

Coos County Mental Health Department



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With the onset of the Oregon Health Plan several changes are evolving for the Mental Health Department all to benefit delivery of services to the Coos County community.

First, we are developing a better means to access our services and those of other mental health providers in the community. We have already implemented a new program and have hired staff to allow for easier access by the community.

Secondly, we are looking at developing a full continuum of care to make sure all the treatment needs of the individuals served will be available. Services currently under development allow for better community outreach for children and adults, more effective mental health crisis services, better crisis/respite services for developmentally delayed individuals, alternatives to inpatient hospitalization and drug and alcohol detox services. We are working closely with other state and local agencies and the hospital as partners in our attempt to provide a full range of men-

tal health services for the Coos County community.

As the State and Federal Health funding and programs change to managed care formats we hope to further solidify our position as a leader in this area to ensure future consideration for funding and quality of services.

The outcome of these and other changes will in the near future provide an effective and comprehensive set of quality behavioral health care to be easily available to those in our community who are now in need as well as in the future.

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EXCERPTS FROM ORVIL DODGE'S PIONEER HISTORY OF COOS AND CURRY COUNTIES

...the year 1870, for a few years. Up to this time Coos County had no courthouse or other county buildings at Empire City. Judge Mann was county judge and the question was the propriety of building a courthouse. Judge Mann determined to find the will of the voters of the county ordered it submitted to the vote of the people at the June election in 1870. It was voted in the negative by an overwhelming majority.

Dr. D.J. Lowe was elected judge at the same election, and when he took charge of the affairs of the county he and the commissioners were in a rather embarrassed condition. Court was held in the old dilapidated building on the flat near the bay, which was neither comfortable or safe for records, etc. The people had just voted no courthouse by a decided majority, and the statutes made it the duty of the court to furnish a suitable building to hold court in, so the court was almost compelled, to disregard either the will of the people or the law, so they preferred the former, and in the year 1872 built the first courthouse the county ever owned at a cost of \$4,000. This act alone was the paramount cause of Judge Lowe's defeat for re-election in 1874.