



Community Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

October 8, 2025

Virtual Meeting

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**Attendees:**

**EOCCO CAC Member Roll Call**

**Wheeler County:** Elaine “Ellie” Bray, **Wallowa County:** **Union County:** Winnie Andrews, Matt Scarfo **Umatilla County:** Jazmin Sanchez, Sandy Waters, **Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR):** Maurice Bronson, **Malheur County:** Oceana Gonzalez, Rebecca Stricker, **Morrow County:** Yvonne Morter, **Sherman County:** Amber DeGrange, **Lake County:** **Harney County:** Jennifer Williams, Vianney Hartvisen, Commissioner Patty Dorroh, **Burns Paiute Tribe:** , **Grant County:** Liz Pace, Commissioner Mitch Wilson, **Gilliam County:** Chanel Kelly, Lisa Helms, **Baker County:** Albert Rowley, Kristina Gueli, Chasitiy Anderson

**EOCCO:** Marci McMurphy, Lourdes Reyna, Britney Garcia, Norman Valdez, John Lucero,, Summer Prantl, Courtney (Val) Valenzuela, Kalie Paine, Alison Hecht, Hannah Briggs, Sofia Aiello, Tasha Robinson, Mikayla Briare, Sara Crowell, Mina Zarnegin,

**Guests:**Yami Gonzalez, Amy Bell, Levi Anderson, Victor Mondragon, Sarah Hartenstein. Alma Ponce, Tatiana Eckhart, Carina Garcia, Jameela Norton, Morgan Linder, Mai Valentine, June Robinson, Abby Miller, Janna Fisher, Roland Charles, Henry Jackson, Stacey Renne, Stella Butler, Sandra Martin, Unity Homes Inc.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEM
Welcome, Chanel Kelly, CAC Chair	Chanel welcomed everyone and started the meeting.	

Roll Call & Introductions	Introductions were made in the chat.	
Approval of the August, 2025 Minutes	Winnie Andrews motions to approve meeting minutes and Albert Rowley seconds	<b>Motion:</b> Winnie motioned to approve the minutes as written. The motion passed.
HRSN Presentation, Mina Zarnegin, EOCCO	<p>Mina provided an update on Health Related Social Needs.</p> <p>HRSN Benefits include climate, housing, and nutrition.</p> <p><b>Climate Request (1/1-10/7-2025)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Request: 828</li> <li>● Authorizations: 385</li> <li>● Denials: 384</li> <li>● Pending: 37</li> <li>● Voided: 22</li> </ul> <p>Authorized Devices:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Air conditioner, including delivery: 189</li> <li>● Air filter replacement, including delivery: 50</li> <li>● Air filtration devices, including delivery: 66</li> <li>● Climate device installation: 7</li> <li>● Heater, including delivery: 33</li> <li>● Mini refrigerator, including delivery: 18</li> <li>● Portable power sully, including delivery: 22</li> </ul> <p><b>Rent/Utilities Support Request (1/1-10/7/2025)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Request: 1697</li> <li>● Authorizations: 491</li> <li>● Denials: 305</li> <li>● Pending: 588</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Voided: 313</li> <li>● 1809 request for housing navigation</li> <li>● 155 request for storage feed</li> <li>● 436 request for utilities arrears</li> <li>● 59 request for utilities setup</li> <li>● 41 request for home modifications/remediations</li> </ul> <p><b>Medically Tailored Meals Request (1/1-10/7/25)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Request: 58</li> <li>● Authorizations: 45</li> <li>● Denials: 7</li> <li>● Pending: 3</li> <li>● Voided: 3</li> </ul> <p><b>HRSN Housing Service Provider Network</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Winding Waters Medical Clinic</li> <li>● Northeast Oregon Network (NEON)</li> <li>● Eastern Oregon Center for Independence Living (EOCIL)</li> <li>● Mid-Columbia Community Action Council (MCCAC)</li> <li>● Community in Action (CINA)</li> <li>● Community Action Program of East Central Oregon (CAPECO)</li> <li>● Oregon Human Development Corporation (OHDC)</li> <li>● Youth 360</li> <li>● Marshallese American Network for Interacting Together (MANIT)</li> <li>● The immigrant Refugee Community Organization (IRCO)</li> <li>● Harney County Senior &amp; Community Services</li> <li>● Mom's Meals</li> <li>● 211 Info</li> </ul> <p>If you are interested in learning more about becoming an HRSSN service provider, please click the link and fill out the interest survey. <a href="#">HRSN Service Provider Interest Form</a></p>	
Member Introductions,	<p>Lourdes presented each CAC member by county as well as if there are any open seats in that county that need to be filled. If anyone would know of a potential individual that</p>	

