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## **PODER Announces \$30,000 Grant From CareSource To Support Its Work In Improving Health Equity**

**WOODBURN, Ore.-** PODER, Oregon's Latino Leadership Network, announced PODER Health Equity Collective (PHEC) is a proud recipient of a generous \$30,000 grant from CareSource as the two nonprofit organizations form a collaboration around their shared goal of improving health equity.

PHEC is one of PODER's four initiatives. Dedicated to improving the health of Latinos, it assists the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Coordinated Care Organizations (CCOs) in meeting the goals and expectations of Medicaid policy. It serves as an Advisory Board for policymakers and participating CCO. PHEC connects CCOs to Latino patients, providers, and local programs. Its coalition of Latino-focused healthcare providers and community benefit organizations strives to improve the trust Latinos have when accessing government-funded services. PHEC will improve health equity and improve health outcomes.

CareSource is a nonprofit, nationally recognized managed care organization that administers one of the fastest-growing Medicaid managed care plans in the country. Striving to transform lives through innovative health and life services. For more than 30 years, CareSource has built trusted relationships with the mission of transforming health care with innovative programs and a model of care that address the social determinants of health, health equity, prevention, and access to care.

With its people-first approach, CareSource is recognized for its deep community engagement across markets focused on improving health outcomes and conditions for low-income, underserved populations including awarding millions in grants annually to community organizations.

This grant will be used as start-up funds for PHEC and has helped PHEC host a statewide Summit of leaders in the Oregon Latino community, health systems, the Oregon Health Authority, and policymakers. By mid-2023 PHEC will have the capability of contracting with the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and Medicaid plans to improve the lives of Latinos statewide.

### **About PODER**

PODER, Oregon's Latino Leadership Network is a nonprofit organization made up of over 500 Latino leaders, organizations, businesses, public employees, community members, and allies across Oregon. PODER strives to bring together Latinos across Oregon to build collective power and capacity to facilitate people-driven solutions that promote social, economic, and civic prosperity for all. For more information, visit the website at <https://poderoregon.org/>.

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