

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

**August 19, 2020
Teleconference only due to COVID-19**

**BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT:**

Dennis Burke, Lannie Checketts, Jeremy Davis, Larry Davy, Harold Geller, Dr. Renee Grandi, Diane Kilkenny, Carlos Olivares, Robin Richardson, Chris Siegner, Karen Wheeler, James Williams and Christopher Zadeh.

OTHERS PRESENT:

Debra Florence, Sean Jessup, Moda/ODS Community Health. Dr. Chuck Hofmann, EOCCO clinical consultant.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mr. Richardson called the special session to order.

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HEALTHY LIVING
ALLIANCE FUNDING**

Mr. Jessup explained that EOCCO had received a funding request from the Eastern Oregon Health Living Alliance (EOHLA). He provided the Board with background on the formation and purpose of the EOHLA. He explained that current funding for EOHLA was a mix of grants from EOCCO and other sources. He noted that, historically, GOBHI funded the administrative expenses of EOHLA. He explained that the Board of Directors of EOHLA was comprised, in part by representatives of the 12 LCACs currently administered by EOCCO.

Ms. Wheeler explained the historic funding arrangements between GOBHI and EOHLA. She noted that payments were made starting in 2015 and ending at the conclusion of 2019. She noted that the funding of EOHLA was initially designed to be start up only and was not intended to be ongoing. Over the course of the arrangement, GOBHI provided \$516,000 total funding to EOHLA.

Mr. Richardson questioned, given the funding, how EOHLA was different from the work separately funded by the LCACs and EOCCO's grant program. Dr. Hofmann provided details on the two grants which EOHLA received through EOCCO's grant program.

Mr. Williams questioned why Lake County was not among the list of counties served given the focus on the regional services. Mr. Olivares voiced concerns with funding third party organizations like EOHLA on principle given EOCCO's extensive grant program. He reiterated that EOHLA applied for grants through that process and were denied because they failed to demonstrate success.

Upon a motion by Mr. Olivares and seconded by Mr. Geller, the Board unanimously voted to deny the funding request from EOHLA.

Mr. Burke raised a separate issue concerning third party funding for EOCCO. He explained that it is worth considering having EOCCO pursue grant funding for its own initiatives. Mr. Richardson explained that this was something that EOCCO was currently evaluating. He provided some details on the various initiatives but noted that, with the advent of COVID-19, these initiatives were halted by the various grant writing entities. Mr. Richardson agreed with the funding needs given the large role CCOs will be required to play with regards to the Social Determinants of Health requirements under CCO 2.0. Ms. Wheeler voiced her agreement with pursuing external funding. Mr. Richardson noted that time will be reserved at a future Board meeting to continue the discussion of third-party grant funding.

ADJOURN:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Assistant Secretary