

MORROW COUNTY LOCAL COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 3rd, 2018 @ 9:00 AM
Bartholomew Conference Rm, 110 N Court, Heppner, Or

PARTICIPANTS PRESENT: Andrea Fletcher, Bob Houser, Catie Brenaman, Diana Bjork, Don Eppenbach, Donna Eppenbach, Don Russell, Emily Reynolds, Erin Bartsch, Estela Gomez, Heidi Zeigler, Kimberly Lindsay, Linda Skendzel, Marie Shimer, Rebecca Gardner, Robbin Ferguson, Rod Harwood, Sheree Smith, Troy Soenen, Yvonne Morter, Jessica Britt, Jaime Crowell, Lisa Patton, Seth Whitmer

CALL TO ORDER

The Morrow County LCAC meeting was called to order by LCAC Chair, Sheree Smith at 9:02 am.

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Sheree welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

REVIEW OF APRIL MINUTES

Members reviewed minutes from the April 12th, 2018 LCAC Meeting. Motion made by Andrea to approve minutes as presented. Marie seconded the motion. Motion carries to approve minutes as presented.

EOHLA UPDATE- ANDREA

The Eastern Oregon Healthy Living Alliance (EOHLA) aims to improve community health in Eastern Oregon by providing strategies in the Regional Community Health Improvement Plan and by supporting community health development initiatives within the region.

Healthy Happy Smiles program is wrapping up the screenings and fluoride treatment phase and onto the nine onsite visits until the end of the school year. The Colon Cancer Screening grant is making progress in partnership of the local clinics and local community advisory committees. The Integrated Nurse Home Visiting Program has had a slow start due to a criteria change in the application for funding. The learning collaborative will be moving forward as planned, just a little delayed at this time.

INCENTIVE MEASURE PROGRESS- TROY SOENEN

Troy provided a progress report for Morrow County Incentive Measures. The report is based on claims processed through March 31st, 2018.

EOCCO FOCUS GROUP UPDATE: TROY SOENEN

As part of the Community Health Assessment process, the upcoming focus groups are relying on the local community advisory councils to help obtain names and phone numbers of possible group participants. Committee members discussed possible dates and times as well as locations for the focus groups in Morrow County such as the City Hall or Columbia River Health in Boardman, Oregon.

Andrea wanted to follow up on the recent focus groups held, separate from the EOCCO process, to complete the county-wide health assessment. One group was held in lone with the Hispanic Parent Club which had a great turnout and was well received. The other focus group was at the Senior Center in Irrigon, Oregon- with the help of the Eppenbach's support.

PUBLIC COMMENT/ROUNDTABLE

- Kimberly Lindsay We are moving forward on opening a behavioral classroom in the north end of Morrow County for K-6 students. Morrow County commissioners are in full support and have approved funding for this new project. Community Counseling Services is in their new building in Heppner, Oregon and will be giving away some furniture from the previous building- more details to come.
- Heidi Zeigler The 2018 Spring Diversity Conference was last week at the Pendleton Convention center- 214 attendees.

