

# Meeting Minutes

**Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization**

**Wheeler County Local Community Advisory Council**

**Tuesday, September 24, 2019 5:30 – 7:30 PM**

**Jeanne E. Burch Building**

**401 Fourth St. Fossil, OR 97830**

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LCAC Attendance: **Anne Mitchell**, Chair WC LCAC (via phone); **Breanna Skeem**, Vice Chair WC LCAC; **Susan Moore**, WC LCAC & Asher Community Health Center; **Colleen Grayson**, Secretary WC LCAC; **Matt Davis**, Coordinator, WC LCAC; **Brandy Hornbrook**, WC LCAC; **Jeanette Laite**, WC LCAC; **Ellie Bray**, WC LCAC; **Jon Asher**, WC LCAC & Wheeler County Transportation

Guests: **Troy Soenen**, EOCCO; **Marci McMurphy**, GOBHI; **Maria Waters**, OHA; **Kaleen Cheney**, DHS

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**Call to Order:** Breanna called the meeting to order

**Introductions:** Members and guests introduced themselves and the communities and interests they represent.

**Public Comment:** Matt relayed a request from Commissioner Shaffer that he (Matt) attend the Regional Community Advisory council meeting on Sept. 25th in Baker City as Commissioner Shaffer's proxy. Matt asked the group for any input or concerns regarding this request. The group expressed its support.

**Review and Approval of August Minutes:**

**MOTION:** Brandy **MOVED** to **APPROVE** the meeting minutes from the August WC LCAC meeting as presented.

**SECOND:** Jon seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Ayes 9 - Nays 0

## **Breanna declared the MOTION CARRIED**

**LCAC Support Fund Document Review and Approval:** Matt stated that he had put together the draft document currently before the group in order to give the council a starting point to work from. Matt continued to say that the support fund request can be amended according to the desires of the council and is not necessarily put forth as a finished product.

Matt also asked Troy for some guidance in terms of the draft support fund request. Specifically, he asked if listing all of the officers as having responsibility for the funds was unnecessarily complicated.

Troy replied that as long as the current format (Persons responsible for funds) represents the will of the Council it will be acceptable to EOCCO. Troy confirmed that everyone at the table is aware of the purpose of the LCAC Support Fund. He also offered a brief history of this fund and its expansion to reflect the increased responsibilities, requirements and costs associated with carrying out various LCAC functions. Troy highlighted that these particular dollars are allocated to facilitate the Council itself, including but not limited to compensation for Coordinator duties, training for members and meeting costs. He cautioned against purposely “banking” support funds in order to accommodate programs but mentioned that if excess funds are accumulated for Council operations EOCCO has approved the use of them for projects in certain instances.

Matt mentioned that WC LCAC is one of the LCACs that has built a small pot of unexpended Support Fund dollars and that the Fiscal Year 2019 LCAC Budget anticipates the expenditure of all of it on community projects. Troy expressed support for this approach and articulated a dynamic whereby too much saving can create a perception on the part of funders that increased funding is unnecessary. The group assured Troy that WC LCAC’s accumulation of Support Fund dollars came as a result of unavoidable circumstance (vacant coordinator position) rather than a premeditated savings program or lack of need.

Anne mentioned several potential expenditures of these dollars including the utilization of a communications tool such as Basecamp as was discussed during 2018. Anne expressed an opinion that this tool could be utilized to increase the feeling of connection between WC LCAC members and the dissemination of important information. Additionally, tabling materials, portable presentation tools to allow more mobility of meeting location and other possible uses were discussed as having been included in the FY 19 budget document.

Matt explained that because of the groups intention to use all saved dollars in the current fiscal year he had applied for the maximum allowable allotment to facilitate Council administrative operations (\$12,000) in the draft Support Fund Document included in the meeting packet.

Breanna asked if group wished to endorse the Support Fund Document as presented or if anyone would suggest any modifications prior to Council approval. Hearing no further comments, Breanna asked for a motion.

**MOTION:** Jon **MOVED** to **APPROVE** the Wheeler County Local Community Advisory Council Support Fund Document as presented (**EXHIBIT A**).

**SECOND:** Susan seconded the motion.

**VOTE:** Ayes 9 - Nays 0

**Breanna declared the MOTION CARRIED**

Troy suggested that after the meeting Breanna sign the now official Support Fund Document so that he could take it and begin the process of review and approval by EOCCO. Breanna agreed to do so.

**CCO 2.0 October Meeting:** Troy offered some context for the discussion, explaining that EOCCO was awarded the 5 year contract to administer Medicaid services in Wheeler County as well the other 11 counties in the service area. One requirement put forth by Oregon Health Authority is that in each of these jurisdictions EOCCO must conduct a public meeting in order to explain the goals of CCO 2.0 to community partners, service providers and OHP consumers. Troy discussed requisite topics to be covered during the meeting and outlined a tentative agenda to be followed.

In terms of logistics, the meeting is scheduled for October 29th at 5:30 PM in the Isobel Edwards Hall in Fossil. EOCCO must make its presentation publicly available and provide 30 days notice of the meeting. Matt asked if this notice was something that would be WC LCAC responsibility. Troy replied that the notice and its publication would be arranged and paid for by EOCCO.

There will be time allotted for the WC LCAC to present its mission, a brief history of past and current community projects and convey any other information to the assembled audience.

Susan asked about potential to provide transportation from the surrounding communities for the meeting. Jon and Matt committed to speaking in order to work out what something like that would look like utilizing Wheeler County Public Transportation resources.

