

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization, LLC
(EOCCO)**

**December 21, 2022
Teleconference due to Inclement Winter Weather**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:	Chris Siegner, Harold Geller, Brian Sims, James Williams, Dr. Renee Grandi, Jeremy Davis, Karen Wheeler, Oceana Gonzales-Banuelos, Diana Elledge, Christopher Zadeh, Larry Davy, Lannie Checketts, and Dr. Curtis Peters
OTHERS PRESENT:	Dave Evans, Sean Jessup, Kayla Jones, Summer Prantl Nudelman, Courtney Whidden-Rivera, Audrey Thomas, Mark Danburg-Wyld, Joe Greenman, Nick Gross, Dr. Holly Jo Hodges, Dr. Yale Popowich, and Jenna Grantham, ODS Community Health; Dr. Chuck Hofmann, EOCCO clinical consultant; Bob Seymour, Grande Ronde Hospital; Charles Tveit, Lake District Hospital; Yami Gonzalez Perez, OHA; Paul McGinnis, Lake Health; Cameron (Cam) Marlowe, Blue Mountain Hospital District; Estela Gomez, Innovator Agent, OHA; Ari Wagner, GOBHI; Ann Ford, GOBHI; Richard Chaves Co-President EOU, Tyler Dubsky, Gifts Officer EOU; Ruthie Becker, and Dennis Burke, EOCCO Consultant, Christy Trotter, Joe Warner, Dan Grigg, Martha Snow, and Kerry Plunkett.
WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION:	Mr. Greenman called the roll of EOCCO Board members and invited guests. Other visitors were invited to come forward and make personal introductions. Mr. Jessup welcomed the Board and all assembled guests via Teams. Mr. Jessup thanked the Board for its understanding in transitioning this meeting to an exclusively Teleconference format due to the winter storm that has made traveling on Oregon’s roads a dangerous proposition.
CALL TO ORDER:	Mr. Jessup called the meeting to order.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES:	Upon a motion by Mr. Geller and seconded by Ms. Wheeler, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of the Board of October 17, 2022, a copy of which was provided to the Board in advance of the meeting.
OHA PROGRAM UPDATES:	Ms. Gonzalez Perez began her presentation with follow-up information on OHA’s continuous

	<p>enrollment plan. The most seamless group to incorporate into continuous enrollment are children under six while children over six and adults will require funding from the legislature to approve the process in the current budget biennium ending on June 30. This issue ties into OHA’s area of highest priority, planning for implementation of the end of the PHE and beginning resumption of the required Medicaid redetermination process. The PHE is currently set to expire in April 2023 unless it is extended by the order of President Biden. After the end of the PHE, Oregon will be required to redetermine eligibility for all 1.4 million people on OHP. Mr. Jessup commented that redetermination is the issue that will have the largest impact on CCOs in 2023. Mr. Jessup asked what OHA’s capacity was to work through all the redeterminations of 1.4 million people? Ms. Gonzalez Perez answered that this is OHA’s priority and that enhancing the agency’s workforce is currently the focus. OHA is working with the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) to increase the number of employed case workers to help perform this work. Mr. Jessup offered that James Schroeder will be a good OHA director for addressing these challenges. He understands CCO operations well and EOCCO can look forward to active collaboration with his leadership team. Ms. Gonzalez Perez completed her presentation of the redetermination process by providing an overview of strategies and considerations centered around the different patient populations served by OHP. Ms. Gonzalez Perez concluded her presentation by providing an overview of OHA’s other planned initiatives and priorities for 2023 and details of changes to key leadership personnel of the agency.</p>
<p>COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATES:</p>	<p>Ms. Wagner indicated that she was providing this update in place of Ms. Reyna who was unable to attend. Ms. Wagner provided an overview of the EOCCO CAC Charter. The Charter should serve to enhance engagement with the Local Community Health Partnerships (LCHP). Ms. Reyna and her team are in the process of meeting with each EOCCO LCHP. Ultimately, the goal is to expand EOCCO community and stakeholder input. The LCHPs will lead the process of developing the Community Health Assessment (CHA) process and assess developing Community Health Improvement Plans (CHIPs). These initiatives will include priorities and related</p>

