

MINUTES OF COMMUNITY ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday September 15, 2021

Called to Order: 12:05 noon

Attendees: Pamala Dame; Raquel Mendoza; Amber Kramer; Nora Foster; Amy Boivin; Burl Baker; Craig Schuhmann; Rebecca Adams.

Other Attendees: Princess Osita-Oleribe Cheryl Newell, Bevin Ankrom, Michael Donarski, Christopher Koski, Obinna Oleribe.

Apologies: Jennifer Little; Wendy Vazquez; Dr Gerald Hill.

Absentees: Melissa Pisan.

Meeting Agenda:

1. **Introductions and Call to order:** The meeting was called to order by Nora Foster. All members and other attendees made quick introductions of themselves.

2. **Review and Approval of the minutes of September 15, 2021.**

Craig Schuhmann moved to adopt the minutes. Amber Kramer 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**

IYS: The old youth center building at 601 E Main Street turned to the Nutrition Hub which will now house a food bank, food pantry starting in October. After school program will also commence in October. These programs will facilitate connection to other support services – WIC, OHP etc. IYS will provide referrals and linkages that the beneficiaries may need. Stephanie Osborne has oversight over these interventions.

KBBH: Organizing Suicide prevention summit for the 12th of October.

LCS: First graduation moving from preschool to kindergarten fully support by the outreach specialist. The relief nursery is still going strong.

Wraparound: Accessing grant monies and flex money for wrap programs, the wraparound program is providing youth activities and hygiene products.

5. Health Equity Plan Presentation

Christopher Koski presented CHA Health Equity plan – what it was last year and what the plans moving forward are. The HEP is an expression of CHA’s commitment to SDOH/HE. His presentation and training videos are included in the appendix.

Suggestions/Questions and responses included: None.

6. OHA Update

A COVID listening session will hold this week that is open to partners especially first responders. Reversing the COVID-19 surges resources are available in English and Spanish.

Safe and Strong Campaign, COVID educational and promotional materials/toolkits in 20 different languages.

COVID vaccine third dose has been distinguished from the booster dose. The third is recommended for Transplant recipients, Chemo patients, Immuno-compromised. There is no approval for booster shots as of yet. COVID vaccines have been and are still free despite the scam on various platforms. Oregonians are provided information to identify the scam and not fall prey to them.

Children, 4-11 years old are expected to be approved for COVID vaccines in January of 2022.

CCO support for vaccination outreach to the general public are encouraged in the light of the workforce shortage due to the COVID and COVID vaccination mandates.

Klamath vaccination rate is now at 53.3%, slight increase on the previous week’s numbers. The target is still 80% meaning that there are 14, 688 persons yet to be reached to meet this target.

CCO weekly updates contain COVID and OHP updates.

There is a steady pace of enrolments at about 28% increase totaling 1.3 million OHP members. There will not be disenrollment till COVID pandemic is officially declared over by the federal government.

Counties can now provide up to 3 certified document recoveries from the public record to victims of Oregon wildfires through County Vital Records Office.

OHA offices have no new date for opening of its offices to the public. This may take till 2022.

Other Suggestions/Questions and responses included:

Raquel Mendoza: The mandate increased the vaccination rate.

Princess Osita-Oleribe: What is the COVID vaccination rate for persons 12–17 years-old?

Response: Bevin will provide the rate for this younger population group.

7. CHA Updates: Member-Led and Member-Run Work Groups, HRS RFA, OHA-RFA-5250

Princess Osita-Oleribe proposed a member-led and member-run work groups to focus on key intervention areas – education, transportation etc. The CAC welcomed as a good idea for community engagement.

CHA supported community partners to submit applications to the OHA-RFA-5250. 4 organization – LCS, SLMC, KBBH and KLCAS – submitted applications for a potential \$50,000 award.

The draft for CHA’s request for funding assistance (RFA) for Health-Related Services (HRS) has been developed internally. The RFA will be made open to the public in Klamath. Interventions that could be supported will mirror the community health improvement (CHP) priority areas as well as transport interventions.

Other Suggestions/Questions and responses included:

Burl Baker: Is TransLink type program something this fund could support?

Response: Potentially.

Burl Baker: Would CHA want to spearhead a health fair in Klamath?

Response: This is reasonable consideration. CHA would be happy to support such community projects even if led by other partners. The decision to potentially lead such an intervention would be for CHA leadership team.

8. CAC Chair/Co-Chair Replacement

Signe Porter submitted a resignation this morning. She recommended that Pamela Dame to take over the chair position.

Nora Foster was nominated for the Co-Chair position depending on if her other involvement with CHA allows for her to take on this new role. The second nomination is Raquel Mendoza. However, a vote was not taken.

Bevin said that the from the experience from other CCOs, the Co-Chair steps in situations like this. Then the election of the Co-chair would be open ballot (by show of hands) or secret ballot (where they send their votes to the CAC coordinator).

9. CAC Applications

Dr Gerald Hill, the Klamath Tribal representative, sent in his application. The CAC accepted it.

However, Bevin noted that the representative of Tribal Authorities to the CAC does not require a vote or approval from the CAC.

Meeting was ended by the CAC Co-chair at 1:32 pm.

Next meeting October 20, 2021.