



Meeting Minutes
Board of Directors of Jackson County CCO, LLC
Thursday, August 13, 2026
Hybrid Meeting in-person and Microsoft Teams

Board Members in Attendance

Laura Bridges
Stacy Brubaker (Chair) (4:25)
Jason Elzy
Matt Hough (Chair Pro Tempore)
Eric Hunter
Jacquie Jaquette
Molly Johnson
Nora Leibowitz
Craig Newton
Angie Simonson
Calisa Warnke

Board Members Absent

Maria Ramos Underwood

Staff in Attendance

Tricia Wilder, President
Nora Leibowitz, Chief Medicaid Programs Officer
Dee Cruz, Chief Finance & Strategy Officer
Tim Keller, Vice President Actuarial Services
Monica Martinez, Vice President/General Counsel, Legal & Regulatory Affairs
Leona O'Keefe, Medical Director Clinical Services
Richard Edwards, Director Finance Business Partners
Janet Holland, Director Regional Operations
Julia Jackson, Director Behavioral Health
Sam Watson, Director Community Health Partnerships
Riah Safady, Health Equity, Diversity & Inclusion Manager
Ratina Hagedorn, Office Manager

Guests/Others in Attendance

Belle Shepherd, OHA Innovator Agent

In the absence of the Chair, the Board considered the appointment of a Chair Pro Tempore.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was unanimously approved.

1. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors does hereby approve the appointment of Hough as Chair Pro Tempore to preside over the meeting in the absence of the Chair.

Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Directors of Jackson Care Connect (JCC) was called to order by Hough at 3:02 p.m. A quorum was present. There were no declarations of potential or perceived conflicts of interest. There were no members of the public that requested to attend.

Consent Agenda

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was unanimously approved.

2. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors does hereby approve the June 11, 2026, Board of Directors meeting minutes as included in the materials.

Governance & Compliance

Martinez and Ramos Underwood presented governance and compliance updates.

Conflict of Interest and Board Independence Questionnaire

Martinez noted that the Board did not receive the materials with sufficient time to consider and take action on this item at today's meeting. The matter was therefore tabled until the next Board meeting.

Clinical Advisory Panel

Ramos Underwood presented Clinical Advisory Panel (CAP) updates, which included the consideration of the appointment of Dr. Jamie Osborn to CAP for her 1st term.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was unanimously approved.

3. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors does hereby approve the appointment of Dr. Jamie Osborn on the Clinical Advisory Panel.

The Board also considered the reappointment of Dr. John Mahan and Dr. Mona McArdle for their 2nd CAP terms.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was unanimously approved.

4. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors does hereby approve the reappointment of Dr. John Mahan and Dr. Mona McArdle for their 2nd terms on the Clinical Advisory Panel.

Finance Committee Update

Elzy presented Finance Committee updates.

May 2026 YTD Financial Statements

Membership and expenses have declined, while administrative expenses were higher than budgeted. Overall results were favorable to budget.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was unanimously approved.

5. **RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors does hereby approve the JCC May 2026 Financial Statements as included in the materials.

OHA Released 2027 Rates

Staff shared that JCC/CareOregon recently received 2027 rates from OHA. The percentage rate increase is lower than the prior year, although the resulting rate is higher than the prior year. The Board and staff discussed the rate-setting process.

Financial Trends

Staff shared that membership is currently below budget and continues to trend downward, and levels are being closely monitored. Staff noted that a portion of the financial impact has been mitigated through favorable medical cost experience.

2026 Results YTD & Forecast

Staff reported that year-to-date (YTD) results through June are being used to forecast 2026 year-end performance and build projections for 2027. Forecasts incorporate utilization trends and seasonal patterns, and current projections indicate results are expected to be more favorable than initially anticipated. It was noted that NEMT recently had a rate increase. The MBR is also in a healthy range, attributed to risk scoring and Behavioral Health, and is projected to stay within that range.

Medicaid Advisory Group Update

Hunter reported on his participation in the Medicaid Advisory Group (MAG), sharing that the group met and made final recommendations, which included a broad range of potential options rather than a defined set of recommendations. Discussions centered on prioritizing opportunities within OHA's control, including administrative and operational changes, while avoiding reductions to member benefits. Topics such as provider rates and collective bargaining agreements were outside the scope of the review. The group also discussed potential carve-out strategies.

OHA HR1 Update

Shepherd presented an HR1 Update and responded to Board questions about eligibility, number of assisters who will be available to support Medicaid members, and the State's position on the Healthier Oregon Program (HOP) population for specialty and care management. The state is evaluating specialty needs, pharmacy, and NEMT for the HOP population, which accesses care differently from other populations. In the short term, the state is hiring additional internal staff to provide support.

2026 JCC Learning Series

Safady provided an update on the JCC Learning Series progress YTD. The virtual series has received positive feedback, with several board members attending, and provides community partners an opportunity to earn CEUs with no cost to them or their agencies. The board was invited to share ideas for future learning series topics. Leibowitz shared appreciation for JCC's innovative approach in holding virtual training in lieu of the annual JCC Spring Conference as a cost savings measure.

Executive Report

Wilder's report was included in the meeting materials. Given the full agenda and overlap with topics addressed in the report, the Board engaged in discussions on matters critical to the organization's success. Due to time constraints, there was no opportunity for further discussion of additional topics.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:57p.m.

Next meeting: October 8, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.