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Memorandum

To: ACT Service Providers

From: Karen Wheeler, MA, Business and Operations Policy Director

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Subject: Fidelity Review Policy Regarding Residential Treatment Facilities

The Oregon Center of Excellence for Assertive Community Treatment (OCEACT), with the approval of the Oregon Health Authority Health Systems Division, has issued guidance regarding ACT fidelity reviews for Community Mental Health Programs (CMHP) that also operate or provide services to individuals residing in Residential Treatment Facilities (RTF) and/or Residential Treatment Homes (RTH) and/or Secured Residential Treatment Facilities (SRTF) the following policy applies. OCEACT will conduct a fidelity review of the CMHP's ACT team when the following conditions are met:

- 1) The majority of ACT clients live in a community based setting outside of an RTF/RTH/SRTF at the time of the fidelity review.
- 2) An ACT participant is currently living within an RTF/RTH/SRTF, the ACT participant must be in the process of being transitioned back into the community AND to the catchment area of the CMHP's ACT team within 6 months in order to be counted as part of the ACT caseload. OCEACT will not count individuals as part of the ACT team who are intending to return to a county of residence different from the one that the CMHP's ACT team serves.

Rationale: ACT is a community based service delivery model designed to ensure that the ACT team is serving the intended target population in the most integrated community based settings as possible.