<p>Lourdes Reyna, EOCCO</p>	<p>would be a good fit to fill an empty seat, please let Lourdes or your field team member know. <b>There are open seats in the following counties:</b> Gilliam County, Malheur County, Morrow County, Sherman County and the Burns Paiute Tribe.</p>	
<p>SHIP Update, Jameela Norton, OHA</p>	<p><b>SHIP Overview:</b> The SHIP, also known as Healthier Together Oregon, is a state-level roadmap to identify and address Oregon's biggest health priorities. It is similar to local Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIPs) and informs policy, partnerships, and state investments, particularly for the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) Public Health Division. CCOs, like EOCCO, are expected to include strategies or themes from the SHIP in their local CHIPs.</p> <p><b>Community Engagement Feedback:</b> Feedback gathered from across Oregon, including EOCCO spaces, was crucial. The steering committee, which includes members from across the state, prioritized the voices and concerns of Eastern and rural Oregon.</p> <p>Four Top Priorities for SHIP:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Healthy Environments</li> <li>2. Individual, Family, and Community Well-being</li> <li>3. Health Promotion and Disease Prevention</li> <li>4. Emergency Preparedness and Response</li> </ol> <p><b>Foundational Principles:</b> The work for all priorities must be conducted through an equitable social conditions lens (e.g., safe housing, sufficient food, access to care without discrimination) and acknowledge health through the lifespan (e.g., early intervention and care for older adults).</p> <p><b>Actionable Strategy Focus:</b> The steering committee emphasized that the strategies developed by the Public Health Division must explicitly consider and prove how they will engage with Eastern, rural, and remote Oregon populations and work cross-sectionally</p>	

	<p>with local Public Health Authorities, tribes, and community members.</p> <p><b>Next Steps - Community Collaboration:</b> OHA is looking for members for a new collaborative space to ensure ongoing community engagement, rather than just every five years. The priority is to have geographic diversity.</p> <p><b>Compensation:</b> Available for eligible members (likely OHP members) at \$178 per meeting, for up to four meetings a year.</p>	
<p>Incentive Measure Update, Sofia Aiello, EOCCO</p>	<p><b>Incentive Measure Program Overview:</b> Incentive measures (IMs) are Public Health initiatives set by OHA to track how well CCOs improve care, make quality care accessible, eliminate health disparities, and curb healthcare costs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reaching these targets secures Quality Pool Funds which EOCCO reinvests into provider quality bonuses, enhanced PCPC-CH payments, and community benefit reinvestment payments (grants).</li> </ul> <p><b>Set 2025 Incentive Measures:</b> The committee selects new measures annually. A new measure for 2025 is the Child-Level Social-Emotional Health measure, which tracks behavioral health treatment or intervention for children aged 0 to 5.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Four of the measures are Challenge Pool Measures, which offer extra funding if met.</li> </ul> <p><b>Year-to-Date Performance (as of August/July 2025 data):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ EOCCO is currently trending slightly lower on most measures compared to this time last year.</li> <li>○ The presenter highlighted the column "Members to Meet Target" to show the volume of people needing a service to meet the target (e.g., over 3,000 for</li> </ul>	

