

Community Advisory Council (CAC)
Monday, September 13, 2021, 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, September 13, 2021 at Jackson Care Connect – Via Teleconference

Committee Members Present: Craig Newton (co-chair), Donald Bruland, George Adams, John Curtis, Rich Rohde, Jacquie Jaquette

Committee Members Absent: Diana Alfaro-Soto, Jackson Baures (co-chair), Barrett Gifford, Lisa Collins, Jennifer Bethany

Non-Committee Members Present: Brenda Borchman, Jazmin Ramirez, Lucy Brossard, Bethanee (Family connection), Annie Valtierra-Sanchez, Melinda Sprague

Staff Present: Sam Watson, Riki Rosenthal, Julia Jackson, Jennifer Lind, Nancy McKinnis, Janet Holland, Julia Pirani, Yelena Voznyuk

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Nancy McKinnis at 12:03 pm

Approval of Minutes:

Committee members reviewed the minutes from the May meeting. CAC members moved to approve and seconded the motion to approve with edit of the August minutes. **Minutes approved through vote with removal of Edith in staff attendance from the August minutes.**

Word on the Street – All

- New ADA law passed pertaining to people with disabilities and parking in disabled spaces.
- The senate is working on a mental health package reform to the nation’s mental health system, proposal submittal process is complete, next steps have begun.
- Emergency weather heating and cooling policies: Ashland city council is requesting that Housing and Human Service Commission come up with a set of policies. Workgroup is coming up with recommendations regarding weather, including heat, cold, and smoke, that will be submitted to the city council. Once this is complete it is anticipated that Ashland will have a new set of policies. There seems to be interest across other towns and cities to do the same.
- Bethanee from The Family Connection gave an update to classes that are being held. The information can be found on their website.
- Webinar available tomorrow night (9/14) at 6:30pm for a wildfire coverage report out (Our Path To Recovery) Good option to find out status of recovery and resource statuses.

OHA Update – Joell Archibald

Update is being sent via email as Joell is not available for this month’s meeting.

SHARE Initiative Update – Sam

- SHARE stands for Supporting Health For All Through Reinvestment.
- It is a requirement of Oregon Health Authority to reinvest some of our profits back into our community to address health inequities and social determinants of health.
- This is only one way that Jackson Care Connect addresses these things. Jackson Care Connect already does and has been doing this through a number of other means such as the Health Related Services Funds, the emergency Wildfire and COVID funding.
- 4 requirements of the funding:
 - Must align with one of the community proprieties in the CHIP.
 - Aligns with the SHIP (statewide health improvement plan) including housing.
 - Required to involve community partnerships with a portion of those dollars going to Social Determinants of Health Equity Partners.
 - Fits into one of four share initiative domains related to social determinants of health and equity
 - economic stability, neighborhood and built environment, education and social and community health
- Jackson Care Connect chose one that fits into neighborhood and built environment but crosses over into all the categories.
- \$100,000 is the investment into this project, focused on supporting fire survivors.
- Because of the significant need for housing, Jackson Care Connect will be partnering with Rogue Community Health to expand their current staff of community health workers and disaster case managers to include a housing related service focus.
- The goals and objectives for the 12 months of this funding are: initial target is to place fire survivors and families into transitional housing programs, supported housing and permanent housing with identified service navigation.
- The project proposal, plan and budget need to be submitted to the OHA by the end of this month.
- A significant component of this is program evaluation, to make sure that the money Jackson Care Connect investing is impacting housing and our community in the ways in which Jackson Care Connect is aiming.
- A role for the CAC in this project will be finalized, more will be coming on that piece.
- Goal is to engage with the CAC on a regular basis and ensure that Jackson Care Connect is meeting the needs of our community through this project, and that project updates/assessments and data are being shared out regularly with the CAC, along with the opportunity for some bidirectional communication and ensuring that Jackson Care Connect is getting feedback from the CAC.
- In response to a question from CAC member, ADA requirements and numbers would be adhered to in the found/retrofitted housing.

Tribal Representative Update –Brenda Borchman and Melinda Sprague

Coquille Indian Tribe- Brenda

Brenda does not have any updates.

Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians – Melinda

Melinda was not available for any updates.

Traditional Health Worker overview – Nancy

The Traditional Health Worker Campaign brochure in development was shared with the group. Feedback was solicited from the group on which option they like for the headline. Group overwhelmingly chose option number two.

Feedback was that it felt like it would get more attention. It mentions a free benefit and makes it sound like something that is available specifically to help members that again is FREE.

Group then went over the THW definition for the five THW types. Feedback was given that aside from the doula, the other four felt very similar in definition.

