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Kaiser Permanente Northwest Awards Grant to Oregon School Based Health Alliance

Lane County, Oregon, January 2, 2018 - The Oregon School-Based Health Alliance (OSBHA) has received funding from Kaiser Permanente to provide technical assistance to the Lane County School Based Health Center Collaborative which will increase youth access to high-quality, affordable, holistic and culturally specific healthcare. OSBHA will partner with Transformational Community Alignment (TCA), Lane County school based health center providers, staff and management will participate, as well as other school and healthcare staff, medical sponsors and community providers. Expanded knowledge and support gained through the Collaborative will lead to more students using school health services, increased youth access to specialty referrals and higher quality of care.

This work will focus on supporting three main outcomes:

1. The number of completed wellness visits and of successful referrals to behavioral health will increase by 10%.
2. Youth access to specialty providers will improve with a 15% increase in successful referrals.
3. Increased numbers of Lane County students, including those who are homeless, will use school health services, with a goal of a 15% increase.

OSBHA and TCA have worked together over the past two years to enhance Lane County school based health center sustainability and to create the Collaborative.

“We look forward to building on the strong relationships formed among SBHC providers, staff, medical sponsors and community to further increase youth access to high quality care.” said Oregon School Based Health Alliance Executive Director, Laurie Huffman.

About Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit:

Community Benefit connects Kaiser Permanente with the communities we serve, expanding our influence beyond our clinics and hospitals to create new and equal opportunities for everyone to live a long, healthy life. In 2017, we contributed more than \$138 million toward healthier communities in the Northwest.

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Oregon School-Based Health Alliance (OSBHA) is a statewide 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Our **Mission** is to strengthen school based health services and systems that promote the health and academic success of young people. Our **Vision** is that all young people are healthy, learning and thriving. Our **Guiding Principles** are: 1. Sustaining, strengthening and expanding school based health centers. 2. Promoting diversity and equity that engages community and youth voices. 3. Advocating for and facilitating the integration of health, wellness and education.