

# Morrow County Local Community Advisory Council

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday July 12, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m.

### MORROW COUNTY LOCAL COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

*Thursday, July 12th, 2018 @ 9:00 AM  
Bartholomew Conf. Rm Heppner, Oregon*

#### **Participants Present:**

Catie Brenaman, Dirk Dirksen, Don Eppenbach, Don Russell, Donna Eppenbach, Emily Reynolds, Erin Bartsch, Heidi Zeigler, Kathryn Chaney, Linda Skendzel, Molly Rhea, Nicole Mahoney, Sheree Smith, Troy Soenen, Yvonne Morter, Mary Lou Guitierrez, Carri Grieb, Michael Erickson, Sarah Campbell and Deena Gallaway.

#### **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Sheree Smith at 9:05 a.m.

#### **Welcome & Introductions:**

Sheree welcomed all to the meeting and everyone introduced themselves.

#### **Review of Minutes:**

Minutes of the previous meeting on June 7, 2018 were reviewed. Motion was made by Heidi Zeigler to approve the minutes as submitted. Emily Reynolds seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

#### **EOHLA Update:**

Andrea Fletcher was not present at the meeting. This was tabled until next meeting.

#### **Incentive Measure Progress:**

Troy Soenen shared the progress report for Morrow County incentive measures. There were enough measure goals hit that the CCO received 100% of the incentive measures money. The 2018 measure definitions were handed out but the measure goals have not been received yet. The progress report was based on the 2017 goals. Everyone agreed that having this data and the member counts needed to meet the goals was very helpful to meet the measures.

#### **Regional Community Advisory Meeting:**

Troy Soenen and Don Russell both attended. Discussed at the meeting was "CCO 2.0" and upcoming focus on social determinants of health. Also discussed was next year's funding and how that will look as well as what will be allowed for funding.

#### **Focus Group Follow-up:**

There have been three focus group meetings that were all well attended with good conversation. There was one Spanish only meeting. A summary of the discussions will follow at a later date.

#### **Wraparound Presentation:**

A PowerPoint presentation on the Morrow County School District Wrap Around Services was presented by Dirk Dirksen. This will also be presented to the Oregon School Board at a later date. Take aways were that 7 years ago staff was being cut and now 28 new employees have been added. New services are being offered like school nurse, counselling services, school resource officers and early learning opportunities beyond head start. Sheree will send the presentation to the group.

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### **Food Pantry Project:**

Columbia River Health has been working on a plan to build a food pantry in the area. They are now ready to move the project into the community. They have partnered with the local gleaning organization, Umatilla Morrow Head Start, the Oregon Food Bank and CAPECO for the project. They plan on having “cooking matters” classes as well as their own garden. Official fund raising kick off will be at their annual Community BBQ on July 26. They are looking at ground breaking in February of 2019 and opening in the fall of 2019.

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

**Mary Lou Gutierrez** – There will be a volunteer training in Hermiston on August 27<sup>th</sup> for Cooking Matters. These volunteers will then instruct Cooking Matters classes to individuals or families. The Oregon Food Bank also has classes for Shopping Matters that teaches people how to shop for food.

**Heidi Zeigler** – Stated that the child abuse reporting intake person retired and has not been replaced yet. Multnomah Co. screening will be taking over the calls in the meantime.

**Erin Bartsch** – Handed out the 2017 annual report for the Blue Mountain Early Learning HUB. She also mentioned the “No Wrong Door” referral system and talked about the referral process. They are starting early learning for infants and toddlers on how to process feelings. The HUB and ESD sent 20 plus teachers and administrators to a conference on conscious discipline (trauma informed) skills.

**Catie Brenaman** – Stated that there will be a community council meeting next Friday in Milton-Freewater. Parent education workshops are to be held developing teaching models (resilience) for all ages.

**Don Russell** – Wanted to thank Judge Spicer for how she handles truancy issues. He believes this helped with increasing the graduation numbers.

**Dirk Dirksen** – Would like to work on a summer food program for all surrounding areas. This would include breakfast and lunch. Hopefully this can be rolled out next year. He is coordinating with various groups.

**Michael Erickson & Sarah Campbell** – Both work for Good Shepherd DME as respiratory therapists. They have developed a program for COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease) patients in order to keep them out of the ED (Emergency Department). They provide education to both the patients and their families on how to care for the disease and have seen a significant reduction in ED visits since inception. There is no pulmonologist in the area. They have a referral form with standing orders and if signed by a provider, they carry out those orders.

**Linda Skendzel** – Is excited to have a group where we can discuss and try to solve issues and set long term goals. Aspen Springs Psychiatric Hospital located in Hermiston will open this fall. There will be a suicide prevention program event on Saturday September 22.

**Nicole Mahoney** – The new portion of the Irrigon Clinic is now open. Remodel of the old clinic to begin this fall. New Morrow County Health District signs are up in Boardman.

**Kathryn Chaney** – Youth Mental Health first aid classes will be held in August. Parenting classes are held in Hermiston and Pendleton. Attended Mental Health CIT (Crisis Intervention Team) training. They are having a Bowl-a-thon fund raiser on July 21<sup>st</sup> at Desert Lanes in Hermiston.

**Sheree Smith** – Thank you all for coming.

**Next Meeting:** August 2, 2018

**Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Deena Gallaway