

**EASTERN OREGON COORDINATED CARE ORGANIZATION
SHERMAN COUNTY COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, August 5th, 2021

Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

Members Present: Ashley Danielson, Justin Miller, Kristen Slatt

Members Absent: Al Barton, Amber DeGrange, Amy Asher, Caitlin Blagg, Cindy Brown, Mike McArthur, Neita Cecil, Wes Owens

Guests Present: Alexa Swanson, Chelsea Maranville, Chloe Godwin, Courtney Valenzuela, Estela Gomez, Jennifer Harwood, Kathy Fitzpatrick, KayLynne Todd, Linda Watson, Marci McMurphy, Sharon Thornberry

Local County Coordinator: Avery Cardosi

The meeting was called to order by Kristen Slatt at 3:04 PM.

Introductions were made.

Minutes by: Avery Cardosi

Summary of Actions Taken

Approval of minutes

- Minutes from the June, 2021 LCAC meeting were approved.

Public Input/Open Comments

- GOBHI (The Dalles location) update
 - GOBHI in TD is currently closed to the public due to COVID-19, although there are a few staff members currently working there
 - To visit the office, contact Rosalie Kelly (rokelly@gobhi.org)
 - GOBHI in TD closure is not due to financial concerns

Additions to the Agenda

- There were no additions

Reports & Updates

Sherman County Medical Clinic Update

- No Sherman Co. Medical Clinic representatives present at the meeting

Sherman County Metrics Update

- Incentive measures for the 2022 metric year currently being decided upon
- Metrics and Scoring Committee have voted to keep all but one of the same measures from last year

- Retiring: Emergency Department Utilization for Individuals Experiencing Mental Illness (EDMH)
- Moving in: Kindergarten Readiness Measure. Large focus on social screening
- **Sherman Co. Incentive Measure Performance** (EOCCO Quality Measures Report – June 2021)
 - Currently meeting one incentive measure: Emergency Department Utilization for Individuals Experiencing Mental Illness (Rate: 46.24%, Target: 111.2)
 - Other measures are very close to being met (e.g. Adolescent Immunization Status ((IMA)) only two members away from being met, IET Initiation and Engagement Phase only one member away from being met)
 - Measures are often retired after the target has been met or the disparity has been reduced (as was the case with measure EDMH)
 - Collaboration for measure IET possible with Center for Living. Patients using EDU services can be referred to Center for Living to obtain other services if needed. → Current protocol requires patients to be transferred to MCMC regardless of Center for Living’s availability
 - Moving forward, Sherman Co. Metrics report will be sent to Kristen S. monthly. Metrics report will be discussed in meetings on even numbered months.

SHARE Initiative

- SHARE Initiative provides funding for housing opportunities (through EOCCO). Totals \$310,000; amount will be split up among four applicants.
- Information was sent to LCAC Guests and Members on Tuesday. Due date is Aug. 9th.
- Sherman Co. applications will be reviewed and scored by LCAC Members, then sent to the EOCCO committee for selection
- Programs applying should be “shovel ready,” i.e. ready to start using the funds right away. Program does not need to have a bricks and mortar location (funds could be utilized for renter’s assistance)
- Reach out to Marci McMurphy with any questions

CBIR and Other Grants Update

- Community Benefit Initiative Reinvestment funds (source of several different funding streams, namely the Frontier Veggie Rx Program).
- Change in grant year operation. Rather than operating from mid-March to mid-March, the grant will now operate in a calendar year. This year, the grant will go through June 2021. However, funding may not be left for April, May, and June due to the lack of delay in our funding (i.e. although funds may be spent through June, we will likely not have funding leftover for these three months)
- This may result in a gap in services during those months until the program can be started again July 1st. Options are being explored as to how this gap may be filled.
- Transformation grant (including the Public Health Fund) will remain on the same grant timeline. Only LCAC funds will make the timeline adjustment (as of right now).