	<p>funding proposals and they will be presented to the EOCCO CAC and the CAC will recommend approval to the board after review and consideration. Ms. Wheeler commented that the process moving forward focuses on making it more inclusive of community input. Mr. Jessup thanked Ms. Wheeler and the EOCCO staff for the work that has been done to make the input process work under the recently reconfigured CAC process of EOCCO. This will be a great opportunity to make funding available for needs identified from community input. Ms. Wagner added that she is excited for the spring and summer when he will have many opportunities to meet in the unique forums in the communities to promote this process. Returning to the specific topic of the CAC charter, it was updated when EOCCO transitioned from numerous CACs to one CAC. The Charter was modified to make it less technical and more narrative in its composition style. The final step of this process is obtaining a motion from the board to approve the amended CAC charter. Upon a motion by Mr. Geller and seconded by Ms. Wheeler, the Board unanimously approved the amended CAC Charter, a copy of which was provided to the Board in advance of the meeting.</p>
<p>EOCCO CAC UPDATES:</p>	<p>Ms. Elledge presented the CAC meeting schedule for 2023. The CAC is also looking carefully at LCHP scheduling issues to promote robust community engagement. EOCCO board members are invited and welcome to attend any LCHP or CAC meeting at any time.</p>
<p>EOCCO COMPLIANCE UPDATE:</p>	<p>Mr. Gross provided an overview of the EOCCO compliance plan for 2023. The Compliance Plan outlines EOCCO’s commitment to support compliance with State and Federal regulations and to articulate EOCCO’s plan to identify, report and prevent Fraud, Waste and Abuse. This plan was not modified from the 2022 plan. Upon a motion by Mr. Geller and seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously approved the 2023 EOCCO Compliance and Fraud, Waste and Abuse Prevention Plan, a copy of which was provided to the Board in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Mr. Gross continued, providing an overview of the 2023 EOCCO Conflict of Interest policy. The purpose of this policy is to ensure outside financial interests don’t inappropriately influence the decisions made by</p>

	<p>EOCCO Board members and that your position on the EOCCO Board is not used for personal financial gain. Board members were asked to review the policy, sign the attestation after completion, and return the attestation by January 15, 2023. The attestation can be emailed to Mr. Gross. Ms. Jones next provided a presentation on various EOCCO Medicaid audits. EOCCO’s compliance scores in various operational areas were shared with the Board. Ms. Trotter asked about the enrollment/disenrollment audit outcome. Ms. Jones indicated that some of our OHA-approved documents are not fully aligned with federal guidelines. We are discussing this finding with the auditors in light of the fact that the disallowed documents were previously approved by OHA.</p>
<p>EOU WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP PROPOSAL:</p>	<p>Dr. Hoffman led a discussion about EOCCO’s collaboration with Eastern Oregon University to develop an EOCCO-supported scholarship program. The goal is to fund up to 3 yearly \$10,000 scholarships for both undergraduate Anthropology/Sociology and Psychology students for a period of 5 years (\$60,000 each year for 5 years or \$300,000 total). No other CCO is doing this. Mr. Zadeh offered his thanks for this proposal and is encouraging scholarship recipients to be invited to EOCCO events. Ms. Trotter asked about whether recipients need to have a background of having lived in the region or even whether it would be appropriate to add that as criteria for awarding the scholarship. Dr. Hoffman shared that EOU tends to admit students with a background as Eastern Oregonian residents as students. Mr. Chaves indicated that EOU can manage the scholarship process criteria to EOCCO’s specifications. Ms. Wheeler added her excitement for this. There are roughly 120 behavioral health vacancies in EOCCO’s service area. This will pair well with a campaign to promote the Behavioral Health service field. Upon a motion by Mr. Siegner and seconded by Mr. Geller, the Board unanimously approved the EOCCO/EOU Scholarship Initiative as expressed in the Board Memo, a copy of which was provided to the Board in advance of the meeting.</p>
<p>2023 COMMUNITY BENEFIT INITIATIVE REINVESTMENTS:</p>	<p>Dr. Hoffman began this presentation by providing the CBIR timeline. The CBIR Grant Committee has met and reviewed the recommendations before the board today. There are several Committee recommendations for projects totaling \$400,982 in grant awards. Ms.</p>

