

Morrow County Local Community Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday November 1, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m.
Bartholomew Building, Heppner, Oregon

Participants Present: Andrea Fletcher, Catie Brenaman, Diane Kilkenny, Dirk Dirksen, Don Eppenbach, Donna Eppenbach, Don Russell, Emily Reynolds, Erin Bartsch, Erin Stocker, Estela Gomez, Heidi Ziegler, Jamie Crowell, John Murray, Kathryn Chaney, Marie Shimer, Michael Erickson, Molly Rhea, Nicole Mahoney, Rod Harwood, Rollie Marshall, Sarah Miller, Sheree Smith, Troy Soenen, Alexi McHugh, Samantha Cardenas, Lourdes Reyna, Kimberly Lindsay, Katie Siri and Deena Gallaway.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am by Sheree Smith.

Welcome & Introductions: Everyone was welcomed to the meeting and round table introductions were made.

Review of Minutes: Minutes of the previous meeting on October 4, 2018 were reviewed. There was one correction noted in the Round Table discussion. Heidi Ziegler stated that they did not sponsor the dental clinic at the Project Community Connect but it was sponsored by the Umatilla County LCAC. John Murray made a motion to approve the minutes with the above noted correction. The motion was seconded by Heidi Ziegler which passed unanimously.

EOHLA Update: Andrea provided a handout and reviewed the successes of EOHLA. Several programs have been implemented including dental, mental health, colon cancer screening and healthy eating. A web link was provided for donations.

Latina OSU Food Hero Program: Alexi McHugh introduced himself. He has recently hired on with EOHLA and wants to begin building partnerships and convene some focus groups. He stated that there are many on line food recipes available.

Incentive Measure Progress: Troy handed out the progress report data through September. There has been a column added with the 2017 rate so that comparisons can be made from last year to this at this time. Nearly every metric showed improvement from last year. He also presented a breakdown of the mental health assessments which show that Morrow County is at 100% compliance for this measure.

EOCCO Grant Opportunities: Andrea reviewed the 2017 final progress report for EOCCO. There were 3 measures that did not meet for Morrow County. These were Immunizations, colorectal and developmental screenings. Grant monies from last year were reviewed and there was group discussion as to what we want to accomplish for next year. Other funding opportunities were also discussed such as the Good Shepherd Foundation and Morrow County Health District. Two new ideas were presented to the group to entertain. One was to do on-line ASQ screening and the other was to fund a coordinator position to coordinate educational and other resources through the EHR. Several members signed up to be on a subcommittee to look at the options and come up with a plan. Andrea will schedule a meeting.

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Joint Meeting with Early Childhood Partnership Team (ECPT): The ECPT is proposing that a joint meeting between the LCAC and ECPT take place one time per year rather than twice a year. A request was also made for the joint meeting be held in February on the second Thursday (rather than the regular LCAC schedule of the 1st Thursday) and the ECPT is willing to alter their usual meeting time of 2 PM to the LCAC start time of 9 AM. LCAC participants present indicated general support for the suggestion and will be reminded of the change at the January meeting.

Public Comment / Roundtable:

John Murray – The 340B program will be starting soon in Irrigon.

Nicole Mahoney – The new construction has been completed enough to move into at the Irrigon Clinic and now the remodel is starting on the existing structure. The Health District is interviewing PA candidates for the Irrigon Clinic and MD candidates for Heppner.

Andrea Fletcher – The chronic disease group will be meeting today right after this meeting.

Kathryn Chaney – Domestic Violence services has lost their old office but still utilize the Lutheran Church in Heppner and City Hall in Boardman.

Heidi Ziegler – The community connect event was well attended. There were 103 volunteers and over 216 served of which one third were military. Most were from Umatilla County.

Estela Gomez – Provided several OHA updates to the group. There will be a tobacco prevention and education program in Pendleton on November 8th at the Red Lion.

Emily Reynolds – Thanked everyone for the letters of support to be included with their SAC grant. She also reminded everyone of the annual coat drive if anyone wished to donate any gently used coats.

Mike Erickson – Their home visits continue to grow in both Umatilla and Morrow Counties. The program began in May and they now have 80 plus patients. They continue to connect these patients and their families to other services.

Don Eppenbach – Stated that there was a recent suicide in Irrigon which supports the need for more mental health services.

Rod Harwood – Rod stated that he is doing dementia trainings for care facilities and first responders. About 70% of all dementia patients live in their own homes. He also stated he would do other presentations on request. On December 3rd at Wildhorse there will be a presentation on caring for people with complex needs.

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Rollie Marshall – Working on a fitness center for the lone community. Fundraising is underway with about half being raised so far.

Jamie Crowell – Needs assessments are being mailed out in Umatilla County. Hispanic returns are low. It is Medicare Open Enrollment time but there are only 2 SHIBA volunteers. There are several Safe Communities meetings coming up. November 10th is a fall prevention seminar. November 14th there will be a drug abuse response team meeting and on November 28th an adult health screening.

Kimberly Lindsay – The drug treatment program is up and running. Patients are referred from the court system or probation officers. When discharged from jail offenders are sent to treatment right away. They are working on a residential treatment program.

Dirk Dirksen – Still working on the summer food program. This will not be a school activity but will be for school-aged children and would like to make it community wide. He will be doing a wrap-around presentation to the Oregon school board soon. He noted that this has been successful because they have been partnering with agencies instead of hiring within the school.

Don Russell – County Commissioners are fine tuning operations to provide services to the entire county. Portland State University is doing population studies which will be utilized in coordination efforts.

Sarah Miller – There is an upcoming Provider meeting which will be held at Maxwell Siding.

Catie Brenaman – Attended an Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative. The focus was on conscious discipline and partnering with schools for parent training. She will share program sustainability information. There are some funds available that need to be spent by June. If you would like to have a learning picnic, contact Catie for information. They are also hiring a 30 hour/week educator.

Samantha Cardenas – She is new to her position at Healthy Families. They are also looking for a supervisor as well as 2 openings in Heppner for Early Head Start.

Erin Bartsch – Attended a Resilience Training at the Behavioral Health Summit last month. There were about 600 attendees and great feedback. Next week there will be 4 people (teachers and administrative) attending a conference in Eugene for the Resilience Training.

Sheree Smith – A new nurse, Myla Kurtz RN has been hired and will be starting soon.

Next Meeting: Thursday December 6, 2018 at the BMCC Workforce Training Center, 251 N Olson Rd., Boardman, OR.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 am. Respectfully submitted, Deena Gallaway