Oregon Department of Human Services Addictions and Mental Health Division

Contact person: Shawn Clark, chair, Trauma Policy Advisory Committee 503-945-9720; s.clark@state.or.us

Procedure for Amendment of Trauma Policy

- 1. Input for the amendment or revision of the current trauma policy adopted by AMH will be taken on a year round basis. Suggestions may be sent to members of the trauma policy advisory committee.
- 2. Annual review of the policy is recommended due to rapidly expanding research efforts in the impact of trauma on the brain and mental health functioning; such research shall be submitted with suggestions made for policy revision.
- 3. A workgroup (subcommittee of TPAC) will be convened in November of each year, to consider input that has been submitted during the prior year, for preparation for a February 1 cutoff for an amended policy draft that will be reviewed by TPAC in the February meeting. Rationale for amendment of the policy shall be specified by TPAC.
- 4. Policy amendment recommendations will be submitted to stakeholder review.
- 5. The Assistant Director for AMH will review the decision of the TPAC at the February meeting to accept or reject the suggested amendments.
- 6. This procedure will be available on the DHS AMH website.