- Linda Skendzel An upcoming outreach event for veterans and families will be held in the Bartholomew building on May 15th, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. We will be discussing VA health care, the choice program, pension, benefits and information on emergency financial grants. I also attended a 2-day event at the Sage Center in Boardman, OR with women veterans hosted by Elizabeth Estabrooks. The Veterans Choice Program is running out of funds and are hoping that the issue will be addressed and revamped for June- so veterans can continue receiving care within the community.
- Jessica Britt Healthy Families has one last full-time position available for Morrow County that they are hoping to fill by the end of the month.
- Don Russell Participated in last weeks' presentation by Dirk Dirksen on wrap-around care to the state legislators who make up The Joint Committee of Legislators on Students Success.
- Donna Eppenbach Excited to see the progression on the Irrigon Medical Center- despite our unpredictable weather we've been having.
- Catie Brenaman We are having a learning picnic in Boardman next month to promote literacy, and will be planning another picnic in Heppner. We are looking for a community partner to help us facilitate this learning picnic in Heppner at this time. These will be once a week, for 6 weeks and approximately 2 hours each time for kids to gather and participate in learning activities. Also, there will be a Conscious Parenting Workshop at the Sage Center on the 12th from 10am-2pm with Annette Chastain. Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative will be hosting a conference in Corvallis, Oregon on May 21st-22nd.
- Estela Gomez Our newest director of the OHA, Patrick Allen, will be visiting Morrow, Umatilla and Union counties next week. The proposed agency reorganization will take effect on July 1st. We will also have a new behavioral health unit. There is an Oregon Health Members survey that is closing May 15th. The Oregon Health Transformation Center is having an Innovation Café on June 12th in Salem, Oregon focusing on children's health.
- Lisa Patton Lisa runs the Neighborhood Center on Main Street in Heppner, across from the Library. It is a thrift store and a food pantry that is supported by community donations. We help purchase food for monthly food boxes and help with emergency bill assistance.
- Troy Soenen GOBHI is having their Spring Conference in Bend, Oregon from May 16th-May 18th, 2018.
- Rebecca Gardner OCDC migrant head start is coming up and we are encouraging enrollment. Parents can enroll their child by picking up a contact form from AC Houghton Elementary School or in Boardman. We have multiple teaching positions open if anyone is interested, please contact me.
- Bob Houser On the clinic side, they are starting to launch their Fit Campaign for the colon cancer screening with a special event around fair time. The Adolescent Well Child exams have already started especially for those not participating in sports activities. There will be 2 special events in Irrigon and Heppner on July 20th and August 24th dedicated to these exams. Also, they are starting a new contraception workflow sheet to ensure that we can hit each criterion and hopefully hit that measure this year. The progress on the Irrigon Medical Clinic is moving along nicely after the short delay at the beginning of construction due to buried concrete that was discovered. Our new physician, Doctor Aballay is now credentialed for Medicare and Medicaid. We have hired a new Home Health & Hospice director, Caroline Jackson, who started yesterday. We are finishing up the work on the Boardman building for Home Health & Hospice office and should be up and running by the end of the month.
- Robbin Ferguson Domestic Violence Services currently has 2 positions open. We started our crisis-line volunteer training yesterday that will run through May 23rd, and looking for more volunteers. On June 22nd, DVS will be collaborating with Immigration Legal Services and the Catholic

Charities to assist survivors of domestic violence with their immigration status in Boardman, Oregon at the Port of Morrow.

- Yvonne Morter Still having immunizations in lone once a week and working on impact screenings as well.
- Rod Harwood We just finished up a 6-part series of WISE training last month in lone, Oregon. This will be available for other parts of Morrow County, if requested. As of yesterday, I will also begin to train on behalf of the Oregon Care Partners. Last month I provided 5 different trainings across the region and can provide up to 6 hours of training for those who are providing care for older adults. I am available to provide training for Morrow County and educate providers and community members alike.
- Erin Bartsch A jump start program starts this August- a “soft start” for Kindergarten for kids who need a little extra time and support before the new school year. In June, there is a conscious discipline training that will be held for 7 days. UMCHS monthly theme for May is math and noted that it’s been shown that math is a big predictor of future success.
- Marie Shimer Dirk is sitting in on the interviews for the south end SRO today and wanted to pass that along to the group. I am working with Kathy Street on the Dolly Parton Imagination Library and organizing the campaign to get kids signed up and to find additional sponsorship. Friends of the Irrigon Library is helping to sponsor this program and is also asking for help and donations from the community to encourage children to read. The emergency drill on April 13th went really well and was a learning experience for everyone involved. Morrow County is doing a kindergarten jump start in August for all 3 communities, with 20 spots in each community. Summer school programs in all 3 communities, Irrigon is in June and Boardman and Heppner is in August. We are starting registration for next year already and will be hosting Kindergarten Roundup on May 22nd in all 3 communities.
- Seth Whitmer Our first Adolescent Well Child event coming up at the clinic- May 11th, July 13th and August 10th. We have a couple of temporary pharmacists that have been well received by the community and our pharmacy department continues to break records on prescriptions being filled.
- Emily Reynolds On July 26th from 11:30am-3pm we will be having our Community Appreciation BBQ in our parking lot with Nolan the Colon, local radio stations and bounce houses. We also have the dental van at the clinic and there are a few spots still open on May 29th, 30th and 31st for those who qualify. Our Mom’s Group at the clinic is looking for more engagement and attendance to keep it going- the coffee meeting is every Tuesday at 9am and the planning committee is once a month.

SECRETARY POSITION REPLACEMENT

Sheree let the committee know that the position will be vacant next month and asked for possible replacements. Diana offered to take the minutes in June if she is available to do so.

Next meeting will be June 7th at 9:00am at the BMCC Workforce Training Center, 251 N Olson, Boardman, Oregon.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:32 am
