

HARNEY COUNTY LCAC MEETING MINUTES  
AUGUST 11, 2020

Call to order by Savanna Cate, Chair at 1:03 pm.

Introductions/Attendees: Marci McMurphy, Evelyn Neasham, Health Department (Jolene, Calvin, Kelly, Maxine), Noelle Colby-Rotell, Jennifer Williams, Patty Dorroh, Val Hebener and James Jordan. Jessica Richardson. Chris Siegner.

MINUTES:

June approved as written.

July approved as written.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

REPORTS:

Marci – Discussed the RCAC meeting held in June and the biggest change was the RCAC Charter. This is like a map of where we are heading and was approved. We were trying to get up the 51% level up to RCAC instead of at the local level. However, the Oregon Health Authority came back saying no to this proposal. We still need to keep the 51% at our local level which is anyone who is currently on OHP and anyone who has children on OHP. These are the only two ways we can apply to be a member. Discussed a selection committee at each LCAC. This committee reviews applications for membership, which then go on to the county for approval. We need an EOCCO Board of Directors member on the selection committee and a county employee. Chris Siegner and Maxine Nyman are our representatives on this committee.

Marci also discussed the Early Learning Hub with the next RCAC meeting held in September which is the one that was sent aside for early learning. Discussed No Small Matters video which costs \$3.99 and is on Amazon Prime. Watch if able and relay your thoughts to the RCAC representatives.

Jennifer asks if there is daycare available in our area. Marci questions if it is for people going back to work. Savanna states that the hospital is working with peoples' schedules and time off, etc. to help with childcare. Savanna states that she has not heard of a solution in the community. Val states it is possible to cruise the web and find information about childcare.

Jolene states that the health department is still waiting for information from the State about opening more in the county. They will be coming up with new metrics today for the rural areas regarding opening schools. It looks like our schools will be allowed to open. Harney County has met the metrics for 2 of the last 3 weeks.

Jolene introduces Nic Calvin, the new Director for Harney County Health Department. Nic is originally from Alabama and graduated from law school and just finished his master's degree in May. He moved here in July with his wife. September 1<sup>st</sup> will be his official first day of work at the health department.

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DD Advisory Committee Report: Angie Temple, from Symmetry Care, gives the DD report and reviews her presentation slides. Angie states that they just received their Quality Assurance review reports today. Angie states they have 30 days to challenge any findings. The state reviewed 12 of our 21 files. COVID-19 caused several findings to not be reviewed by the state. Of the 56 items reviewed, we received 100% in 46 of them. Heather and I are both new to our job so this is a work in process. There were seven items that will require corrective action. In the area of customer satisfaction, we scored 100%. Angie was proud of the areas where they scored 100%.

Evelyn discussed masks and hand sanitizers. She states we can get 150 one-time use masks for about \$40. She talked with Jolene about where the health department got their hand sanitizers which was from Suzanne Settle. Unfortunately, that is not an avenue we can use as it took too long to get them. So, she found hand sanitizers for 96 cents apiece. Savanna discusses that we talked at the last meeting, about ways to get the word out about the LCAC and use funds that are available. She states that we need more information on who we would send them to and how. We will postpone this discussion until the next LCAC meeting.

### OTHER:

Val asks if we can watch Operation We Care. She discusses that there are still dry wells in our county and could we use some of our money to that endeavor. Evelyn states that we are doing shower and laundry vouchers through our LCAC. We are working on an informational flyer to catch people who need these services. Savanna asks Val if she has ideas about where to hang the flyers up. Maybe at the fairgrounds and other places throughout our county. Kelly states that maybe she could ask people who come in to get shower vouchers where they might put up flyers and see what they might say. Kelly will look for the flyer made previously. Savanna will help make sure people know about the laundry and shower vouchers. Val expresses her thanks. Kelly and Savanna to work on the flyer. Evelyn and Savanna to work on distribution of the flyer.

Marci and Frontier Veggie Rx update: We did receive the green vouchers and she gave them out. These vouchers are sponsored by EOHLA. When we run across people who could benefit from the vouchers, using the green ones, they do not have to be OHP members to receive them. These vouchers are only for a four-month period and are only for Harney County. Marci is wondering how these are going at family care at the hospital. Contacts for the clinic are currently Jessica Richardson and Annette Thomas. Jessica is currently interviewing for a CHW at the clinic. Frontier Veggie Rx flyers and laundry and shower vouchers will be distributed together.

EOCCO update: Marci states that the EOCCO summit is right around the corner, Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup> from 9 until 12 with a virtual meeting. The summit is CME accredited at no cost to the attendee.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

MEMBER COMMENTS: None.

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Savanna states Evelyn got us up to date about meeting in the board room again. The hospital is allowing groups of 10 or less to meet. Marci asks if it is possible to have a virtual and in person meeting at the same time. Val states that maybe we could rotate with members from the hospital and then others that could come in. Evelyn discusses that there are hospital new employee orientations on the first and third Tuesdays of each month and this could impact us. In fact, that happened today. They had 6 new employees and they had to use the board room. Val states there is a meeting room at DHS and maybe we could use that room. Marci suggests that the September meeting be virtual and the October meeting possibly at DHS or the hospital, whichever works. Evelyn states that the hospital policy is that anyone attending our meetings, if they are not a hospital employee, they must go through the screening process, be escorted to the meeting, cannot use the café and only the restrooms, etc. Everyone needs to know this right up front. So, for now, September is virtual, and October may be hybrid.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58. The next meeting will be virtual on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 1-3 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn Neasham  
HC LCAC Coordinator