

Morrow County Local Community Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday March 7, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m.
Bartholomew Building, Heppner, Oregon

Participants Present: Andrea Fletcher, Diane Kilkenny, Dirk Dirksen, Don Russell, Erin Stocker, Heidi Ziegler, Jamie Crowell, John Murray, Katy Norton, Kimberly Lindsay, Marie Shimer, Nicole Mahoney, Robbin Ferguson, Rollie Marshall, Sheree Smith, Troy Soenen, Alexi McHugh and Deena Gallaway.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:09 am. by Sheree Smith.

Welcome & Introductions: Sheree welcomed everyone and did round table introductions.

Review of Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting on January 3, 2019. Rollie Marshall moved to approve the minutes and Andrea Fletcher seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Made to Thrive: This will be tabled until a later time as Kriss Dammeyer could not attend the meeting.

EOHLA Update: Andrea discussed the Mental Health First Aid program. There have been 30 trainings in 11 counties with over 450 participants. There are some left over funds so there could be training in Morrow County.

Incentive Measures: Troy noted that they were working on CCO 2.0. No specific data was reviewed.

Focus Group Results: Troy reviewed results of the Morrow County Community Health Assessment. The focus group results reaffirm what we have already identified (positive sense of community and belonging, housing issues, poverty issues, fear of immigration status). Regional issues were cited as food insecurities, housing and early childhood development. We need to draft a new community health improvement plan which would include this key information as well as our own plan goals that we have identified. Discussed ways to accomplish this such as developing sub committees. Morrow County is conducting a buildable land assessment which may be good information to have. A PowerPoint presentation was reviewed which included the community health assessment data. For the next meeting we need to look at the community health assessment as well as our goals and revise accordingly. Troy and Andrea will meet prior to review and come up with a plan. It was suggested to have the joint meeting with Early Childhood in June instead of next month in order to work on this plan which is due in May.

EOCCO Grant Applications: Andrea stated that the EOCCO Grant applications have been submitted. Grant funds are going to the CARE and SPURS programs and Incentive Measure focus will be Adolescent Well Care visits. The group also wanted to continue with the colorectal cancer screening with this application. There has been no word yet on the award.

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CAC Coordinators Meeting: There will be a CAC Coordinators meeting in Portland on March 19th and 20th. It was asked if there was anyone interested in going. Diane Kilkenny stated she was interested in attending.

Upcoming Trainings: Sheree noted that there were several upcoming trainings available and would e-mail those out to everyone.

Public Comment / Roundtable:

Katy Norton – Katy announced that Columbia River Health has hired a new Executive Director. His name is David Ayala. He is a Boardman community member.

Alexi McHugh – Stated that the Healthy Eating Program has 3 focus groups and they are needing volunteers to help with developing the focus groups. There is a stipend for doing this.

Marie Shimer– There have been busses donated to the summer food program. They still need to come up with a name and identify key locations for food distribution.

Erin Stocker – Erin stated that the CARE program has had a good year and that things have run very smoothly. They have been collaborating with ESD.

Robbin Ferguson– Domestic Violence will be holding the 6th annual “Walk in her shoes” on April 27th in Pendleton.

Heidi Zeigler– Stated that there is going to be a job fair next week (March 13th) at the Hermiston Community Center.

Diane Kilkenny– They had a good “exclusion” day. There were only 27 letters sent out resulting in approx. 3 to 5 children that were actually excluded. All of them are back to school now. This number is down from previous years.

Don Russell – Attended the annual conference for special districts. He noted that Deschutes County 911 won an award for bettering outcomes (success rates) for myocardial infarctions. They had trained all dispatchers in CPR instructions. They now exceed the national standard.

John Murray – John stated that business is up. Gilliam County will be getting 340B pharmacy pricing. The pharmacy will be doing consulting for Aspen Springs.

Dirk Dirksen – It is budget season. They are working on maintaining all of the wrap around services that they currently have in place.

Rollie Marshall – They are collaborating with Morrow County and Kalie Davis at the Port of Morrow to put together internships for students. They have grant funding to help with the program. Lone School District is looking at putting together funding for a Recreational Center.

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Nicole Mahoney – Please “like” the MCHD Facebook page. March is colorectal cancer awareness month and they are having several classes. The Irrigon Clinic addition/remodel is completed. There will be an Open House on March 21st. A new PA will be starting in Heppner. It is budget time and they are looking at remodel projects at the Heppner Clinic and the Hospital.

Andrea Fletcher – Andrea has drafted a letter to the EOCCO Community Advisory Council on how to strengthen and coordinate services. Sheree will e-mail this to all for review and to please vote on whether you support sending this letter.

Jamie Crowell – Good Shepherd is hosting a Spring Screening: Heart Health Event. This will be March 15th at Good Shepherd. There will also be a Safe Communities Meeting next month.

Next Meeting:

April 4th at the Port of Morrow in Boardman.

Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Deena Gallaway