

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Called to Order: 12:01 noon.

Attendees: Pamala Dame, Raquel Mendoza, Jennifer Little, Amy Boivin, Cheryl Newell, Rebecca Adams, Nora Foster, Craig Schuhmann, Burl Baker, Amber Kramer, Alethea Barlowe.

Other Attendees: Bevin Ankrom; Christopher Koski; Malea Waldrup; Patricia Pahl, Chanel Smith, Yessenia Baltazar, Cristina Hernandez, Princess Osita-Oleribe.

Apologies: Melissa Pisan.

Meeting Agenda:

1. **Introductions and Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by the CAC Chair, Pamala Dame. Each person in attendance introduced themselves.

2. **Review and Approval of the minutes of February 16, 2022.**
Amber moved to adopt the minutes. Pamala Dame seconded. The motion was carried.

3. **Public Comment/Member Feedback**
There was no public comment or member feedback during this meeting.

4. **Word on the Street**
The Central Oregon Disability Support Network, Family Advocacy & Support Network and Kintsugi Support Network will be hosting a Family Fun Event at the Klamath Fair Grounds on March 26th 11am – 4:00pm (event flier attached). COVID vaccines will be administered at the event among other planned activities. Nora and Pam volunteered to join CHA staff at the CHA booth at the event.

5. **OHA Update**
Public Health Emergency: Mask mandate ended on the 12th of March. However, masks are still required within clinical/medical facilities. There are other communications toolkit for transitioning to local mask policy included in this mail.

The State's Public Health Emergency ends on April 1st and State offices will be open to the Public starting May 1st, 2022.

Resilience in Support of Equity (RISE): OHA just launched RISE, the state's pandemic recovery plan. More information about its 5-point plan and goals are available at Oregon.gov/OregonRise. They also included in this mail.

House Bill 4035: This aimed at providing a gap/bridge plan for those above the 135% FPL who will be rolling off OHP when the redetermination process takes place (within 14 months after the Federal Public Health Emergency ends). This gap plan is basic health plan for these persons. There is an estimate of 1.4 million Oregonians in this category.

OHP Member Information: CCOs will soon be able to update the addresses of OHP member prior to the commencement of the redetermination process. Individuals are also able to update their own addresses through a secure email address or ONE account. Calling or visiting the field offices is another option for this.

Healthier Oregon: The state is working on enrolling about 11,000 eligible individuals for Citizen Alien Waived Emergent Medical (CAWEM) program. This emergency medical care for non-citizens for this round is planned for those 19-25 and ≥ 55 years of age. More age groups may be added depending on the availability of funds.

Air Filtration: The state is working on purchasing and distributing air filtration devices to OHP members through some CCOs in the state. The plan is to get these devices into homes ahead of the fire and smoke season. Rebecca suggested a feedback session with members who are provided these devices.

Jennifer added that the Klamath County Public Health department is working on an intervention that will complement this effort by the state. The plan is to set up cleaner air spaces in central locations by providing air scrubbers. 2 air scrubbers were purchased last year and more will be purchased this year.

6. **Legislative Sessions and Bills Updates**

Malea reported on the short legislative session. She stated that in partnership with other CCOs, CHA works to keep CCOs as a priority on the House Bills. She provided update on:

Priority 1 bills – HB 4034, HB 4035, and HB 4039

Priority 2 bills – HB 4004, HB 4101, HB 4150, HB 1529 (HB 4083 was amended into this bill), HB 1536, HB 1548; HB 1554, HB 1555, HB 1556, and HB 1579.

See more details on the attached slides.

7. **CHA TQS Project Update**

Patricia reported on the Transformation and Quality Strategy (TQS), which aims to move health transformation by aligning and coordinating CHA's internal efforts related to health transformation and quality initiatives while making significant movement in overall health system transformation. She had sought CAC members' input on this while it was in process. It has now been submitted to OHA for review and approval. The TQS has 8 projects: Establishing Housing Infrastructure; Medical Dental Integration; Closed loop Grievance System; Comprehensive Patient Centered Primary Care Home (PCPCH); Cultural and Linguistic Services Provision; Holistic Diabetes Management; Potentially Avoidable Costs in SPMI and THW Sustainable Capacity; Collaboration and Care Coordination for LTSS FBDE Population. More details on the TQS projects are included on the attached slides.

8. **Healthy Klamath Connect**

Princess presented on the [Healthy Klamath Connect](#) (HKC), the Community Information Exchange (CIE) platform for the Klamath area. The idea of the HKC is to provide easier access for individuals, helpers and organizations seeking to connect to services. This community resource is free of charge to the individuals or organizations who use it here because CHA sponsors it. On April 4th (3pm-4pm), CHA will be hosting a virtual workshop on how to use HKC - how to search for, list, claim and manage programs on the site. [Here](#) is the of the registration page for the virtual workshop (URL address <https://go.findhelp.com/cascadehealthalliance-2022-april>). Members are welcome to register for the workshop and to share the attached workshop flier with individuals or organizations that provide free or reduced cost health, human and social services in the Klamath area.

9. **CHA Updates:**

Tribal Representative on the CAC: Alethea Barlowe on the Tribal Health Advisory Committee will be replacing Dr Gerald Hill on the CAC.

CAC Vice Chair: Nora Foster's nomination as the CAC Vice Chair has been approved by CHA Board.

NEMT and Flex Rides: As of February 1st, CHA began managing the vendor, TransLink, that provide non-emergent medical transportation for CHA and dual members. CHA is also working on updating its process for Flex Rides which will further help these members go to some of the places not covered through the NEMT rides. Details of this will be shared in a subsequent CAC meeting.

Oral Health Outreach: There will be an oral health outreach in the middle of May in Merrill and Marlin.

10. **CAC Applications**: None.

Cheryl Newell will be leaving the CAC after the next CAC meeting as she is moving out of Klamath. The CAC approved the revised CAC recruitment flier that CHA's Marketing and Communication Manager developed. Members were encouraged add their testimonials (especially they are consumer members). There will be a group photograph of the CAC members during the in-person CAC meeting in April, this may be used to update the flier subsequently.

11. **AOB**: None

12. **Meeting was ended by the CAC Co-chair at 1:21 pm.**

Next meeting will be in person!

Date & Time: April 20, 2022. 12:00-1:30pm.

Venue: Klamath Public Health Department Annex

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