

Gilliam County Local Community Advisory Council (LCAC)
Regular Meeting Minutes
June 4, 2020

Jennifer Bold called the regular Local Community Advisory Council (LCAC) Meeting to order, at 12:10 p.m. Present via video conference were:

Marci McMurphy, Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization / Greater Oregon Behavioral Health Inc. (EOCCO/GOBHI)

Teddy Fennern, Family Services & LCAC Coordinator, Gilliam County;

Jennifer Bold, DHS, Gilliam County LCAC Chair;

Sally Mann, North Gilliam Health District, Board Member

Amy Nation, Juvenile Department, Gilliam County;

Ashley Danielson, Expanded Practice Dental Hygienist, Advantage Dental;

Tammy Pierce, Early Childhood Coordinator, EOCCO/GOBHI;

Chanel Kelly, Community and Consumer Representative;

Audrey Egan, Medicaid Services Coordinator, MODA Quality Team

Eileen Flory, GOBHI, Oregon Center on Behavioral Health and Justice Integration / Gilliam County Eastern Oregon Healthy Living Alliance (EOHLA) Rep, LCAC member

REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

Add in Audrey Egan, Medicaid Services Coordinator, MODA Quality Team under new business

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF COVID – 19 UPDATES:

- Teddy Fennern, Family Service & LCAC Coordinator, Gilliam County stated that the County has had the doors locked to the public since March. We have done everything possible over the phone that we can do. As far as Frontier Veggie Rx Program, I started mailing out all the vouchers to the households, so that we would have contactless service. Households could call me, and I would do the new assessments over the phone and then I would mail them their vouchers along with a rights and responsibilities form with a self-addressed envelope to sign and mail back to me, again with contactless service. We have increased about 10 households since the beginning of the year on the May report, but just since July 1st we have increased 3 new households and 9 more people.
- As far as the food pantry we had to go from the shopping style to the curbside pick-up. We made up boxes for each of the families according to size and when you pull up I did a verbal sign in and then the boxes were delivered out to their car, all while the people stayed in their car, so that it was a contactless service as well. Those that could not get out our wanted to stay physically distanced, were delivered to with the help of Gilliam County Transportation. Our numbers have nearly doubled in the last few months. March, we served 47 households, April we served 72 households and May we have served 82 households.
- Jennifer Bold, District 9 DHS intake specialist, indicated that so far if you were SNAP eligible that you would be getting the full benefit amount for April, May and June. So, what this means if you usually only receive \$16 a month in SNAP benefits, you will not have the full benefit amount that

a household of one could get, put onto your Oregon Trail card. The full benefit amount is \$197. This will be for all household sizes and they will be receiving the full benefit amount for their size to help with the Pandemic.

- DHS has also rolled out a program that is like the Summer Food program. If you have a child that is enrolled in Free or reduced lunch program in school, then you will qualify for a pandemic food card. Each child in the household will be eligible to receive this funding if you are interested in going in and signing up for the program. For June they will receive \$69; for July they will receive \$129; August they will receive \$120; for September they will receive \$69. This will also be put onto an Oregon Trail Card and will be sent out to families that qualify.
- Jennifer stated that she is doing about 74% of her work tele-working. Typically, the only face-to-face's is for Domestic Violence (D.V.) cases. DHS has recently sent out a survey of their workers and wanted to know if they wanted to continue to tele-work into the future. The results will be announced later.
- They are working on COVID-19 emails daily.

Chanel Kelly, Condon Child Care Update: The Child Care has a plan put in place to reopen under the Emergency Child Care program. They are currently taking trainings and setting up all the PPE, Personal Protective Equipment that will be a necessary part of the program. They are going to be breaking out into three groups –

- Infant Toddler Program
 - Preschool Program
 - School Aged Program
- Families are going to have to re-submit their paperwork
 - The Summer Food Service Program, (SFSP) will start and go from 12:00 noon to 12:45 p.m. They will be doing as a curbside pick-up, with the sidewalk clearly marked with places to wait that are 6 feet apart, until it is their turn to pick up their lunch.

IN THE MATTER OF MEETING MINUTES

Amy Nation, Gilliam County Juvenile Department made a motion to approve the May 7, 2020 minutes as presented. Ashley Danielson, Advantage Dental, seconded the motion. No opposes. **The motion carried.**

IN THE MATTER OF ADVANTAGE DENTAL UPDATE

Ashley Danielson, Advantage Dental – Ashley indicated the tele-dentistry project that we are working with is a necessary service and that we should be up and running again by July at the latest she was hoping.

IN THE MATTER OF FRONTIER VEGGIE Rx UPDATE

Marci McMurphy, EOCCO, reported that the utilization rates for FVRx are super high like 97% last year, and not 100% sure for this year yet though.

IN THE MATTER OF FRONTIER VEGGIE Rx PROGRAM AND EOHLA FUNDS: Marci stated that Eastern Oregon Health Living Alliance, (EOHLA) put in for a grant through the Nutrition Oregon Campaign. The focus was on Food Security and Food Stability. The Grant was approved for \$10,000 with equates out to \$2,500 each for Gilliam, Harney, Sherman and Wheeler Counties, The Frontier Veggie Rx Program. The thought currently will be to provide 57 prescriptions, or

booklets for three months. We will be getting further information back to the LCAC's after the FVRx Advisory Committee meets to discuss how to provide that funding and what restrictions may be on those additional dollars. John Adams, EOHHA Executive Director should be attending our next meeting as well to provide a full overview of everything that they are doing and answer any questions that we may have.

