

HC LCAC 5/12/2020
MEETING MINUTES
VIRTUAL MEETING

The meeting was brought to order by Chair, Savanna Cate at 1:03 pm.

Introductions/Attendees: Emily Johnson, Savanna Cate, Jolene Cawlfeld, Noelle Colby-Rotell, Patty Dorroh, Tracy Blood, Audrey, Maxine Nyman, Carolyn Bauer, Mindy Bentley, Trish Donovan, Dan Grigg, Kelly Novak, Jennifer Williams, Marci McMurphy and Evelyn Neasham. Chris Siegner signed in later.

The minutes were approved as written, Jolene moved to accept and Noelle seconded. Agenda: update for RCAC it is Patty Dorroh not Patti Wright.

Public Comments: None.

Discussion about virtual meetings: how well are the virtual meetings going and are there any community needs you can think of that maybe we can assist with at the LCAC. Is there something we can do to help Val and James with the meeting? Sometimes internet is the issue. Evelyn gave James and Val a \$25 gift card to go towards the call in meeting. Something must have happened because they are not on the line. They have no computer access. Discussed how we can work with them for the next month. We can call them for help on connecting. Evelyn does not have their phone number now to call them for this meeting. We will try again next month. Chris stated that Symmetry Care is doing telehealth and they think the systems is working fine. Sometimes bandwidth is an issue. Carolyn is not having any issues and neither is Savanna. Tracy will teach Marci how to do the calls and get people on the meetings.

Summer Prantl, not on the line.

Martha Snow not on the line.

Savanna and Patty gave a recap of the RCAC meeting, a virtual meeting. Patty states that Savanna did a good job of recapping the meeting and she has nothing to add. Savanna states there were some changes in membership and how they had expanded telemedicine and Covid-19 testing. Regarding the 2020 incentive measures, Savanna states that the impact of Covid-19, it sounds like the measures are on hold. Marci states there is a need to review the RCAC charter, it changed and was updated. There will be two listening opportunities to hear what the changes have been and are given an opportunity to question or make changes before it is sent on to the EOCCO Board. The new Board Chair is Alicia Southwick and new cochair Jan Goodman and secretary Ann Mitchell.

Marci: Frontier Veggie Rx update – 2019 final report for the Frontier Veggie Rx is complete. We serve Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler and Harney Counties. In Harney County we only serve OHP members, where the other counties serve anyone who is food insecure. Marci believes they will

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give us the initial payment for this year. The participants in the program usually come in the first of the month making it more of a demand for time then. We are already getting 2020 vouchers back so it is very clear that the vouchers going out are immediately being used and the vendors getting reimbursed for those. One of the problems has been and will probably continue to be, measuring the efficacy of the program. Besides tracking weight and blood pressure, we are asking how they are feeling on the program, are they feeling healthier, are they feeling less need to go to their provider. The fund has been overdrawn by \$4000 which GOBHI covered. This was in 2019. We are seeing an increase in requests because of COVID with people being without jobs and incomes. John Adams applied for a grant from Ford Foundation but the sum was much less than expected, probably about \$10,000. So it will help a little. Mindy asked about OHP members only being able to get the vouchers, which is correct, in Harney County because we have a larger population and there are limited funds. We should be asking for county of residence and not supply those from other counties.

Laundry and shower vouchers: Kelly states for the health office she has sent out laundry vouchers of 11 and 1 of those has been returned back to her. Kelly has given out 8 shower vouchers and 2 of those people are returns. Kelly gave extra laundry vouchers to HDH FCC, they were out. Evelyn will take over this project. Make sure to get receipts. (We did not talk about Evelyn taking over the shower vouchers, but that is OK with her), as she writes the minutes. Jolene got an email from Jordan (as reported by Marci), that one of the fire extinguishers had been used and they are going to start locking the restrooms at night and to let people know. Trish needs more laundry vouchers. Evelyn will discuss with her.

No member comments. Discussed how to get Jim and Val on the call next meeting.

Marci asks Patty Dorroh about the water situation. Patty states nothing has changed from a couple of months ago, has been an ongoing thing for a long time. Some water users have lowered their sprinkles lower to the ground as it conserves on water. Savanna's husband works with High Desert Partnership. They are working with land owners and the government to help people with their wells and irrigation. It sounds like there are some grants available but it sounds like they have not had any interest.

Marci states that GOBHI has provided LCACs with funds for the last few years. This year the funds will be significantly less.

The meeting was adjourned by Savanna at 2:11 pm.

The next meeting will probably be virtual and will be held on 6/9/2020 from 1-3 pm.