# Morrow County Local Community Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday August 2, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m. Port of Morrow, Boardman, Oregon

**Participants Present:** Andrea Fletcher, Angie Treadwell, Bob Houser, Catie Brenaman, Diane Kilkenny, Don Russell, Emily Reynolds, Heidi Ziegler, Karen Prout, Kimberly Lindsey, Linda Skendzel, Mary Ann Wren, Robbin Furguison, Troy Soenen, Jaimie Crowell, Terra Fleury, John Murray, Sarah Campbell and Deena Gallaway.

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am. by Andrea Fletcher.

**Welcome & Introductions:** Andrea welcomed all and everyone did a round table introduction of themselves.

**Review of Minutes:** Minutes of the previous meeting on July 12, 2018 were reviewed by all. A motion was made by Don Russell to approve the minutes as submitted. Mary Ann Wren seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**EOHLA Update:** Andrea stated that she wished to table this until a later meeting.

Health Needs Assessment: Andrea stated that the Health Needs Assessment has been completed and will be available on the Public Health website soon. There were various needs identified. The next step will be to set up work groups for those identified needs. Andrea asked for volunteers for each work group. There were also concerns about information becoming siloed and that it would be very important to have good communication between these groups. OHA has sent out a notice regarding social determinants and health disparities and they will be emphasizing these so each work group will need to keep this in mind. Catie noted that a lot of these groups will be intertwined which will enhance communication. It was suggested that there be a Health Leadership group to oversee these work groups. All agreed that the CHIP Board of Directors and several volunteers from this group would be the oversignt committee. Andrea will be sending out a poll to the group for those interested in being involved in these groups.

**Focus Group Report:** Troy stated that there are still 4 more focus groups to be held in Umatilla County. A written report will follow once all of the focus groups have met and the information collated.

**Incentive Measures:** Troy presented the June progress report. Immunizations are up and near the target being only 3 members short of the target goal. Adolescent well child visits should be up by the end of summer. This has been a focus which has helped increase the compliance. Since this is claims based, the data is about 3 months behind. Kim Lindsay asked why the behavioral health measures were not added to the report as GOBHI receives the data. Troy stated that he would look into why it was not reported at the LCAC level as it is reported at the Board level.

**Food Insecurities:** Emily stated that they are looking at grant funding from the Oregon Food Bank and will be looking at other funding opportunities. There was interest from other group

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members to develop a Steering Committee to look into other funding resources. Emily will send out invites to those who are interested in being on the Steering Committee. She also stated that they are looking for letters of support for the project and would also like one from the LCAC. They are looking at 1 to 1.5 years of fundraising prior to opening. Fundraising kick off began during Columbia River Health's annual Community BBQ on July 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Public Comment / Roundtable:**

**Terra Fleury** – EOCCO is setting up a personal health program for patients with chronic conditions and other high utilizers. The focus is to lower utilization. Providers will be able to refer patients to this program.

**Kimberly Lindsay** – CCS is advertising for a position in Irrigon. They are also still in need of a law enforcement liaison. They are also looking at setting up some children's services in Sherman County.

**Angie Treadwell** – OSU Extension has added an additional staff person. They have also received some funding to help serve families with food insecurities. Assessments are done for families to enroll in cooking classes where they learn how to prepare a dish together. In addition they are sent home with the groceries to be able to prepare the dish at home. The menus are set based on fresh produce available at the time.

**Emily Reynolds** – The new dietician is up and running. She is getting a lot of referrals. There may be a pediatrician coming to the clinic. The food pantry has added a garden to the plan.

**Karen Prout** - There is a new director for independent support services. They are working on integrating 5 different counties. Each county has different services depending on availability. Meals on Wheels does cover Irrigon and Umatilla County and there is a waiting list. There are no plans to cover Boardman at this time.

Jaime Crowell – A new SHIBA coordinator has been hired. They are moving forward with their Community Health Assessment survey questions, one for adult and one for children. There will be a suicide awareness event on October 13 in Pendleton. September 22 is the Family Health and Fitness day in Hermiston. There will be a lot of vendors and it is a free event for the family. Good Shepherd is setting up an opioid response team.

**Catie Brenaman** – There is a Cooking Matters volunteer training (flyer passed out). They need volunteers to teach classes and this training will train the volunteers. The group suggested placing ads in the local papers, North Morrow Times and the Gazette. There will also be a Conscious Discipline class (flyer passed out). This will be dealing with emotional behaviors.

**Don Russell** – They are in need of an HR director. The fire at the OHV park utilized 450 fire fighters. There was a tremendous amount of coordinated effort which worked very well. The recent fire in Heppner utilized emergency services locally and everyone did a good job.

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**Linda Skendzel** – There will be a suicide awareness event at the Port of Morrow on October 27. There will also be an event in the Heppner park which is near the swimming pool on September 22. They are looking for help with this event which will be paid. The Community Connect event will be on October 20 at the Pendleton Rec. Center (flyer passed out). Andrea stated that she would check with some local church groups to see if they would be interested. The office has been quite busy with adding new members. They have hired a new part time employee to help out.

Mary Ann Wren – Their hygienist was in an accident and will be out for a period of time. Other staff has been hired to help out. Advantage Dental has purchased Dr. Smith's office in Pendleton. They are also setting up an oral health program.

**Bob Houser** – There have been 78 adolescent well child visits through June. There are more events planned prior to the start of school. They are launching a colorectal cancer screening program. A medication collection unit has been purchased and is located at the Morrow County Sheriff's Office. The Board has approved additional space at the Irrigon Clinic for behavioral health. The state trauma survey team was at the hospital and has designated them for a Level IV trauma site without restrictions.

**John Murray** – The pharmacy is signing up for the 340B discount drug program. This will be phased in over about a 6 month period.

**Robbin Ferguison** – They recently had their Bowl-a-thon fundraiser. They are currently down two employees at this time. The building they were renting for their office was sold and they are now looking for new space.

**Sarah Campbell** – The Home Health COPD program is going very well with increasing referrals. This is a year-long program and includes a lot of in home testing abilities as well as patient and family teaching in how to deal with this disease.

**Diane Kilkenny** – School will be starting soon.

#### **Next Meeting:**

September 5, 2018 in Heppner.

#### Adjourn:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Deena Gallaway