	<p>Wheeler, Mr. Davis, and Ms. Lundgren all served on the Grant Committee. Upon a motion by Ms. Elledge and seconded by Ms. Wheeler, the Board unanimously approved the Community Benefit Initiative Reinvestment recommendations of the CBIR Grant Committee, copies of which were provided to the Board in advance of the meeting. Mr. Jessup added that EOCCO staff will make arrangements to expeditiously deliver the grant fund awards as directed by the Grant Committee and the Board.</p>
<p>2022 SHARE INITIATIVE UPDATE:</p>	<p>Ms. Prantl Nudelman provided a brief background of the SHARE initiative and an overview of its distributions to date. Next, she transitioned to a detailed overview of the 2022 SHARE distribution plan recommendations. The overview included addressing areas of focus for project categories. Projects must align with the EOCCO Regional Community Health Improvement Plan. EOCCO works in the community to publicize the RFA for its SHARE initiative to encourage applications for the available funds. LCHPS first reviews and scores applications followed by CAC review and recommendations. The SHARE subcommittee of the board then reviews the CAC recommendations finally followed by submission to the EOCCO Board for review and approval. Mr. Jessup added that it is challenging to determine how to spend \$1.5 million dollars (the total amount in SHARE distribution recommended for 2022). EOCCO’s goal is to continue to consider how best to make these investments using the CAC and other community partners of EOCCO. Ms. Plunket shared that she was pleased with this process and looks forward to a continued partnership. Upon a motion by Mr. Geller and seconded by Mr. Sims, the Board unanimously approved the 2022 SHARE recommendations for 10 projects with a total of \$1.5 million in funding, copies of which were provided to the Board in advance of the meeting. Ms. Prantl Nudelman next provided an overview of the development of SHARE spending in 2023. RFAs will be published in January of 2023 with a submission deadline of March 31, 2023. Mr. Jessup asked Ms. Elledge to make sure that the CAC knows how thankful the Board is for its help with SHARE.</p>

<p>FINANCIAL UPDATE:</p>	<p>Mr. Evans began with a short overview of the EOCCO proposed investment transactions. Upon a motion by Ms. Wheeler and seconded by Ms. Elledge, the Board unanimously approved EOCCO investment transactions for Q4-2022. Mr. Evans continued by providing an overview of EOCCO’s November 30, 2022, financial results. The 2022 financial performance of EOCCO is projected to finish with a strong overall performance. Capital and RBC continue to maintain a strong position. Mr. Evans next discussed the appointment of EOCCO’s Independent Actuary. Upon a motion by Mr. Geller and seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board unanimously approved Timothy Gustafson to replace Dave Thoen, Deloitte from the Chicago II office as EOCCO’s independent actuary. Mr. Evans provided an overview of the estimated EOCCO SHARE distribution calculation for 2022. Next, Mr. Evans led a discussion on EOCCO reinsurance. Reinsurance “lasers” out certain high-cost members with very high pharmacy claims and provides an insured hedge against high-cost outliers. For 2023 Mr. Evans recommends renewing reinsurance with RGA, while increasing the retention level from \$400K to \$450k. Mr. Jessup added that our next meeting will include an in-depth 2023 financial forecast.</p>
<p>HEALTH CARE INTERPRETER TRAINING UPDATE:</p>	<p>Mr. Jessup provided an overview of past funding of the initiative and plans for EOCCO to continue to support this initiative.</p>
<p>ANNOUNCEMENTS :</p>	<p>Mr. Jessup congratulated Ms. Gomez on her planned retirement from service to OHA on January 31, 2023, and commended her for her dedicated commitment to OHA’s role of supporting CCOs and the members whom they serve. Mr. Gomez thanked Mr. Jessup and EOCCO for years of positive collaboration. Mr. Jessup next recognized Mr. Sims who is leaving the EOCCO Board. Mr. Sims hopes that he can promote the CCO model in Iowa. Ms. Wheeler thanked both Ms. Gomez and Mr. Sims for their service.</p>
<p>PUBLIC COMMENT:</p>	<p>Mr. Jessup opened the meeting for public comment. Ms. Gonzales-Banuelos thanked the Board for all of the grant funding that has supported health initiatives in Malheur county. Mr. Siegner is excited about the behavioral health scholarship effort and its prospect for the longer-term improvement of access to behavioral health services in the service area. Mr.</p>

	Burke thanked Mr. Sims and Ms. Gomez for their service.
ADJOURN:	There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM

Thomas J. Bekke

Secretary