	<p>children/adolescent well-care visits, but only 38 for adolescent immunization status).</p> <p><b>New Resource – Car Seat Resource Guide:</b> Sophia shared the EOCCO Car Seat Resource Guide, a county-specific list of organizations providing car seat resources (free, discounted, or car seat technicians). If there are any organizations that are missing or any information is incorrect, please reach out to Sofia.</p>	
<p>OHA Update, Yami Gonzalez, OHA</p>	<p><b>The HR 1 Bill (The "Big Beautiful Bill"):</b> Signed into law July 4, 2025, this bill implements significant changes, including federal funding cuts, over the next 10 years.</p> <p><b>Medicaid Changes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>CMS Data Request:</b> The Centers for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS) requested data on individuals whose immigration status doesn't allow for full Medicaid benefits, citing efforts to reduce fraud/waste/abuse. OHA initially provided narrative responses but, as legally required, submitted a second report on September 9th with a small group of adult members' Medicaid ID numbers, dates of birth, and eligibility categories based on citizenship. No new information was shared that OHA doesn't already report to CMS, and no immigration status or addresses were included.</li> <li>○ <b>Multi-State Lawsuit:</b> Oregon is part of a multi-state lawsuit to prevent CMS from sharing data for immigration enforcement purposes.</li> <li>○ <b>Rural Health Transformation Grant:</b> OHA is preparing an application for this federal grant opportunity to expand and increase healthcare access in rural communities. A public forum to gather input is scheduled for October 9th in the evening.</li> </ul>	

	<p><b>Vaccine Access:</b> Oregon is part of the West Coast Health Alliance (with Washington, California, and Hawaii) working to ensure that all recommended immunizations (including COVID, flu, and RSV) are accessible without a prescription.</p> <p><b>SNAP Program Changes (Food Stamps):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Impact:</b> 1 in 6 Oregonians participate in SNAP, with a large concentration in EOCCO's region, especially Malheur County. These changes will lead to either a loss of coverage or fewer benefits, increasing hunger.</li> <li>○ <b>Work Requirements:</b> The age range for Able-Bodied Adults without Dependents (ABAWDs) who must meet work requirements has been expanded from 18-54 to 18-64.</li> <li>○ <b>Dependent Child Age:</b> The dependent child age for this requirement has been lowered from under 18 to under 14.</li> <li>○ <b>County Exemption:</b> Counties seeking an exemption from these work requirements must now have an unemployment rate above 10%.</li> <li>○ OHA will host a Federal Response Webinar in November (registration link provided) to provide more detail on these changes.</li> </ul> <p>Victor Mondragon (OHA Regional Outreach Coordinator for Gilliam and Sherman counties) announced that the work requirements will be fully implemented across the state before the end of the year.</p>	
<p>CAC Member Comment &amp; Feedback, Marci McMurphy, EOCCO</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The Veggie RX and Moms Meals programs were reported to be operating successfully and are recommended for continuation.</li> <li>○ A success story was shared highlighting a two-day event coordinated by the local health district in partnership with community organizations, which provided vision screenings, glasses, and additional public health resources.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Follow up with NEMT regarding ADA concern.</li> <li>● Follow up on protocol for dermatology referrals.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A concern was raised regarding difficulty obtaining a reasonable ADA accommodation necessary to submit Non-Emergent Medical Transportation (NEMT) reimbursement forms, resulting in delayed reimbursement. Follow-up support will be provided to connect the individual with an appropriate contact.</li> <li>○ The ongoing lack of an OHP-ready dental provider in Harney County was acknowledged. The state is aware of the issue and is working toward potential solutions.</li> <li>○ Clarification was requested on the protocol for dermatology referrals for general mole checks. It was noted that referrals are typically made for focused exams related to identified concerns rather than preventative screenings. Resources were shared, and further follow-up will be provided.</li> </ul>	
Public Comment, Marci McMurphy, EOCCO	Levi Anderson (New OHA Regional Outreach Coordinator): Introduced himself as the new ROC for Baker, Grant, Harney, and Malheur counties. He is excited to learn alongside the CAC members.	
Next Meeting	December 10, 2025	
Adjourn	Meeting minutes submitted by Britney Garcia & Lourdes Reyna	