Frontier Veggie Rx Update

- Progress Report #1 was submitted (two progress reports and one final report will be submitted in total)
- Baseline for 2021 is 45 households served (based on last year's #s). Due to reduction in funding for the CBIR, goal has been adjusted to **38 households** per month.
- Currently there are 145 households on OHP (26% served of specifically EOCCO members).
- 37 unduplicated* EOCCO member households are currently being served (*family is only counted once regardless of how many times they have been served over multiple months)
- Of the 37 unduplicated households, 51 are adults and 26 are children
- Target of 26% served roughly 1 member away (current is 25.5%).
- Non-EOCCO members: 14 unduplicated households being served (72 adults, 8 children).
- 127 adults, 34 children in duplicated households are being served, 51 adults, 26 children are on OHP. Total in duplicated households is 161, 37 on OHP. Average household size is 2.01.
- Sherman Co. Voucher tracking form tracks number of vouchers prescribed, and total \$ amount of vouchers prescribed per month. Each booklet is worth \$30. Total households served are also included, but the number represents duplicate households.
- Amount reimbursed to vendors thus far is \$6,946 out of \$13,020 prescribed through booklets. Wasco market is receiving the majority of the reimbursement.

Meeting in Person

- Virtual meetings have been helpful for those who work other jobs, or commute to the Sherman Co. location
- Proposal for a quarterly in-person/ hybrid meeting was floated
- Next month's meeting will be held in person, future meeting locations (virtual or in person) will be considered on a month by month basis

EOCCO Outreach Information

- OHA has provided templates that have already been OHA-approved, but must still undergo the approval process for the EOCCO
- Postcards (for distribution throughout the community) have been made using OHA templates containing instructions for those interested in joining the Sherman Co. LCAC
- A stipend of \$35 per meeting is included for members
- Discussion of a scholarship for youth members (16+) will occur next meeting

Harney County Utilization of Relief Funds

- Harney Co. has developed unique vaccination incentives for those receiving the COVID-19 vaccine

- There are multiple opportunities to win (+175 incentive rewards), including a chance for five winners to have their power bill paid for a year (up to \$150 per month), and a prize for three winners to receive \$1000 of heating oil, wood pellets, or wood.
- The majority of these incentives keep funding local, and will directly impact small community businesses (e.g. \$250 "Shop Harney Co. gift cards).
- This model could be beneficial for future funding opportunities
- Sherman Co. is currently have a raffle for to draw winners for those who have received their vaccination by fair time (prizes include iPads, a side-by-side utility vehicle, and approximately \$4,500 on pre-paid Visas
- Only winning ticket numbers will be announced at fair time in order to preserve privacy, the winner will be contacted at a later time to collect their prize
- Fair 2021: Aug 17th-Aug 21st

Other Program Updates

- Mid-Columbia Center for Living: Megan Stone-Fritz is no longer a case manager. Jennifer Harwood is currently the only prescriber out of this agency location.
- GOBHI – Positive Parenting Program: Back to School Success Online Parenting sessions for the next four Thursdays (8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26). Sessions are free, giveaways included. Video calls and phone calls accepted.
 - Topics include behavior in the classroom, self-esteem, bullying, and homework
- DHS: Uptick in COVID-19 cases, individuals in Umatilla, Moro and Union Co. are being affected by an outbreak in Umatilla County.
 - Coming in September, there may be a new rule from the governor requiring folks working in healthcare to get vaccinated against the COVID-19 vaccine
 - The governor has requested that all State staff wear a mask when in State buildings

Virtual Meeting ChatBox Notes:

Linda Watson

3:10 PM

Rosalie Kelly, GOBHI office manager: rokelly@gobhi.org

Avery Cardosi

3:54 PM

averyc@ncphd.org (note taker)

Avery Cardosi

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 2nd , 3:00 p.m., via: GoogleMeet

[Join Meeting:](#)

Meeting adjourned at: 3:58 PM.