*(Coordinator's Note: These discussion have occurred but there are several barriers which complicate the process. Specifically, WCPT is prevented from providing charters. Further, rides can only be provided to Seniors, Veterans and Disabled Individuals or Oregon Health Plan members for the specific purpose of attending a medical appointment. There has been difficulty*

*in terms of meeting these criteria for this meeting as thus far individuals expressing interest in getting a ride do not meet them. Further, there are no bus charter services in Wheeler County. At the time of writing no plan to provide public transportation exists.)*

Troy spoke about the promotional materials for the meeting, and identified himself as the point of contact for any questions regarding the meeting. He also asked that when WC LCAC spread the word and invite individuals to the meeting that they are encouraged to access the EOCCO website and officially RSVP for the meeting so that an idea as to head count is available to organizers.

The group discussed specifically inviting FVRx participants, Troy and Marci expressed support for this idea.

Anne offered to write a piece on the CCO 2.0 Meeting for publication in the Times Journal in order to provide additional detail and promotion.

**Sub-Group Reports:** Breanna asked if any of the CHP sub-groups had been able to coordinate a meeting and if so what if any progress had been made.

The Social Determinants of Health (SDH) Sub-Group reported that they had been able to conduct a remote meeting via Facebook. Ellie presented the notes from this meeting.

the SDH group identified home improvement and weatherizing as a measure which could have a direct impact on health. The group suggested contacting CAPECO in order to act as a conduit for local residents to access related services and funding provided by this group. A possible presentation by CAPECO was suggested. As a longer term approach to the Housing issue the group committed to exploring USDA grants eligible to build and rehabilitate low income housing.

Another line of sub-group discussion was Adverse Childhood Experiences Screenings (ACES) and the direct correlation between high ACES scores and chronic disease, poverty and homelessness. The group suggested pursuing a 1-3 year plan to conduct an ACES study throughout Wheeler County.

Kaleen discussed the process for approving a unit for Section 8 subsidy and relayed recent conversations that she has had with CAPECO regarding weatherizing and electrical subsidies. She also discussed ADA upgrades available through the State of Oregon and identified herself as a willing partner to help community members access these programs.

Marci suggested that Clearview Mediation in Pendleton could be a great source of materials as they have an entire warehouse of medical supplies dedicated for these kinds of uses.

Maria lead a brief discussion around Flex Funds available for non-billable OHP member medical services/supplies.

The Early Childhood Development Sub-Group also met remotely. Brandy presented some ideas that came from that process.

She discussed a concept for a recurring area Family Night focusing on fun activities and information dissemination to help build positive relationships between children and their parents as well as peer-to-peer relationships. She also relayed a discussion around hosting a Daddy's Day to emphasize and support the important yet often under emphasized function of fatherhood in development. The group also discussed an idea for a local program organized around health and wellness during pregnancy in recognition that long term health begins prenatally.

**FVRx Report & Discussion:** Marci presented the latest information concerning the Frontier Veggie Rx Program in Wheeler County. She was able to confirm that the Lone Elf Market is not interested in become a participating vendor for the program. The group briefly speculated on reasons for this decision.

Marci reported that GOBHI has sent the letter of intent to apply for grant funds to extend the FVRx program for three additional years. The final grant application for these funds will be due in October. The group expressed excitement that the program could be extended for that long and relayed positive feedback from participants including questions as to how long they can expect the program to run.

Marci asked for feedback from the distributors. Colleen reported that the program is making steady progress and confirmed the value participants find in it. Marci relayed a metrics component to the program being undertaken in Harney County wherein participants get a height weight and blood pressure reading administered by the voucher providers upon signing up for the program and then this data is collected monthly in order to gather quantitative support data for the program.

Marci communicated the need for WC LCAC to begin to think and talk about whether or not the Council will want to opt into the again during 2020. Anne expressed a desire for more data from Marci concerning amount of vouchers distributed etc. in order to facilitate that discussion. Marci committed to providing that data. Concern was expressed by the group that funds not expended before January may not be able to be rolled over. Troy said that precedent exists for such a roll over to occur but cautioned that anytime funds are not expended as planned the possibility for

them to be re-allocated to a different use does exist. Marci clarified that the funds currently budgeted for the administration of the FVRx program in Wheeler County are set up to facilitate the program through March of 2020, rather than through December of 2019.

Maria discussed the 100% project designed to increase utilization of healthcare services by OHP consumers. The idea of the project is to make sure that when folks are given information concerning eligibility for Medicaid they are also educated on how to actually use the benefits they qualify for. In the Central Oregon Tri-County area about 40% of OHP consumers so not use their benefits. The group expressed an opinion that the statistics are probably similar for Wheeler County. The project specifically targets schools to make sure that not only are 100% of the students insured but that they are actually *using* the services. Maria suggested the program could offer solutions to similar issues in Wheeler County.

**Next Meeting Location and Time:** The group discussed location scheduling for the November meeting since the October meeting had already been planned. It was decided to hold the November meeting in Fossil on **Tuesday, November 19th, 5:30 - 7:30 PM at the Jeanne E. Burch Building, 401 Fourth St., Fossil, OR 97830.**

**Call In Options:** The group discussed importance of the call in option for WC LCAC meetings given the approaching winter weather. Matt committed to providing call in information in all meeting reminder emails.

**Breanna declared the MEETING ADJOURNED**