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IHN-CCO to receive new five-year contract from OHA

(Corvallis, Ore. – July 10, 2019) InterCommunity Health Network Coordinated Care Organization (IHN-CCO) received notice from the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) of its intent to award the organization with a new contract to continue as the Coordinated Care Organization for Benton, Lincoln and Linn counties from 2020 through 2024.

Before the contract is finalized IHN-CCO will undergo a CCO 2.0 readiness review. The contract calls for IHN-CCO to manage Oregon Health Plan (Medicaid) services for members in the three counties, focusing on five key areas identified by OHA's CCO 2.0 initiative to address gaps and challenges that persist in the state health care system.

These five key areas are behavioral health, health information technology, social determinants of health/health equity, sustainability and cost structure, and value based payments.

"The award of this contract allows us to build on the great work done by the CCO, our providers and community partners over the past 6 years," said Kelley Kaiser, chief executive officer of IHN-CCO. "Together with all of them, we look forward to the next phase of the transformation of our health care system. We anticipate better care coordination across the CCO and improved health outcomes for our members."

The notification of intent to award was received after a robust request for application process managed by OHA. Throughout the application process, IHN-CCO involved more than 50 community partner organizations and programs including medical providers, behavioral health providers, oral health organizations, community workgroups and the IHN-CCO's Community Advisory Council in developing strategic plans for each of the five priority areas.

“The broad-based involvement of our partners has resulted in a comprehensive, successful CCO 2.0 application with tangible and achievable goals,” added Kaiser.

IHN-CCO serves approximately 56,000 members and is operated by Samaritan Health Plans, a subsidiary of Corvallis-based Samaritan Health Services.

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