

Morrow County Local Community Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday January 7, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.

Google Meet

Participants Present: Participants Present: Andrea Fletcher, Annie Kimbrel, Astrid Sosa, Catherine Wisniewski, Courtney Valenzuela, Connie Lobato, Dirk Dirksen, Erin Bartsch, Erin Stocker, Ian Murray, Jessica Reker, Jodi Bissonette Kali Paine, Linda Skendzel, Marci McMurphy Marie Shimer, Nazaro Rivera, Nicole Mahoney, Nora Zimmerman, 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**
3. **Public Comments**
4. **Old Business**
 - A. Update on CAC funding request – Andrea indicated that progress continues to complete 2021-22 application.
 - B. Health Improvement Plan Annual Update – Andrea stated that progress continues. Will present plan for review and approval at February CAC meeting.
 - C. Review letter of support for Rural Equity Allies –
Nora Zimmerman shared that the newly formed group will be completing a Social Determinants of Health Analysis by gathering data in 4 domains (Economic, Service, Social and Physical) with 15 indicators to improve the social health needs of our community.
The proposed project will start in March, 2021 and end by March, 2022. If you are interested in joining, please reach out to Andrea.
5. **EOHLA Update** – Andrea shared that EOHLA completed 2021 budget and is continuing with annual strategic planning, provided update with Yvonne about Integrated Nurse Home visiting program and stated that MHFA training is again being scheduled for organizations that are interested.
6. **New Business**
 - A. **Structure change from CAC to CHIP** – All interested organizations and individuals are invited to participate in the Community Health Improvement Partnership (CHIP). The new structure would umbrella the CAC duties within the CHIP and allow Morrow County to advise on EOCCO issues required of CACs, without the need to convene an additional meeting group comprised of the same members.

CHIP/CAC duties: Conduct and adopt health assessment, identify county priorities and update the health improvement plan.

Required Voting Partners: Morrow County (public) Health Department, Columbia River Health, Morrow County Health District, Advantage Dental, Community Counseling Solutions, Morrow County Commissioner and Early Learning Hub. Total: 7 voting organizations + 8 consumer representatives.

All partners would self-select a “team” related to their discipline. Suggested teams: Health Services, Human Services, Family, Education, Community Program?

Decision-making would continue by consensus, as had been practiced previously.

Nicole Mahoney moved to accept the changes as stated and Ian Murray seconded the motion.

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Motion approved.

B. Election of Chair/Vice Chair – Tabled until February.

7. LCAC Member Sharing

Yvonne – Continuing with home visiting-all virtual. Working COVID pods out. Still in 1A phase-health workers and working on what is up and coming.

Courtney Valenzuela – Cultural responsiveness and implicit bias training coming up on 2/4. Credits available. Information on the cultural responsiveness and implicit bias training on 2/4/21 can be found here <https://www.eocco.com/news/Current/Bias-Toward-Action> All are welcome. 2 CME credits are available. Unfortunately, we are not able to record this training. Feel free to reach out to EOCCOmetrics@modahealth.com with any questions.

Nicole Mahoney -Interim CEO hired for 1 year. Starts in March. Continuing with COVID testing and vaccination clinics.

Ian Murray – CARE program is going well. Schools are coming up on immunization exclusion date. Following up with family/students

Erin Bartsch – Home Education Kits are available to families upon request. Go to <https://www.bluemountaineearlylearninghub.org/o/bmelh/article/374109> to request a kit.

Dirk Dirksen- Hoping schools remain open after Jan. 4th under safe harbor. Governor sent out new guidelines. Schools open under a hybrid model and have not seen any COVID spread. We are thankful for our administration, teachers, staff, parents and students. We still have concerns about our students making educational progress through all this. Thanks to this community and the collaborations to keep students healthy and continuing to be able to educate them.

Annie Kimbrel- Received grant funding for robotic pets and iPads. iPads help connect families with health care. There is free iPad training for our senior population through Senior Planet.

Jodi Bissonette – Opened up Heppner community care dates. We are making our first school visits.

Kali Paine - Information for the Boost Oregon Immunization training: "This is a reminder to join us on January 14th, 2021, from 7:00-8:30 am for a BOOST Oregon training lead by Dr. Ryan Hassan. The training is intended for anyone in your practice who administers vaccines. The training will focus on vaccine hesitancy among the general population to flu and COVID vaccines but will also have an emphasis on parent vaccine hesitancy toward childhood immunizations." Register here:

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07ehgv5rzu53733b29&oseq=&c=&ch=>

Linda Skendzel - COVID Update from Veterans Services - Walla Walla VA enrolled Veterans interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, be aware that vaccinations are being offered by appointment only. Initial vaccine doses are being used for essential health care workers and Veterans who are at the highest risk of serious illness should they contract the virus. The Walla Walla VA is currently reaching out to eligible/enrolled Veterans to schedule vaccination appointments.

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Our office is still unable to see veterans face to face & working by phone, e-mail & snail mail at this time.

Adjourn 10:22 am.

Next Meeting: February 4, 2021 – Google Meet

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Lobato