

Community Advisory Council (CAC)
Monday, February 14, 2022, 12–2pm
Jackson Care Connect, 33 N. Central #320,
Medford, OR – Teleconference

Minutes

A meeting of the Jackson Care Connect (JCC) CAC was held on Monday, February 14, 2022 at Jackson Care Connect – Via Teleconference

Committee Members Present: Autumn Chadbourne, Craig Newton (co-chair), Donald Bruland, George Adams, John Curtis, Rich Rohde, Melinda Sprague, Brenda Borchman, Jaquie Jaquette

Committee Members Absent: Diana Alforo-Soto

Non-Committee Members Present: Christina Hernandez (OHA regional outreach coordinator), Jennifer Bethany, Melissa Shreeve (private insurance agent, COA), Lucy Brussard, Leila Carlson (Recovery Café)

Staff Present: Sam Watson, Janet Holland, Michael Klein, Joell Archibald, Julia Jackson, Troy Montserrat-Gonzalez, Yelena Vozynuk, Nancy McKinnis

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Michael Klein at 12:03pm. The Welcome Message and Introductions followed.

Approval of Minutes:

Committee members reviewed the minutes from the January meeting. CAC member moved to approve the minutes and second CAC member seconded the motion to approve. **Minutes approved through vote.**

Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians – Melinda Sprague

Melinda manages the Public Health Division. As of the date of this meeting, they have administered over 7,500 COVID-19 vaccines. They did a combined event in December on the 18th in Jackson County in partnership with OHA and vaccinated approx. 175 people and gave out food downtown. Completing COVID testing. Have tested over 3,200 people since the beginning of the pandemic, provided a lot of PPE. It is available to local providers. Michael will share that out. They have a satellite office in Medford at 1st St and Central. Been doing work locally in Jackson County with agencies to serve underserved Native Americans. Focusing a lot of their strategic efforts over the next biennium on the underserved Native/Indigenous population in Jackson and Josephine Counties as they are both very underserved.

Word on the Street – All

CAC members and attendees shared Word on the Street:

- OHA Transformation Center has been offering or getting ready for the CHIP and the CHA, using equity lens, might be one or two of those left.
- Sam met with John, Don, and Generva about hearing loops, and there is excitement about what can come of that and utilizing them.

- Hearing loops are a technology that uses a perimeter wire around a small-ish space that any person wearing a hearing aid with a T-coil can click on a button and most all of the background noise outside of the hearing loop is erased and allows the person to hear without any distractions. The cost starts at around \$300. Suggested we advocate with providers who are contracted with JCC.
- Ashland Housing commission finalized the recommendations to the City Council for both hot and cold weather and smoke. The council will be moving on that in the next month. Emergency shelters set up in Ashland and served folks during the last cold weather. There is a de-brief held after each shelter service completion.
- 2 bills in the legislature that address cooling for renters and support for cities that provide emergency weather shelters. Should move forward in the next special session. Each city will decide what they will do for the weather emergencies individually.
- Rebuilding Together Rogue Valley is looking for an Executive Director. They have been working with a volunteer director. The position will be a competitive salary. Can go to rbtrv.org to look at the job description. The organization has grown significantly.
- ODOT will be redoing a sidewalk on Poplar Drive, as well as on 62 by the I5 South exit.
- Will potentially be a virtual CAC get together for the CCO's CACs. Be on the lookout for more information.
- There is a need for more people on the BioLift committee. It is a committee that focuses on transportation for folks who have disabilities. They also provide funds to other entities who provide this type of transportation assistance.

Providing Healthcare for people with Disabilities –George

George gave a presentation over a disabilities checklist that can be used by CCOs with their providers to assess their attitudes and potential ability to equitable and adequately serve patients with differing disabilities. Nancy will look at this further, as the Equity Specialist, to see if this is something that we can request providers to complete. The checklist is not required by law for providers to complete, but it is recommended. The CCOs could investigate adding this as a requirement to their contracts with providers.

Feedback was given by CAC member familiar with working with providers, that this may not be received well by providers as opposed to something maybe something from OHA. This might be passing too many channels to go straight from CMS to CCO's, but likely needs to pass through other channels before being utilized.

Crisis Expansion Project – Julia Jackson

Julia provided an update on the Crisis Expansion Project. The last meeting was held in January on the last Wednesday. The funding work group has been rolled out. All the work groups are open to invitation. If folks are interested, they can put their name in the chat for more information. Materials are available for folks to access to get up to speed and oriented to the project for efficiency.

Available groups to participate in: Funding workgroup, community engagement committee, 2 workgroups working in the actual projects (crisis stabilization center and the mobile crisis response). Reminder that JRHA (Jefferson Regional Health Alliance) is set up as the overarching executive committee. Relationship with JRHA will continue to grow and develop.

The Behavioral Health Planning Grant is continuing to move forward, and they are putting together plans for a housing summit/listening session at the end of May. It will bring together those with lived experience and a cross-sector panel of local professionals all involved in housing in some way.

Coquille Indian Tribe update - Brenda

No update from Brenda

OHA Update – Joell Archibald

See PowerPoint presentation for update

- Reported on COVID; masking for COVID protection,
- stimulus money is not counted towards your income to qualify for OHP, OHP coverage after the emergency status ends
- emergency rental assistance program update, legislative update

If you have questions, please email and they will be sent to Joelle to reply

General JCC Updates – Sam Watson and Janet Holland

- Updates will be done via email as Sam needed to step away from the meeting

CAC membership application – Michael

- Application was reviewed by CAC members; motion was carried to approve the application to move forward to the next step. Motion was seconded and a vote was held. Application and member is approved via vote by CAC to move to the next step in formal approval.

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CHIP/CHA Update – Nancy

- CHIP work and groups are still ongoing. Looking for a CHIP coordinator. Once the position description is completed it will be shared out with everyone. The chosen candidate will be housed in Public Health
- CHIP will continue to be a collaborative and coordinated process
- 3 priority areas remain the same
- Invitation to reengage in the CHIP work and process will be received by folks
- March 7th from 3-5pm is the event to reengage
- Survey opportunity will be coming to provide input on community needs assessment. Opportunity to earn a gift card as well.

Adjourn – There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by Michael at 2:02 pm. The next CAC meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 14, 2022 from 12-2pm.**

Approval of Minutes:

Craig Newton (Co-Chair)