Section regarding how to access support from a THW received feedback that it didn't feel clear in how to access...was going through your PCP the only way to enter care? Can services be accessed another way? Etc. The CAC would like to see this piece be a little more precise.

General JCC & COVID Updates – Jennifer

Jennifer shared general JCC updates, including the following:

- Gave COVID update. See PowerPoint slides for more detailed information.
- Jackson Care Connect is working with Public Health to improve vaccination rates (COVID vaccinations)
- The return to working from the office was planned for September, that has been delayed due to the spikes in COVID. Jackson Care Connect does not currently have a new return to office date.
- CareOregon and JCC have decided to implement a vaccination requirement policy. This requires that all staff be vaccination (for COVID) and be able to show proof by October. Medical and religious exemptions are available and will be handled in a very confidential manner.

Updates from Nancy:

- Mercy Flights and Family Nurturing Center in partnership with Jackson Care Connect are now able to provide vaccinations for folks in their own home. A PSA is being created at this time about this and will be deployed shortly. Nancy will share that with the group once it is completed and available.
- JCC website is currently down. The IS/IT departments are currently working on getting this back up and running. They essentially have to rebuild the entire site. They will begin with most important pieces and landing pages of site.

Board of Directors (BOD) Update – Jennifer/John Curtis/ Craig Newton

September BOD meeting was cancelled due to the significant disruption COVID is causing. Most of the partners and BOD members needed to be available and have time and space to prioritize what they are doing both professionally and in their personal lives.

BOD will reconvene in October, they have the SHARE plan in front of them. Oct agenda is being prepared.

CLOSED CAC MEETING BEGINS. NON CAC/NON STAFF ARE RELEASED FROM MEETING AT THIS TIME

CHIP Grant Overview – Nancy

- CAC has not done CHIP grants since 2018. In 2018/2019 the CHA and CHIP process. There were plans to administer CHIP grants in 2020 but COVID happened and then with the fires Jackson Care Connect made the decision to reallocate the CHIP grant money to fire emergency response and COVID response.
- \$135,000 is available funds for the CHIP grants.
- CHIP grant timeline was reviewed with CAC. See timeline in materials for more information/dates.
- CHIP grants will be reviewed by a subcommittee, not during CAC meetings. With so much information already covered there is not enough time to add that to the CAC meetings already scheduled as well as the timelines do not necessarily match.
- Virtual site visits will be scheduled with finalists before final decisions are made.

- CHIP grants will now be a one-year process/period instead of the two years it has been in the past. An interim report will be due in July 2022. February 2023, final reports and presentations will be scheduled with grant recipients.
- Any feedback from CAC members is requested to be sent to Nancy or Michael by Wednesday 9/15 as the CHIP grant RFP is scheduled to be released on Friday 9/17.
- Review of the RFP was completed.
- CAC member had concerns about a section that calls out access for OHP members specifically. Their concern is that this is a community grant and that by calling out increasing equitable access for OHP members only it could inadvertently exclude folks that do not have OHP or are not eligible. Examples of groups that could be excluded were given, including but not limited to those in the disabled community that might have Medicare only, folks that are not eligible for OHP due to citizenship, those who are just above income levels, etc. The grant is a community grant, and they would like to see the wording changed to reflect that, and not only OHP members. Changed to this wording will be considered.

CAC new member application approval – All

Changes in current CAC membership:

- Jackson Baures is no longer able to be on the CAC due to COVID and his position within Jackson County Public Health. His attention must be focused there.
- Barrett Gifford is no longer going to be a member of the CAC. The new meeting time does not work with their schedule and they are unable to attend. They have made the decision to leave the CAC due to this.

There are three applications for new members.

- Autumn Chadbourne will be replacing Jackson Baures. She is the Jackson County WIC director and was recommended by Jackson. She is also on the District 6 school board. CAC members moved and seconded her application to the CAC. CAC voted to recommend the move of Autumn Chadbourne’s application that BOD for final approval
- Melinda Sprague has been in attendance to our CAC meetings. She is the tribal representative from the Cow Creek Band Of Umpqua Indians. CAC members moved and seconded her application to the CAC. CAC voted to recommend the move of Melinda Sprague’s application that BOD for final approval
- Brenda Borchman has been in attendance to our CAC meetings. She is the tribal representative from the Coquille Tribe. CAC members moved and seconded her application to the CAC. CAC voted to recommend the move of Brenda Borchman’s application that BOD for final approval. The recommendation will move to the BOD.

Adjourn – There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by the Nancy at 2:03 pm. The next CAC meeting is scheduled for **Monday, October 11, 2021 from 12-2:00pm.**

Approval of Minutes:

Craig Newton (Co-Chair)