



Minutes

Grant County Community Advisory Council Meeting
Wednesday, July 17, 2019
John Day Fire Hall
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM (lunch provided)

Present: Mary Ann Wren, Sam Palmer, Megan Brandsma, Chris Yriarte, Jessica Winegar, Chris Olwine, Jena Knowles, Teresa Aasness, Sabrina Hetherwick, Debi Heuckman, Brent Labhart, Russ Comer, Tracey Blood, Marcy Wasiluk, John Adams, Pattie Wright, Chris Labhart, Paul McGinnis, Linda Watson.

Tracey Blood, Chair, opened the meeting at 12:00 PM with round table introductions.

Tracey asked for a motion to approve the June 19, 2019 Minutes. Chris Labhart made the motion to approve the June minutes, it was seconded and passed unanimously. A couple of name adjustments were included by Tracey.

Tracey informed the group that she has taken a position with Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc. working as an EOCCO project coordinator. This role conflicts with her continuing as the LCAC Chair, therefore resigning the position and turning the meeting over to Mary Ann Wren, Co-Chair. Mary Ann accepted the LCAC Chair position. Tracey will work remotely from Grant County and will remain in her office at the ESD at this time.

The Grant CBIR Progress Report was submitted July 12, 2019. Community partners attended the meeting to share about the work they have been doing in regards to the grant projects.

Brent Labhart, Community Counseling Solutions, reported that he has been working as the school counselor in the Long Creek School and that Maxine Day served as the school counselor in the Monument School. Both schools are closed for summer break, but CCS is continuing to serve families in Monument throughout the summer. Brent appreciated the school's readiness to take on the counseling position. He was provided with a list of kids and time schedules upon his arrival. Long Creek School District provides a Cultural Exchange program and Brent was able to work with a student from Japan with cultural adjustments.

Sam Palmer commented that he appreciated the proactive approach to work with students. Sam works at the hospital in Harney County and there have been several suicides over the past few years.

Brent goes to the school one-day every other week and he sees this could easily be a full-time position shared between the two schools. Which would provide early intervention and avoid out-patient services.

Next school year, Tele-Medicine will be connected and MEND video conferencing will be available. This will allow face-time with clients when not present in the community.

Teresa Aasness with Families First shared that Rhainnon Bauman has been trained and is a certified lactation coordinator, working with Charissa Moulton and Jenni Workman. Coordination between the Families First, the hospital and the health department is going well. Mothers are counseled to breastfeed before leaving the hospital, with follow-up as needed.

Teresa handed out the Grant County Lactation Services brochures that have been developed through this project which provide education about breastfeeding and the contact information of the Certified Lactation Counselors.

Marcy Wasiluk, clinic manager, added that the united collaboration with the changing charge nurses have made them to feel more comfortable and the brochures are including the in the packet that are provided to the mother. This program has new mom's seeing Lactation Counselor's before mom's are discharged, contact is sooner and referrals are more consistent. She added that births in Grant County are up this year.

Marcy Wasiluk with Strawberry Wilderness Community Clinic reported that the first home visit was held in Long Creek yesterday. The Community Health Worker (CHW) was able to provide the caregiver with resources and information and connect them with local Alzheimer's support.

Marcy shared a success story of a patient that came into the clinic feeling hopeless and overwhelmed and a CHW was able to reach out to her with great results. The patient called the clinic and said her life had changed and that she had no idea the resources were in Grant County all along.

Funding for this program makes a difference by being able to develop a CHW team that is available to gather community resources and education materials, provide more home outreach, provide improved case management, and community outreach.

Paul McGinnis presented the EOCCO Cost and Utilization Report that was prepared for Grant County for the period of January 2018-December of 2018 as of March 30, 2019. Included in this report is a overview of detailed EOCCO member claims cost and utilization of services including primary care, mental health, dental and pharmacy. Paul reviewed the 14-page report with the group pointing out that EOCCO provides this transparency of data to all 12 Eastern Oregon LCAC's.

John Adams, Executive Director with Eastern Oregon Healthy Living Alliance (EOHLA) shared a summary of "What does healthy, happy look like in Eastern Oregon"? The purpose of EOHLA is to partner with LCACs and provide funding to tackle regional health issues through prevention projects. This work aligns the EOCCO Regional Community Health Plan (RCHP). John reported on the Healthy Smiles Oral Health project, an effort to reduce cavity rates by working in partnership with Advantage Dental hygienists in 29 schools and seeing over 5,000 students in Grant, Baker, and Harney Counties. John thanked Pattie Wright for serving on the EOHLA

steering committee. Mental Health First Aid trainings are supported by EOHLA funding. Lisa Weigum advocated for training in Grant County, with 50 trainings held throughout the region which were attended by educators, law enforcement and community members. Through the Oregon Voice student survey, students are identifying the need to have more mental health resources and support in the schools. Colon Cancer screening kits were provided to EOCCO members in Harney, Lake, Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler and Morrow Counties, with efforts to support members keeping up-to-date on screenings. Additional EOHLA projects include reduction of obesity rates by supporting healthy eating and active living and reducing depression rates through Integrated Nurse Home Visiting program, which is a partnership between existing public health home visiting programs and mental health clinicians.

The meeting ended with an open discussion of the LCAC's need to develop a new member (EOCCO) orientation process. It was suggested to begin the August meeting at 11:30 AM to further these ideas. The Baker LCAC has implemented an orientation process that Grant CAC may be interested hearing more about.

Mary Ann adjourned the meeting at 1:30 PM.

Next Meeting: August 21, 2019

- CAC Operation funds