



<b>Grant County Community Advisory Council Meeting Minutes</b>	
<b>Date</b>	Wednesday, June 17, 2020
<b>Time</b>	12:00 - 1:00 pm
<b>Location</b>	<a href="https://meet.google.com/gur-rnvr-vwr">meet.google.com/gur-rnvr-vwr</a> (US)+1 617-675-4444 PIN: 728 045 689 1527#
<b>Co-Chairs</b>	Robert Waltenburg & Teresa Aasness
<b>Attendees</b>	Derek Daly, Robert Waltenburg, , Patti Wright, Tracey Blood, Jessica Winegar, Rhiannon Bauman, Lisa Weigum, Angie Uptmor, Tilli Bjornberg, Kathy Cancilla, Darbie Dennison, Mary Ann Wren, Chris Yriarte, Sam Palmer, Randy Johnson, Sabrina Howard, Mary Ann Wren, Brenna Wilson, Marci Wasiluk, Audrey Egan, Linda Watson
<b>12:00 PM Co-Chair</b>	Robert Waltenburg, called the meeting to order and asked for those joining to say hello.
<b>Action Item</b>	Robert requested any changes to the minutes, hearing none, Jessica made the motion to approve the May 20, 2020 CAC Meeting Minutes as presented. Mary Ann seconded and they were unanimously approved.  The Community Benefits Initiative Reimbursement project proposal adjustments for the 2020 grant cycle is completed and was attached to this meeting notice for CAC review. The first project Progress Report is due July 1, 2020. With the completion of the proposed changes report, it is our hope the funders will accept this report to serve as the Progress Report. Kathy added that wording may have been reformatted in the report to get the point across. Robert commented that it was good to see the original project description included with the proposed changed. No action is needed for this item.
	Robert opened the meeting, introducing local health care providers to share updates of how services are looking at this time, beginning with Derek Daly, CEO of Blue Mountain Hospital District. Key points of discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Derek – with hospital restrictions lifted, it is a relief to have elective surgeries and visitors being able to return. Patient services are continuing to scale to a new normal with approximately 80-85% return of out-patient services. Collaboration with the Grant County Health Department staff, County officials and other community partners have been strengthened throughout the pandemic.</li> <li>• Marcy – The Telehealth primary care platform has been successful in our community. The clinic is continuing with providing prevention and chronic disease management in the mornings and ill patient care in the afternoons. New physicians have been hired to replace Dr. Hall and Dr. Betza, who will be leaving towards the end of July. Community Health Workers have continued to be creative to serve patients in our community. There is no way to sustain the targets of the EOCCO metrics with the interruption of</li> </ul>

services that have taken place these past four months. We are working to find a way to hold Adolescent Well Care visits at the clinic and still maintain COVID restrictions. Partnership with the Grant County Health Department and Commissioner Palmer has been phenomenal!

- Jessica – the health department has been inundated with calls with public concerns. Physical distancing needs to remain in effect, be diligent. Telehealth and phone appointments are around 80%. One of the big questions is how schools will re-open and how the School-Based Health Center will resume serving students. Public Health programs such as Home Visiting, some are still happening, looking at what is best for families. John Combs provides Environmental Health and he has been helping local businesses such as restaurants to figure out ways to re-open.
- The group was asked outreach for underserved populations is being considered. The answer was unclear.
- When we do have cases, housing is an issue for people who need to remain in self-quarantine, there is no plan in place for where they can go, help with meals.
- Sam is working with county commissioners in Eastern Oregon who have been communicating with the governor's office to hear input of all aspects to help guide decisions.
- Childcare issues for working parents is concerning if schools and local daycare do not open.
- Robert stated schools are aware of the ODE/OHA restrictions and the schools in this area are planning on in-person instruction to begin in the fall.
- Routinize COVID testing is available to handle testing demands. People are being tested who are planning to travel (fly, abroad), asymptomatic, transfers and etc. Over 150 people have been tested in Grant County with no new positive cases to date.
- Antibody testing is available with an appointment with a provider but results are not 100% certain.

Kathy Cancilla shared with the group about her new role with the Grant County Health Department, serving as the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Coordinator (PHPC). This title is additional to her role as Accreditation Coordinator.

This position was formally held by John Combs for 14 years. This position is required by OHA to prepare communities for outbreaks and catastrophic events. Requirements include an OHA approved annual Health Plan, and quarterly reports on work plan. Kathy will work closely with Kattaryna Stiles, State Regional Liaison for public health emergency plans. All emergency operation plans overlap and can get detailed. Two main goals of this position is to provide collaboration and communication with all agencies. Most important communication is with the public. Jessica is our Public Information Officer and she releases information to media and all. The Public Health Director, Kimberly Lindsay, is the lead and she works closely with EOC. Kathy participates in state and regional meetings, bring information to local resources. Kathy recently attended a Childcare Resources meeting and throughout the state we are fighting the same issues. Much paperwork is required for daycare providers to apply to stay open. Event trainings are also a part of this role to provide education to improve work skills.

Audrey Egan, Medicaid Service Coordinator with EOCCO/Moda is joining the CAC, monthly.

- Community conversation continued and Audrey did not have the opportunity to introduce herself in this meeting. She will be provided time on the top of the July meeting agenda.

**How are people doing around you?**

- Pastor Randy Johnson, Church of the Nazarene  
Interesting, less programmed, lots of needs, bringing the senior generation to use technology. Members miss gatherings as a group but are doing well. Difference of political philosophies is also effecting us. Ministerial association may be a good avenue of connection for public health.
- Darbie Dennison, Humbolt School Principal  
Very quiet in building, staff did outstanding job problem solving and found creative ways to provide on-line instruction. Impressed with interaction and lessons that were provided. Some teachers had full classes and others had students missing due to internet availability and other. Looking at on-site physical distancing, handwashing, serving meals, and the goal is to bring back students on campus safely. Behavioral Health Specialist provided much needed BH/MH support to a few families. Looking forward to her being a part of team next year and expanding. Children/Staff safety is foremost.
- Angie Uptmorm Senior Program Manager – Senior Centers trying to figure out how to keep up with home-delivered meals. Every Monday delivering two meals. Rental assistance is available for April, May, and June for people not working due to COVID. Senior Center is closed, hoping to be back in office next Monday.
- Housing folks need quarantine. Many families currently looking for housing. Running out of motel money. What are we going to do with these folks? To contact Angie her cell number is 541-620-3014, [seniorservices@grantcounty-or.gov](mailto:seniorservices@grantcounty-or.gov)
- Commissioner Palmer offered to meet with Angie after the meeting to discuss housing ideas.
- It was asked how to identify and contact Community Health Workers? Marcy–call the clinic lines and calls will go through or soft handoffs from providers. Contact the Grant County Health Department to contact Sabrina Howard, CHW.

**Final Thoughts**

The Grant County Airport has meeting space that will provide physical distancing and technology to provide virtual meeting option. Tracey is exploring ways to engage people virtually through remote attendance.

**Action Plans:**

- **Next Meeting July 15, 2020**
- Linda will reach out to early childhood providers and others to share about their work and moving forward
- Audrey Egan, Introduction and EOCCO Metrics Information update
- Meghan Chancy will provide an updated EOHLA report

**1:00 PM Robert Adjourned the meeting**

Minutes recorded by Linda Watson, EOCCO Community Engagement and Health Systems Team, local resident and Grant CAC Member.

