

( ) Discussion only

( X ) Action

FROM (DEPT/ DIVISION): County Counsel

SUBJECT: Detox Center

<p>Background:</p> <p>The County received a letter from EOAF, the current provider for detox services. EOAF is requesting to terminate the detox program and use the facility for other treatment purposes. The matter is before the Board for discussion</p>	<p>Requested Action:</p> <p>Discuss and decide if want detox center to close or use facility for other options</p>
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ATTACHMENTS : Letter

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### Checkoffs:

( ) Dept. Heard (copy)

( ) Human Resources (copy)

( X ) Legal (copy)

( ) (Other - List:)

To be notified of Meeting:

Needed at Meeting:

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Scheduled for meeting on: July 2, 2025

Action taken:

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Follow-up:



# Eastern Oregon Alcoholism Foundation

Substance Abuse & Detoxification Services

EOAF, Inc.  
Celebrating 60 years  
1960 ~ Present

April 16, 2025

To: Umatilla County Commissioners

From: Darren Cole

Subject: Request for Consideration of Alternative Utilization Proposals for the Pendleton Detox Center

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to request that the Umatilla County Board of Commissioners initiate a review of alternative proposals for the use of the detox center located in Pendleton.

As community needs evolve and funding landscapes shift, it is critical that we evaluate whether the current utilization of the detox facility remains the most effective and efficient approach. Recent discussions and observations have raised important questions about whether the center is meeting its intended objectives, and whether alternative models or services could better serve the needs of our residents.

I respectfully propose that the Commissioners:

1. **Initiate a comprehensive review** of options for use of the detox facility, while still offering an array of to those in need of substance use services.

We believe that by opening the floor to alternative solutions, we may uncover useful and innovative approaches that more efficiently align with current needs in behavioral health, SUD services.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I look forward to your guidance and leadership as we consider the best path forward for this important community resource.

Best Regards,

Darren Cole

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Eastern Oregon Alcoholism Foundation

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**Per our lease agreement with Umatilla County, I would like to propose some options to consider for restructuring and utilization of the current Detox facility.**

1. In review of the current BHRN agreement, it is possible to relocate the BHRN program to the current detox building. This would dissolve our detox department. We would remain in compliance with the state in regards to the funds we are contractually obligated to provide services for related to the M110 grant. The facility would be a functioning 24/7 to offer respite housing and day peer center resources for the BHRN clients. Per the BHRN outline.
2. Moving BHRN to detox would allow us to continue to offer residential treatment services the Gish and Jennings houses. We would be able to transition these to strictly women and children (Mommy & Me) programs, which we have already received about \$19,000.00 in funding to start this process.
3. The Men's residential house could move to the newly constructed residential facility. This would allow us to double our current occupancy between the Men and Women's houses.

A secondary option:

1. Relocation of BHRN to the new facility. Offering the services that we are contractually obligated.
2. Relocation of the Men's residential treatment to the Detox facility. I believe we could have a max capacity of 16 beds available there.
3. Utilize the current residential (Jennings and Gish) for the above-mentioned Mommy and Me program.

Dissolution of the detox department would result in termination of the nursing staff. However, we may be able to retain the remaining Tech staff for other departments, as we would need to provide 24/7 services at the BHRN. We may need more staff to operate two separate

residential centers since they would no longer be co-ed, and we would be reviving the child development department.

#### Lease Section 4.1

The term of this lease shall be for 30 years, beginning April 1, 2007 and ending March 31, 2037.

#### Section 5.1

The premises is to be used for a detoxification center for a period of EIGHT years from the date of this lease, and failure to use the premises for that purpose will cause a default in this lease. The premises may be used for alcohol and drug treatment, as well as a detoxification center. A mental health respite wing has been added to the detoxification center, which was authorized by the County, the premises may be used for other additional purposes with the prior written consent of the County.

Payroll related to Detox from Pay date 01/10/2025 to Pay date 04/04/2025 totaled **\$195,985.28 gross earnings.** This total is based on 5,630.65 hours accumulative of all detox staff. Not including the Travel Nurse, or the Medical director wages.

We have provided different schedule templates for Detox to help alleviate overtime. Staff has continued to work full time hours in a near empty building. For Detox to break even with just payroll, we MUST have a MINIMUM of three Medical Detox clients per day, to maintain enough revenue for the amount of hours they are working. This calculation does not include any operating expenses like utilities or food for the clients. We have encountered difficulty with obtaining and retaining staff for the facility specifically nurses. We are not in a financial position to hire the positions to fully operate.

**Thank you,**

**Darren Cole**