

Harney County Local Community Action Council

Meeting Minutes

2/11/2020

Meeting called to order by Chair, Savanna Cate at 1:02 pm

Attendees/Introductions: Savanna Cate, Dan Grigg, Donna Schnitker, Jolene Cawlfeld, Paul McGinnis, Marci McMurphy, Jessica Richardson, Debbie Peterson, Patty Dorroh, Chris Siegner, Val Hebener, James Jordan, Mindy Bentley, Angie Temple, Maxine Nyman, Kelly Novak and Evelyn Neasham.

The meeting minutes of January, 2020 were approved as written. From the previous meeting, Paul relayed the fact that Deanna Thrall, as a Community Health Worker, could be reimbursed for cooking classes. Paul also asked that the demographics sheet be filled out by anyone not attending the last meeting.

There were no public comments.

REPORTS:

Paul: Reviewed the Incentive Measure Guide handout. The numbers have improved since the last meeting. The difference in this years' measures is that we are being given the money upfront for the measures and if we do not meet them, we will have to repay the money. Paul reviewed the measures that were dropped for this year. Paul thinks in order to get paid for the measures, we will need to meet 11 of 13. For information, for mental health you go to GOHBI, for oral health, Advantage Dental and for physical health to EOCCO.

Marci: Frontier Veggie Rx, the application was completed and submitted for Gillam, Harney, Sherman and Wheeler counties. It has been recommended for approval. Are going to Grant County to present the program. Grant County is doing fact finding to see if they want to join in 2021. Discussed whether the Tribe is participating in the program. Kelly states she goes to the Tribe every week and most of the people on WIC are also on the Frontier Veggie Rx program. We will get Twila on our general distribution list. Evelyn to add her. Vouchers are available until March 31st, new money will start the beginning of April. Discussed the amount of time spent by the Health Department in facilitating the Veggie Rx program. Kelly is spending about 45 hours a month with the program. Other providers are not devoting as much time to the program. Discussed why and what can be done about it. Should we include reimbursement to the clinics and the county for those wages while doing their job? Should bill for CHW time when appropriate. Contact Sherry and Noah for some answers. Talked about how many HDH FCC patients are coming to the Health Department for vouchers, probably about 20%.

Jolene and laundry vouchers-Jolene contacted the laundromat and we need to bring cash. Jolene contacted Bobbi Jo at the County and has \$210 in cash for the laundromat vouchers. Will buy 30 cards and 35 dollar bills to load into the machines. Laundromat is on the

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bus route. How are we going to go about handing the cards out? Decided that the laundry vouchers would best be handled like the Veggie Rx program.

Shower vouchers: the bus does not go to the fairgrounds. Will need to appropriate funds for clients to get to the fairgrounds. Have spent out of the funds approximately \$210 plus \$156 out of the \$940 budgeted. Decided to say if you need transportation to call us and we would provide the Dial-A-Ride vouchers. Unanimously agreed. Jolene has the authority to use funds for the rides.

Angie Quarterly DD report. K-Plan enrollment 10 adults and 3 children. Foster placement one adult and two children. Children's residential one. Brokerage 10 adults. Case Management only 3 adults and 1 child. Total DD enrollment is 30 up from 25. There were no serious events. Getting ready for site review. Angie has been moved to Program Manager and will be doing other jobs. Quality Assurance update: determining level of care at 100%, customer health/welfare are at 97%, plan of care at 95.3%, qualified providers at 100%, quality assurance 99.6% and fiscal accountability at 92%.

Chris and Symmetry Care semi-annual report: CHMPs sharing the plan with the CACs so they can be better prepared for the Behavioral Health Integration plan which is due 1/1/21. The plan will not be dealt with in this session at all. Behavioral health has been trying to implement better physical health experiences. Trying to balance out with mental health and physical health services. Ashley Vanderdasson is working on her Psych Nurse Practitioner status and will take the exam in the next couple of months. Symmetry Care is sharing a counselor position with Early Childhood Development and appears to be going well.

OTHER:

Jolene presents a letter from Crossroads Ranch, they are asking for our financial support. Discussed taking the money out of the \$940 budgeted line item. Jolene moved that we donate \$100 towards the Crossroads dinner, motion seconded and approved with a unanimous vote.

Patty brought up House Bills, discussed a natural opioid, Kratom. It is up for discussion with the Hines City Council. A bill that requires age appropriate instruction in schools for oral health was also discussed. Then we discussed water issues within the county. Ground water has been overused for many years which is causing the shortage. The State is in charge of water, everything. There is a moratorium on issuing any new water permits. The problem is that there were water rights permits issued in years past and now they are using those permits which decreases the available water even more. A geology survey has been done

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to determine how much water is available and there are areas in the county who have steep declines in available water. It is up to the State to figure out what to do. What are some ways we can get water out to the communities?

Evelyn discusses the last meeting of the EHOLA Board where they are asking LCACs to determine if they want to endorse a program that essentially supports the Cap And Trade bill. After some discussion it was unanimously decided that we definitely do not want to get involved in politics. Evelyn to relay the message.

NEW BUSINESS: Paul stated he is leaving EOCCO and this is his last meeting with us. We all expressed our disappointment but wished him well. Marci will take over Paul's duties.

MEMBER COMMENTS: Val expressed that she wished Paul well but was disappointed in his leaving. He has been a great benefit to our group.

There being no other business the meeting was adjourned by Chair, Savanna Cate at 2:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Evelyn Neasham, HC LCAC Coordinator.

The next meeting is on 3/10/20 at Harney District Hospital in the Board Room.