

HC LCAC MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2020

Meeting called to order by Chair, Jolene Cawlfild

Introductions/Attendees: Kelly Novak, Savanna Cate, Dan Grigg, Sherri Sneddon, Jessica Richardson, Debbie Peterson, Paul McGinnis, Marci McMurphy, Angie Temple, Batel, Hunt Val Hebener, James Jordan, Bettina Bowman, Jennifer Williams, Maxine Nyman, Jolene Cawlfild and Evelyn Neasham. Deanna Thrall and Donna Schnitker.

The minutes of December, 2019 were approved as written.

Dan Grigg is requesting changing the time of our meetings from 12:30 to 2:00 as Debbie Peterson and Dan have a conflict with the current time of our meetings. There was discussion about conflicts with changing the time and ultimately we decided to keep the times as they are. Debbie and Dan would attend the first hour of our meetings. We would adjust the agenda items to fit the needs of the clinic.

Elections: Jolene stated she is retiring in September and if we re-elected her, she would only serve until September. Discussion ensued about duties and responsibilities of Chair and Vice Chair. Debbie nominated Savanna for Chair. Savanna expressed concerns about not knowing exactly what the Chair was responsible for. Paul stated that the Chair works with Evelyn and Paul to establish the agenda, obviously running the meetings and participating in the quarterly RCAC meetings along with Patty Dorroh, County Commissioner. The RCAC meetings involve travel. Evelyn nominated Val as Vice Chair. Savanna elected to the Chair position by unanimous vote. Val was elected to the position of Vice Chair by unanimous vote.

REPORTS:

Paul: Reviewed the 2019 Incentive Measure Progress, through 12/31/19, the measures we will make and those we will not. Debbie reviewed the clinic has more measures met that does Paul's data.

Paul reviewed the Public Health RFA, for which the deadline is March 1st 2020, a program that was created exclusively for Public Health. It has always been recommended that Public Health get a dollar amount per member per month. Public Health helps us achieve the incentive measures. There is a pool of money \$250,000 to \$500,000. Jolene asked what could we do to improve the health of our patients? Jolene stated she would like to go to the kids' parent-teacher conferences and provide immunizations and using part of the funds to hire a nurse to give the immunizations. What projects could we partner up with that would be meaningful? Mental health, etc. Jolene has not written a proposal yet. Batel brought up the discussion again of people afraid of being seen going into a mental health facility. Jolene discussed she went to Crane to teach a health question and asked the students what did they think the students needed most in this county. This was a class of 11 which is all of the Juniors at Crane High School. One-third of them expressed the desire for mental health access. State-wide, they did a survey of Seniors and that was the biggest thing they asked for, mental health

access. Crane would benefit from a health center. Grants are available to develop a program such as this in Crane. \$30,000 for the first year developing a program, \$60,000 the second year. There are matching grants available. The last focus was drugs in Hines. Crane is in a separate district.

Paul asked us to help with the Oregon Health Authority by filling out the demographics page handout. Not only do they want us to have half our board members be OHP members but now we are being asked to be diverse in our Board while representing the cross section of our community. Discussed the Tribe and ways to get them involved. Paul will pursue this.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no comments, a mandatory agenda item.

Marci and the Frontier Veggie Rx program: working on a grant application for this next year. Have one more letter that is needed, then all of the support is ready for Marci to get started on the application. Marci is the one man show for this project so it will limit her time as far as phone calls and following up to see if they are having any road blocks in this area. All of the funds will be used for the vouchers, mailings will be provided and printing costs will be provided. This amounts to about \$6,000. More booklets coming in one more round and are hoping the funds will go through until more funding arrives. The last round of booklets should go through at least the end of March. Are still looking at the Tribe to participate. Paul reached out to Twila twice but he never heard back from her. CCOs are required to designate a person from all the tribes in the area and Karen was accepted. When Kelly goes to the Tribe for WIC services she will also discuss the Frontier Veggie Rx program. It is still two booklets per household instead of three. Discussed Arcadia, 13 clinics, Paul believes, that were using Arcadia, the bigger clinics but according to CCO 2.0 this is supposed to be offered to the smaller clinics as well. Kelly mentioned she has been invited to John Day's LCAC meeting to discuss the Veggie Rx program. Deanna asked about cooking classes, using the Frontier Veggie Rx program. Marci states they are still maintaining the Rx program without the education portion. Debbie states there is a nutrition specialist coming here to Burns and she has talked about adding a cooking portion to her program. This could be a paid service as the CHWs could bill for that. Paul will check on this. This is an evidence-based program that should be reimbursable.

