

# Morrow County Local Community Advisory Council

## Meeting Minutes

Thursday May 7, 2020 @ 9:00  
LCAC Virtual meeting – Google Meet

### Participants Present:

Andrea Fletcher, Annie Kimbrel, Brynna Rust, Catie Brenaman, Christy Kenny, Connie Lobato, Diane Kilkenny, Erin Bartsch, Erin Stocker, Hannah Williams, Heidi Zeigler, Kali N. Paine, Kathryn Chaney, Katie Imes, Kimberly Kindsay, Linda Skendzel, Marci McMurphy, Marie Shimer, Martha Snow, Nicole Mahoney, Rebecca Gardner, Rollie Marshall, Sharon Waldern, Summer Prantl, Toni Nichols, Troy Soenen, Yvonne Morter

**Call to Order:** Andrea Fletcher called the meeting to order at 9:05

- 1. MODA Presentation** –Summer Prantl
- 2. EOCCO/Oregon Rural Practice-based Research Network** - Martha Snow reported on making proposed changes to 2020-2021 grants to Morrow County. Changes under \$5,000 will not need approval, but if other funds to support community benefit activities need to be redirected, communicate that need to ORPRN plan changes.
- 3. EOHLA** – Andrea reported that nearly all of the pending funding requests to support EOHLA programs have been affected as funding organizations are re-directing their funds to support COVID 19.

As such, EOHLA has opted to re-configure programs, as is feasible, to address immediate needs in our region.

- Nutrition Oregon Campaign – Partnership of EOHLA, EOCCO, Oregon Food Bank and OSU Extension to impact chronic disease by addressing food insecurity and nutrition, with an emphasis on childhood health. After discussion with partners from 12 county CACs, immediate needs have been identified. EOHLA has proposed to continue to work with CACs through outreach and coordination, expand Veggie Rx in 4 counties (Harney, Sherman, Gilliam and Wheeler), develop a mutual aid network and support food pantry development.
- With the move to distance learning for school age kids, oral education, screening and treatments in the schools ceased. In partnership with Advantage Dental by DentaQuest, EOHLA has supported children's oral health by providing free toothbrush kits with the school meals distributed in Harney, Baker, Grant, and Malheur counties (original participants of the Healthy Happy Smiles Program).
- Uncertainty of receiving financial support for Integrated Nurse Home Visiting Program. Limited collaboration between counties continues.
- Adaptations have been made to Adult Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) and tracking Youth MHFA training has received some adjustments and is being fast-tracked. New content includes: culture, social media, risk and protective factors, recovery and self-care.
- Andrea will send EOHLA quarterly newsletter and links to MHFA and Healthy Happy Smiles Year-end reports to CAC members.

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#### 4. Updates from members – Andrea requested that members report:

- *Organization updates* of EOCCO member services related to COVID-19.
- *Identify gaps* in services to EOCCO members and general population?
- Identify areas for partnership or *needed resources* (virtual meeting platform purchased by CAC and etc.).

#### Kimberly Lindsay

- Update on member services – created strategic objectives, transitioning to medtel format. This format is less disruptive however problems with some internet/tech issues. Oregon is seeing a higher uptick in suicides due to COVID. Mental health fallout from isolation and fear of the virus.
- Gap – technology and bandwidth in outlying rural communities
- Areas resources Needed – better access to internet services

#### Diane Kilkenny

- Update on member services – transition in staff. Diane is now Director Providing support to client by telehealth. Reproductive health continues to provide services on the same schedule. Telehealth support for the first 3 months of care. Working on funding for after June 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Gap- bandwidth for internet services

#### Rollie Marshall

- Update on member services – was in a meeting concerning internet access in Eastern Oregon. Andy from Columbia Basin Electric referenced the cost to provide fiber optics cost 33 million dollars for service territory. CCS is still meeting with Ione students that were receiving services prior to March 13<sup>th</sup>. A third of students are receiving lunches and on Friday students receive meals for the weekend as well.

#### Erin Stocker

- Update on member services – school district has been sending out weekly communications to staff and parents and posting on school web pages and district site. Communications following close to Governors Guidelines. Distant learning has been challenging for staff and students. Shout out to tech staff and teachers for stepping up. Teachers are having an overwhelming worry for their students. Social and mental. CCS, Health Department, police and DHS are checking in weekly with SD. Shout out to our food service program. The SD has provided 37,590 meals from March 16<sup>th</sup> to the end of April.

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### **Katie Imes –**

- Update on member services – providing transportation mainly for cancer
- Gap – volunteers are needed as many drivers are older adults and at higher risk. Heppner is very short handed.

### **Catie Brenaman –**

- Update on member services  
Holding virtual classes and virtual home visits, 10% client caseload community, handing out learning kits, food, providing hot spots and Chromebooks, home visiting programs still serving caseloads, new parent online ed class – “Cooking Matters” for 16 families (with food drop off to family prior to classes) and central referral lines – helps connect family to needs.  
Umatilla County Fire –story time online every Friday
- Gap – Bandwidth – access is a big issue. Diapers, wipes and formula still needed even after Umatilla CAC spent \$500. In need of potatoes, rice and beans.  
Areas resources Needed - Walmart donated pillows – if family in need let Catie know. cbrenaman@umchs.org
- Areas resources Needed  
Child abuse/neglect numbers are way down and concerns that children are at home with their abusers, keep your eyes open. Mental health for families and staff is in fear of being exposed to virus. Highly concerned about staff when things begin to open back up.

### **Heidi Zeigler -**

- Update on member services – Asking clients to call prior to appointment. Child welfare calls have dropped by 50% - please keep your eyes open. Daycare co-pay has been waived through June. Food stamps will automatically renew for an additional 6 months.

### **Updates via Chatbox**

**Linda Skendzel –** *Veterans Services has begun a food box program for veterans & surviving spouses of veterans, which enhances services provided by local food banks. There have been a number of situations where there is a greater need due to family health issues & increased medical costs, food costs, etc.*

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**Sharon Waldern** - *Good Shepherd will be opening campus next week, but will still limit access to hospital and clinics to a few key entries and will continue screening. Education Department is starting to present classes using Blue Jean format and will continue to branch out with those, ConneXions program and Home Health are still doing home visits using appropriate PPE, ConneXions picking up groceries, medications for clients. Clinics still using a combination of telehealth and on-site visits based on symptoms*

**Annie Kimbrel** - *CAPECO reports that eligibility criteria for home delivered meals have changed and meals are now available for any senior 60+ who does not feel safe or comfortable accessing stores to purchase food. People interested in learning more or applying can call the CAPECO office at 541-276-1926. Also, income requirements for accessing food through food pantries have changed and are listed on the CAPECO website at [www.capeco-works.org](http://www.capeco-works.org)*

**Erin Stocker** - *MCSO has a meeting with food service today to plan out our summer meal program. We're looking into all possibilities to try and continue meal services to children at the highest level possible throughout the summer. Obviously, we have challenges of funding and staffing. But, we're working on it!*

### 5. Next Meeting:

For CAC members who are available and interested, the CAC will hold an interim meeting to continue to identify gaps in services and partnerships to develop to address needs.

The CAC will maintain its monthly meeting schedule by virtual meeting (for an undetermined period), June 4, 9:00 a.m.

**Adjourn 11:00 am.**

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Lobato