

Morrow County Local Community Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday November 4, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.
BMCC Workforce Center and
Google Meet

Participants Present: Andrea Fletcher, Annie Kimbrel, Catie Brenaman, Connie Lobato, Courtney Valenzuela, Dirk Dirksen, Don Eppenbach, Donna Eppenbach, Don Russell, Emily Roberts, Erin Bartsch, Erin Stocker Jessica Reker, Jodi Bissonette, Marci McMurphy, Maria-Ximena Williams, Nazario Rivera, Nicole Mahoney, Rebecca Gardner, Sonja Neal, and Estella Gomez

1. **Call to Order:** Andrea Fletcher called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.
2. **Public Comments:** None
3. **Consensus to Approve Meeting Minutes:** Don Russell moved to approve the October minutes and Nazario Rivera seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.
4. **EOCCO Announcements**
 - **Consumer Engagement urgency:** Andrea talked about updating the voting structure to include 1 or 2 members to vote on behalf of the Community Advisory Council to meet obligatory requirements. A future vote will be had.
5. **Health Improvement Update**
 - **December Release:** Courtney Valenzuela shared an update on the EOCCO Quality Measures Report highlighting changes in Emergency Department Utilization for Individuals Experiencing Mental Illness and Members Receiving Dental Services: Diagnostic, Preventive, Treatment and Any Services-Ages 6-14 goals. As the year comes to an end member are reminded to schedule immunizations and other appointments to close the gaps and meet goals. COVID vaccinations also reported.
6. **EOCCO Grants**
 - Marci McMurphy mentioned a Community Benefit Initiative Reinvestment 2022 applications are due December 17. LCAC Grant released in December.
7. **Partner Sharing**
 - Erin Bartsch** – Blue Mountain Early Learning Hub. Waiting to hear back from the State about update on priority population. The State is short staffed and is really backed up so many things are on hold.
 - Nazario Rivera** – Morrow County Health Department. Booster vaccinations have been approved for all three vaccines and we have started rolling them out. Health Department awaiting signature before they can provide vaccinations as well as the vaccines themselves have not arrived yet. They should be in today.
 - Sonja Neal** - Columbia River Health. Partnering with the Oregon Health Authority to do COVID testing through November, the hours will be shortened.
 - Don Russell** – Morrow Co. Commissioner. County concerned about mandate on vaccination for employees. County is a public employer and falls under the OSHA rules. We expect the mandates to come out any day. There is concern about how the mandates will affect the county job force. There are shipping delays that are slowing the completion of the county building that won't allow the building to be heated or lit. Delays may mean that we won't be able to move in until after Thanksgiving.
 - Rebecca Gardner** – Oregon Child Development Coalition. Still waiting for the building to be completed and helping at Columbia River with vaccinations.
 - Maria-Ximena Williams** – Oregon State University, SNAP-Ed. SNAP Ed providing some cooking classes and nutrition and working on development with CAPCO in the food pantries.
 - Jodi Bissonette** -Advantage Dental. New registration system with consent forms and have had almost 100% return rates with Morrow County School District. After COVID closures last year didn't see very many students.

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Jessica Reker – Good Shepherd Medical Center. Hosting two vaccination booster events before Thanksgiving. See website for official dates and for more information. Community drive through flu shot clinic last weekend and gave 266 flu shots. Will continue to have flu and booster events.

Dirk Dirksen – Morrow County School District. Working to keep the doors open and work through the mandates. I would like to acknowledge this group and how much you have helped keep the school doors open through our partnership. Significant impact from the number of health care staff hired, as well as 7 CARE personal and 2 full-time nurses. The Health Department works 24/7 to help keep our doors open as well. Looking forward to some promising changes from the Oregon Health Authority that we hope will keep more student on site at the schools.

Emily Roberts – Morrow County Health District. Continuing to recruit family practice providers. One position at Irrigon and one at Pioneer Memorial Clinic.

Don and Donna Eppenbach – Irrigon, Or. Irrigon Senior Center will be opening up the building in January if we can come up with some way to disinfect the building on a regular basis. We have been serving 30 to 40 people on Mondays through takeout.

Catie Brenaman – Headstart. The entire agency will be closing for December 19th through January 3rd which includes WIC. We are still down teachers. We had about 25 staff that chose not to continue employment because of the mandate across the agency, not just in Morrow County.

Annie Kimbrel – CAPECO. Conducting a community needs assessment. One survey is for community members, and one is for community partners. Hosting a Fall Prevention webinar on December 6 and it's free

Estella Gomez – The CMS renewal application due date has been extended to December 7. The Oregon Health Authority will send out a draft what's in the new waiver and a request input.

8. Next Meeting December 2, 2021

9. **Adjourn 9:58 am**

Submitted by Connie Lobato