indigent care based on a criteria to enter and remain in care; developing a waiting list for services; and reducing the number of child clients seen.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Board of County Commissioners approve changes in policy, including the examples detailed above, and outlined in the attached memorandum to the Board.

DATED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2003.



Peter Sorenson, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners