

Morrow County Local Community Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday October 4, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m.

Port of Morrow, Boardman, Oregon

Participants Present: Diane Kilkenny, Yvonne Morter, Sheree Smith, Emily Reynolds, Mary Ann Wren, Kathryn Chaney, Erin Stocker, Marie Shimer, Angie Treadwell, Andrea Fletcher, Karen Prout, Dirk Dirksen, Jamie Crowell, Troy Soenen, Heidi Ziegler, Don Russell, Seth Whitmer, Erin Bartsch, Rod Harwood, Sarah Miller and Deena Gallaway.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00am 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 September 6, 2018 were reviewed. It was noted that the EOHLA group was formed 4 years ago vs. 40 years ago. One typographical error was noted in the LCAC support funds request where the word should have been bring vs. being. It was also mentioned that the word assist is really an acronym ASIST. Andrea Fletcher made a motion to approve the minutes with the above noted corrections being made. Marie Shimer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

EOHLA Update: Andrea provided an update of the EOHLA integrated Nurse Home Visiting Program where nurses can integrate the home visits with screening for safety and mental health issues as well as parent-child interaction. This is a pilot project and program partners meet regularly to discuss issues, program development, education and training. She also stated that Pastor Mike Smith of the Boardman Good Shepherd Lutheran Church was interested in CHIP, Veteran's and mental health issues.

Sub-committee Updates: Three groups have met thus far with the high-level plans of each being reviewed. The Behavioral Health group listed several continuation processes with the addition of emphasis of mental health and funding for the schools and that Columbia River Health has received some HRSA funding for substance abuse. The Early Childhood group also had programs they would like to strengthen as well as adding a provision for a summer lunch program possibly with the partnership of local food pantries and the Morrow County School District. The Oral Health group would like to increase the number of oral health assessments done on ages 0 – 20 by adding dental health professionals in the school setting. This could increase the education on the importance of good oral hygiene and creating good oral habits. There are still two groups still to meet.

Incentive Measure Progress: Troy put notebooks together for all with a lot of pertinent information in it as well as a member handbook that is given to members to help them navigate the process. Overall, the Morrow County measure trends show that we are doing better in nearly all measures compared to last year at this time. The targets continue to rise each year. The measures data is derived from claims data. There were several members who stated that they were doing things to increase these measures but they were not claims based (i.e. free CRC screening kits). The dental, mental, physical assessment for children in DHS custody measure is at 70% with a target of 86.2%.

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RCAC Meeting Update: The Regional Community Advisory Council (RCAC) meets quarterly. Sheree shared projects that they have been working on including parenting programs, early childhood behavior education, child abuse, housing, teen pregnancy, alcohol abuse, etc. There were several interesting trends noted. Sheree will share the slides from the meeting with the membership. Sheree also highlighted the recent changes to the local charter, which has not yet been approved. Election of officers will be held in January. It is also time for reinvestment of funds. There are \$49,000 next year for Morrow County. We will review where we are with this year's budget next meeting.

Food Pantry/Garden and Boardman FEAST: Emily stated that they are still early in the fund raising process and anticipates that it will be over a year before enough funds are raised for the Food Pantry / Garden. They are applying for grants. A FEAST grant was awarded for the Boardman / Irrigon areas. This will be to deal with issues surrounding food for those communities (i.e. food security, hunger issues and nutrition education). The Oregon Food Bank is working with them on the project. A grant was submitted in September and has already been awarded. The funds are small (\$4000) but flexible.

Public Comment / Roundtable:

Seth Whitmer – Stated that there would be a pediatrician starting around the first of the year. There has been a lot of planning and developing of new programs for patients and community. Grant funds have been received for their substance abuse program. The annual coat drive will be beginning soon. Anyone wishing to donate coats, hats etc., can bring them by the clinic. Remember that the name has changed to Columbia River Health (a much shorter name). The clinic has also gone live with EPIC (new EHR software). Good Shepherd will also be moving to EPIC in the near future and this will allow for shared patient information between users.

Erin Bartsch – Next Friday there will be a Resiliency Training Summit. There are still some preschool scholarships available, two have been awarded in lone. They are also providing articles to the Parenting Magazine.

Mary Ann Wren – The hygienist who has been on extended leave is now back to work. They have screened 1100 children for dental sealants as of the end of September. Advantage Dental logo will be changing effective October 1.

Kathryn Chaney – October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. There will be crisis line training beginning October 8th. The annual soup bowl supper will be in Pendleton on October 23rd. There will also be training for suicide prevention and “in her shoes” activity in October.

Erin Stocker – Stated that they are working with CARE and intermountain ESD. She also noted that there would be a car seat installation training in the spring.

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Angie Treadwell – Noted that they are starting nutrition education classes and cooking classes. Locally produced ingredients are a main focus.

Karen Prout – Discussed the community connect project which helps connect people with services they need. CAPCO is expanding to 5 more counties but not all services will be available in all of the counties. The OPI pilot project is expanding. This helps people with disabilities stay in their own homes. However, Medicaid recipients are not eligible. There is also a wait list for those who are greater than 60 years of age.

Dirk Dirksen – Legislative talk is supportive of healthcare, education and child development and there is a lot of effort and energy from both sides going in to help coordinate these efforts. He is still working on putting together some sort of a summer food program in the schools.

Rod Harwood – There will be a Wellness Initiative for Senior Education (WISE) train the trainer program. This is training for caregivers who work with patients with dementia and is required for those in healthcare.

Jamie Crowell – Handed out several flyers for upcoming events including Community Connect, Drug Abuse Response meeting and a first annual Community Meeting with guest speaker on October 24th. They will also be having a flu shot clinic as well as a backpack drive. Anyone wanting to donate backpacks can bring them to Good Shepherd. She also introduced Prescription Trails. These are walking trails locally that the doctor can prescribe for the patient. Trails are currently being constructed so more to come on this. If this goes well they would like to expand to Morrow County.

Sarah Miller – There is a data exchange meeting coming up in The Dalles.

Heidi Zeigler – Handed out the September newsletter. She also stated that they would be sponsoring a dental clinic at the Project Community Connect.

Don Russell – Stated that he and Commissioner Doherty are trying to impact legislation on the needs of Morrow County. If there are any identified needs please contact him or Commissioner Doherty.

Diane Kilkenny – EOCCO is revising their grant. CCO 2.0 will include several social determinants of health.

Yvonne Morter – Working on home visits for special needs kids. She is trying to coordinate shared care planning with other entities to prevent duplication of services. She would like to coordinate with local providers in the area as well. The school-based care in lone has formed a Youth Advisory Committee (YAK) to make the clinic more youth friendly. They will be trying to do a monthly project as well as use this group to “peer share” information.

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Sheree Smith – Everyone please get your flu shot!

Next Meeting: Thursday November 1, 2018 in Heppner.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Deena Gallaway