



**Community Advisory Council (CAC)**  
Monday, May 8, 2023, 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, May 8, 2023, at Jackson Care Connect – Via Teleconference

**Committee Members Present:** Craig Newton (co-chair), Jacquie Jaquette, John Curtis, Rich Rohde

**Committee Members Absent:** Autumn Chadbourne, Diana Alfaro-Soto

**Non-Committee Members Present:** Amanda - Interpreter, Victor – Interpreter, Belle Shepherd (OHA Innovator Agent), Melissa Taylor

**Staff Present:** Edith Gonzalez, Janet Holland, Jennifer Lind, Julia Jackson, Natalie Crow, Riki Rosenthal, Sam Watson, Jeremiah Rigsby, Nora Leibowitz

**Staff Absent:** Nancy McKinnis

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### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 12:03pm with the welcome message by Sam, along with introductions.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Committee members reviewed the minutes from the April meeting. CAC member moved to approve the minutes with one attendance correction (to remove Don Bruland who is no longer on the CAC). CAC member seconded the motion to approve. Approved through vote.

### **Word on the Street** – All

CAC members and attendees shared Word on the Street:

- Deaf community has two new community groups meeting, one that is SOU student organized group, the other organized by a community member.
- An executive order was issued declaring a state of emergency due to homelessness. A housing bill to provide resources to community has been passed with \$9 million coming to Jackson County, applications will be processed through the Continuum of Care. Belle will send out information to CAC members on this opportunity.
- Leslie Ford will be invited to future CAC meeting to give a housing update.

### **Board of Directors Update** – Craig Newton and Jennifer Lind

Craig and Jennifer shared the following updates on the board of directors meeting:

- The BOD had the first in person meeting since pre-Covid. Two new board members were voted in, and Chris Alftine was nominated as the new Clinical Medical member.
- Leona O’Keefe was introduced as JCC’s new Medical Director.
- Updates were provided on redetermination including outreach and targeted communicate.
- Visit with OHA focused on the fragility of the provider network including the impacts of Covid and the wildfires and challenges with administrative burden, the behavioral health network, and housing.

### **OHA Update** – Belle Shepherd

Belle shared an OHA update. Please see presentation that was e-mailed to the CAC for details.

### **SHARE (Supporting Health for all through REinvestment)** – Julia Jackson

Julia provided an update on JCC’s proposal for the 2024 SHARE designation, including the following points:

- SHARE funds are a great opportunity to use brick and mortar needs that do not conflict with other covered services.
- \$1.5 million proposal aims to address detox beds and how to sustain and engage folks in recovery. Intent is not to provide detox or other additional covered services. Proposed funding will be used to purchase 16 pre-fab housing units, called Recovery Cottages, on a plot of (vacant) land owned by Addictions Recovery Center (ARC). Units will be minimal, and the area will include shared showers and a larger kitchen. This will provide members with immediate discharge into a safe and supportive space that includes wraparound services during the day to sustain treatment gains. This will support phase one of the project, and additional funds will be needed and ARC has a strong sustainability plan.

Member asked if there will be up front communication available to the CAC. – There will be a planning committee, to make sure the community feels they are receiving what the community is in need of. CAC members might be able to be involved. ARC could possibly come to a CAC meeting and give an update of the status of the project, how cottages are being utilized/maximized, and to identify how to monitor outcomes to see if we are impacting those needing help.

### **JCC Updates** – Sam Watson

Sam shared JCC updates. Please see presentation that was e-mailed to the CAC for details.

### **Policy and Health Right Group Updates** -Jeremiah Rigsby and Nora Leibowitz

Jeremiah shared a legislative updated that included information on the current CCO 2.0 contract, areas of focus for the new leadership at OHA and the new governor, along with information on redetermination, the new Medicaid waiver, and updates on discussions happening in congress.

Nora shared an update on Health Right Group, please see the PowerPoint presentation that will be emailed to the CAC for information.

The next CAC meeting is scheduled for **Monday, June 12, 2023, from 12-2pm**. Meeting was adjourned at 2:02 pm.

**Approval of Minutes:**

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Craig Newton (Co-Chair)

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