



2016 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) Update for Baker County Local Community Advisory Council

Priority Issue:

Wellness promotion and prevention

Oral health
Adolescent health
Colorectal cancer screening
Mental health stigma

Problem to be solved:

Not all of the children and individuals in Baker County are accessing preventative or routine health care resulting in higher numbers of health issues in our community.

Measurement (When and who will do the work): The LCAC will review the EOCCO incentive report card when available. The group will be reviewing specific incentive measures: the number of teens receiving AWC, the number of children receiving dental sealants and the number of older adults receiving colorectal cancer screenings. When the opportunity arises, the group will use surveys and focus groups to learn more from the community and stakeholders.

Goals:

When people have community conversations, health discussions with a trusted person, or have access to easy to understand information they feel better equipped to make good health decisions.

When people receive preventative care such as dental screenings (varnishes and sealants), routine exams or cancer screenings they have better health and there is a lower cost to their health care.

The LCAC work will increase community awareness and the value of colorectal cancer screenings, adolescent well visits, oral health preventative care, and depression screenings. The group will continue to identify ways that current systems can partner with health care providers to increase the number of OHP (and other community) members accessing targeted services during medical appointments.

Objectives:

Oral-Increase access to preventative services by supporting and collaborating with Advantage Dental, Public Health Dept. Head Start, SBHC, and schools/ Hygienist providing services and data tracking system.

Oral-Advocate for children to receive oral health screenings and interventions during well child visits/First Tooth

Adolescent – Engage with PCPCH and SBHC to support the yearly community wide comprehensive AWC event by providing assistance with marketing, messaging (the importance of well visits), articles in newspaper and volunteers for the event. The LCAC will continue to have periodic joint meetings with Cradle to Career and Early Learning Hub to do joint projects. /Bright Futures.

Adolescent – At LCAC meetings, review and distribute messaging to the provider network, youth and families about the importance of routine health care.

Colorectal Cancer screening-Lead a community wide education and messaging campaign that stresses colorectal cancer can be prevented, is highly treatable, is the number two cancer killer, affects men and women, and often lacks symptoms/Screen for Life, Place Matters Oregon.

Mental Health- As a group, the LCAC members will learn the facts about mental illness, become advocates and educate others. LCAC agenda items will include trainings and educational opportunities to learn more about equity, inclusion, discrimination, and reducing stigma. Information will be shared in the community/ Mental Health America, NAMI, OHA Office of Equity and Inclusion.

Budget Needed:

No current need

The EOCCO Incentive fund project from 2016 allows for dollars to be spent on wellness promotion and prevention for adolescent health, colorectal cancer screening, and mental health/depression. Funding is available for one year to cover the costs of staff time, advertisement and messaging, and community events.

LCAC partners such as Advantage Dental, the Public Health Dept., New Directions Northwest, and NEON collaborate by providing services and supports such as a dental hygienist, behavioral health therapists, and OHP enrollment assistance.

The Eastern Oregon Health Living Alliance will also provide support for a region wide oral health project in the schools.

Future need- \$34,500 per year to continue Incentive funds project.

Priority Issue:

Social determinants of health

Housing

Problem to be solved:

Health and well-being are influenced by the places where people live, work, play, and learn. There is a shortage of safe, stable affordable housing in Baker County. The number of requests that people are making for temporary assistance from churches and local communities is more than what is available.

Measurement (When and who will do the work): The LCAC will form a subcommittee to collect and review information about the housing needs and current resources in the different neighborhoods across Baker County. The subcommittee will share the information with the LCAC and other partners. The group will also explore funding resources and assist in writing a collaborative grant for funding to address housing needs in Baker County.

Goals:

Housing- Invite all current resources and invested entities that support housing for a meeting to discuss the housing needs in Baker County. Assist in data tracking and information exchange. Help build a coalition to promote safe housing policy and support any collaborative efforts in grant writing or requests for dollars.

Objectives:

Increase the number of safe, accessible, and affordable places for people to live in Baker County. Become educated advocates for healthy housing policies and practices across Baker County/ LCAC members.

Budget Needed:

Currently, the Baker LCAC receives yearly operating funds of \$4600. Some of these funds can be used to cover any costs for group meetings.

Priority Issue:

Integration of behavioral health and physical health services.

Problem to be solved:

In recent years there has been a slight decrease in the rates of suicide in Baker County but it is still a community concern. There needs to be continued efforts to decrease the rate of suicide in Baker County. Depression is linked to suicide.

Measurement (When and who will do the work): New Directions Northwest has partnered with several medical providers to develop an integrated model of service delivery. Data from Electronic Health Records at New Directions Northwest can be reviewed. Examples are: # of patients referred to behavioral health services, #PHQ9 administered, # of people connected with a primary care home.

Progress can also be measured by yearly data review of the suicide rates from Baker County Epidemiology data on Alcohol, Drugs, and Mental Health report.

Goals:

For adults, ages 18 and over, decrease the suicide rate in Baker County
Continued use of Community Health Workers in PCPCHs, St Alphonsus Hospital and in New Directions Northwest.
Increase access to services and care coordination for patients with complex medical or behavioral health needs.

Objectives:

Continue expansion of integration with funding from the Transformation grant.
Continued development of measurement and evaluation of programs.
Increased systems improvements for a more coordinated comprehensive system of care for patients with complex or chronic health conditions along with mental health or addictions issues.
Community Health Workers continue to bill the EOCCO for services provided to EOCCO/OHP members

Budget Needed:

Current needs are covered through funding by an EOCCO Transformation grant and other sources.
Future needs - \$80,000 yearly to continue integration services.