

# Morrow County Local Community Advisory Council

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday February 4, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.  
Google Meet

**Participants Present:** Andrea Fletcher, Catie Brenaman, Catherine Wisniewski, Christy Kenny, Connie Lobato, Dawni Quilter, Debbie Peterson Dirk Dirksen, Don Russell, Erin Bartsch, Erin Stocker, Heidi Zeigler, Ian Murray, Jessica Reker, Kali Paine, Linda Skendzel, Marci McMurphy, Marie Shimer, Maria-Ximena Williams, Nichole Mahoney Ryan Fowler, Sarah Brown, Selene Torres-Medrano, Sonja Neal, Toni Nichols, Troy Soenen and Yvonne Morter.

1. **Call to Order:** Andrea Fletcher called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.
2. **Review and Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the previous meeting on January 7, were reviewed. Kimberly Lindsay moved to approve the minutes and Catie Brenaman seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
3. **Public Comments** – None
4. **Old Business**
  - A. **Health Improvement Plan Annual Update – Discussion and Approval**

CAC members were provided the 2021 Morrow County CAC Health Improvement Plan draft. Andrea noted that the plan, with six priority areas, was updated only minimally as most of the activities are long-term. One new strategy was proposed – equitable access to health and human services. Maternal, Child and Family Health and Behavioral Health section workplans were updated, to also include contingency for COVID-19 restrictions. Added social determinants of health analyses 2022-2025.

Following the CCO guidance for determining the administrative structure of the CAC, the composition of Morrow County (public) Health Department, Columbia River Health, Morrow County Health District, Advantage Dental, Community Counseling Solutions, Morrow County Commissioner and Early Learning Hub (7 voting organizations + 8 consumer representatives) was approved in January.
  - B. **Forthcoming Email to self-identify “team” alignment**

Because all decision-making has historically been and will continue by consensus, partners will be self-selecting a “team” related to their discipline. Suggested teams: Health Services, Human Services, Family, Education, Community Program. If you don’t see a category that aligns with your mission, please suggest a team.

CAC Teams - Andrea will be sending an email to partners to self-identify which “team,” they will join for CAC decision making after the meeting.

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- C. **Community Health Assessment Update** - Andrea reported that it has been the intent for the past decade to provide a useful, and not overly burdensome collective of information, that allows our partners to use for reporting, grant writing or planning, so each organization doesn't have to create an assessment entirely from scratch.

For those of you who previously contributed information, you recently received an email from describing the plan for the 2021 County-wide Community Health Assessment. If anyone was missed, your organization has a specific need for data, or if you would like to review or contribute this year?

5. **CCO Update** – Troy reported that the deadline to make changes to the HIP has been updated to June 30<sup>th</sup>. He asked that members review our plan and report if there are missing data points that need to be included. Members requested that additional data be shared for Social Determinants of Health.
6. **EOHLA Update** - Andrea reported EOHLA continues to work to align program activities with county-level and regional efforts. Discussion continued about soliciting CAC consumer recruitment. Counties are trying different strategies for engaging consumers, for example, Gilliam County created an EOCCO member newsletter from the CAC.

Andrea also relayed that part of the discussion was about how to engage consumers, if there was not a structure in place to act on recommendations or problems. Troy addressed this issue by providing a description of the mechanism in place to record and share comments/ questions/ concerns at the level of Regional Community Advisory Council.

### 7. **New Business** –

- A. **Record CAC meeting discussion** – There was a request to record the CAC meeting for minute taking purposes. The request is to simply record the google meet and after the minutes are reviewed and approved by members the recording would be destroyed. It was decided that further discussion needs to take place through a follow-up email from Andrea.
- B. Election of Chair/Vice Chair - Tabled to March

### 8. **LCAC Project update-**

The Care Team – This year has been extremely difficult with COVID. Staff are currently working to contact students/parent to update immunizations prior to the school exclusion dates.

Morrow County School District wants to thank Ian and the Care Team for doing a great job providing COVID and mental health wraparound services for our students.

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### 9. LCAC Member Sharing

**Dirk Dirksen** – Great need for bus drivers – training is included and there is a paid bonus. He will send a flyer to the group. The SD hasn't had to shut any schools down because of COVID. Ian, Erin, teachers and staff have worked really hard to keep our students in school.

**Don Russell**- Don reported that vaccinations earmarked for Morrow Co. are being redirected to Multnomah County. He has contacted the Governor's office about the unfair and inequitable access!

**Debbie Peterson** – Irrigon Medical Clinic has been conducting Rapid COVID testing with many positive results. The results are being sent to the state. Debbie would like a list of members – Andrea will follow-up with her.

**Sonja Neal** – New physician hired to arrive in March. High volume of COVID testing but currently no vaccine. We are working closely with the Health Department.

### Updates shared via Chat

**Catie Brenaman** - OHA COVID update: Umatilla Morrow County Head Start received 900 “no-touch” thermometers and have handed out 50,000 in wage loss assistance. Still waiting on masks to arrive and will be working with partners to get these supplies out to residents of both Umatilla and Morrow Counties. Also, will begin working with the school districts to reimburse what we can in regards to distance learning. All of the invoices have been submitted just need to go through our fiscal process. We are just getting back up in fiscal since our department had been adversely affected by illness.

**Maria-Ximena Williams** - My contact information is maria-ximena.williams@oregonstate.edu or same email but shorter willmar5@oregonstate.edu. Please feel free to reach out.

**Kalie Paine** - I did want to share a new resource available on the EOCCO website:

<https://www.eocco.com/news/2021/COVID-19-Vaccine-Info>.

This page links to the latest information on COVID vaccines and testing available from the Oregon Health Authority. It seems like you are all very informed already, but I encourage you to check this page regularly for state and EOCCO-level updates

**Jessica Reker** - Just a reminder, we still have funding for the Medication Assistance Program, so if you have patients/clients that need help paying for their medications, please give us a call! 541-667-3504

**Adjourn** 10:28 am.

**Next Meeting:** March 4, 2021– Google Meet

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Lobato