Savanna is taking over for Steve for the required Community Health Needs Assessment survey and Savanna gives a progress report. The Health District is required to send out the CHNA every 3 years and the LCAC is used as their advisory council.

Jolene discusses at the September meeting when we approved the budget, we approved \$940 would be designated to OHP members. Val brought up at the last meeting that it would be helpful to have showers along with clothes washing and drying. Jolene states that by far the least expensive shower is at the fairgrounds. Right now it is on the honor system when people use the showers. The cost of showers at the fairgrounds is basically \$2.00 per

shower but Jordan gave the vouchers to us for \$1.50 apiece. Jolene got 56 shower vouchers which comes to a total of \$84 of the allotted money. Again, people are on the honor system to deposit the vouchers. Sherri Sneddon discussed that as far as she could see through the Emergency Department at the hospital, there is a fairly sizeable need. Discussed the route bus going to the fairgrounds with about a 30 minute wait in between getting there, taking a shower and being picked up again. Is this a scheduled stop at the fairgrounds for the route bus? The route bus is free. Discussed how to get the vouchers out to people and it was decided to offer them at the time of the Veggie Rx vouchers, to let people know they are available. Also put up flyers were members frequent, letting them know how and where to get a voucher. Sherri states it would be nice to know what programs are available to hand out through the ED. Also have available at the DHS office. Discussed a flyer which would promote the programs we have like Veggie Rx, needle exchange program, etc. The Community Resource Directory is also a place to let people know what programs are available. Val to help with tracking (putting vouchers up and checking the box at the fairgrounds). Kelly and Jolene to put together a flyer or poster.

Jolene briefly mentioned the flyer from Mark Owens about the financial summit, check it out.

Val shared her information about the laundromat vouchers. He is new in business and cannot give a discount on his prices, in fact he is looking for money to help with his business. Discussed Small Business Administration money and grants and Val will pass the information on. Cost for a refillable card is \$2. Cost per load is a little over \$4. We'll do a \$5 card plus the cost of the refillable card.

Before deciding on how many cards to purchase, Evelyn gave the financial report. We have an ending balance for 2019 of \$4,077.92 with \$925 in outstanding bills. Deposit was made on 12/27 of \$12,000 leaving a balance of \$15,152.92 minus the fee to the county of \$1200 leaving us with a beginning balance for 2020 of \$13,952.92.

Back to the discussion of the laundry vouchers, it was decided to purchase 30 cards. Cost \$210. Should we deposit a couple hundred dollars to reload the cards because we are not there. The cards will need to be handed out. Where are we putting them? Poster and flyer needed for posting that this is available. Put info in Harney County Classifieds and the Chamber. Email info to Lola for the Chamber info. Director@harneycounty.com.

Discussed the lack of water in the county. Jolene to bring the matter up to the county court. It is going to be on the agenda at Hines. Maybe even bring up the issue to the state water board. Bettina to bring it up at the council meeting in Hines. High Desert Partnership could possibly help.

Angie is requesting to be on the agenda next month for the DDD report. Symmetry Care is to share their bi-annual plan with us. Chris or anyone from Symmetry Care can present the plan.

Donna Schnitker reports that training is being made available at Silvies Ranch. There are only 10 slots available so are being very selective of who can attend. They will be sending out information but this is just a heads up that it is coming. The attendees will use the opportunity 3 different times to use the training, which is the understanding of attending the program. Training will be February 26th and 27th.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

MEMBER COMMENTS: Val stated that people are having difficulty being reimbursed for covered expenses. Paul will check into it.

ADJOURN: 2:45 by Chair, Jolene Cawlfild.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 11, 2020 1-3 pm in the Harney District Hospital Board Room.