IN THE MATTER OF EOCCO QUALITY INCENTIVE METRICS UPDATE: Audrey Egan, Medicaid Services Coordinator, MODA Quality Team:

*Audrey reported that MODA had sent out an update on the Quality Incentive Metrics last month.

*EOCCO has also sent out member mailing that they are actively accepting Preventative Appointments and that it is important to continue to keep up to date on all those appointments.

*EOCCO is currently working on progress reports

IN THE MATTER OF North Central Public Health Department (NCPHD) GRANT UPDATE: TERI THALOFR, NCPHD Director: Tabled

IN THE MATTER OF MY STRENGTH: Marci McMurphy, Project Coordinator- Rental Assistance and Frontier Veggie Rx, Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc. (GOBHI): Marci reported that there is a program called myStrength, is an online web and mobile app. myStrength experience is based in clinical models like cognitive behavioral therapy, acceptance and commitment therapy, positive psychology, mindfulness, and motivational interviewing – proven interventions that have helped millions improve and sustain health and well-being, mindfulness and more. Tools like mood trackers, guided programs targeting anxiety, depression, sleep disturbances, stress and substance use, articles and videos. Nurturing mind, body and spirit myStrength cultivates whole-person well-being, clinically reviewed wellness resources for diabetes, smoking cessation, nutrition, as well as user-defined inspirational and spiritual resources fill out the myStrength experience.

IN THE MATTER OF RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PROVIDED BY GOBHI & CCS: MARCI stated that GOBHI and CCS teamed up about 7-10 years ago beginning with 30 slots, then it increased by 20 additional households. There are no current clients in Gilliam County in large part due to the lack of landlords that will work with the program. You must have one or more of the following diagnosed Mental Health Illnesses to qualify:

- Bipolar
- Schizophrenia
- Schizophrenia effective
- Depressive disorder
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Must be transitioning from
 - Homelessness
 - Residential setting

- Hospital transition
- ❖ Alita Nelson has been the coordinator of this program for some time now.

Marci stated that she also is the Coordinator for the Money Management program for Gilliam, Sherman, Wheeler and Harney counties. Gilliam County only has two clients currently

IN THE MATTER OF THE GENERAL OPERATIONS FUND REPORT: TEDDY FENNERN stated that the budget that was included in the email to look at was a copy of the current Operations Fund support budget. We have \$12,000 total broken out into several categories:

Healthy Meals - \$900. Currently Remaining: \$616

Meeting Support and Supplies - \$200. Currently Remaining: \$0 Fully Expended

Media - \$300. Currently Remaining \$300

Member Engagement - \$600. Currently remaining \$286.50

Coordinator - \$4000. Currently Remaining: \$0 Fully Expended

Coordinating & supporting incentive funds - \$3,200. Currently Remaining \$0 Fully Expended

LCAC Training - \$800. Currently Remaining: \$800

FVRx Support - \$2,000. Currently Remaining: \$1,199.16

TOTAL - \$12,000 TOTAL REMAINING \$3,201.66

IN THE MATTER OF UPDATING ON 2019 METRICS AS WELL AS 2020 TARGETS: Marci stated that the metrics look like 80% was met. We think that we met the child metric challenge pool also. We will put this on the next agenda again to look at the final numbers that should be coming out around June 19th.

IN THE MATTER OF ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Teddy Fennern, Gilliam County LCAC Coordinator, noted the following:
 - Next Gilliam LCAC meeting will be held Thursday, July 2, 2020 @ noon. There was a conversation about moving forward with this regularly scheduled meeting or not due to the holiday and it was determined to move forward.
- The Regional CAC Meeting will be on June 24th from 9:00 – 12:00, virtually, they will be sending information out via e-mail
- Judge Farrar serves on the RCAC and Teddy Fennern is her alternate. Jennifer Bold, Gilliam County LCAC Chair is appointed to this committee as well.
- Tomorrow there are going to be two listening sessions happening to discuss the LCAC Charter. They want to make sure that we meet the member requirement, and it will be voted on at the RCAC meeting and sent on to EOCCO from there.

TRIPLE P PROGRAM: Tammy Pierce, GOBHI, stated that they have been invited back to apply for year two. Oregon Community Foundation (OCF) have confirmed that they are still focused on parent education. The Steering Committee Meeting will be next Tuesday at 2:00 p.m. Just let her know if you are interested in attending and we will be talking about where Gilliam County wants to be, moving forward;

- Needs; Gaps; Wishes; Wants

IN THE MATTER OF MEETING ADJOURNMENT

It appearing to the LCAC Board that there was no further business to be conducted at this time, Teddy Fennern, Gilliam County LCAC Coordinator, adjourned the meeting at 1:00 P.M. The next meeting will be on July2nd @ noon.

Jennifer Bold
LCAC Chairperson

JB (verbal)

Date: _____

Teddy Fennern
LCAC Coordinator

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Date: 9/3/2020

