

Community Advisory Council (CAC)
Monday, October 11, 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, October 11, 2021 at Jackson Care Connect – Via Teleconference

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

Committee Members Absent: Diana Alfaro-Soto, Jennifer Bethany, Melinda Sprague, Jacquie Jaquette, Brenda Borchman

Non-Committee Members Present: Cassie Rose (RVCOG)

Staff Present: Sam Watson, Riki Rosenthal, Julia Jackson, Nancy McKinnis, Yelena Voznyuk, Michael Klein, Joell Archibald (OHA Transformation Agent)

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Michael Klein at 12:03 pm

Approval of Minutes:

Committee members reviewed the minutes from the September meeting. CAC members moved to approve and seconded the motion to approve minutes with edits suggested and discussed by CAC.

When giving updates and using “we” to mean JCC, in the minutes it is not ideal to have it recorded as we as it can then look like it was inclusive and the CAC was a part of it. It is better if the minutes are specific and say “JCC” or whoever the specific “we” is.

Also, when voting for CAC members, what was reported in the minutes like this: XXXX’s membership to the CAC was confirmed via CAC member vote. The recommendation will move to the BOD. the minutes should read: CAC voted to recommend the move of member application that BOD for final approval

The CAC member applications will be reviewed at the next BOD meeting.

Disaster Registry Training – Cassie Rose from RVCOG

- . RVCOG: local agency on aging
- . Serves residents in Jackson and Josephine counties through the disaster registry.
- . It has been around for over 20 years. Has been in service during all major weather events.
- . Offers extra assistance and early notification to elder adults, the frail, and those with disabilities during the event of a disaster
- . Three layers that are managed on the registry: vulnerable individuals, child care facilities, senior living facilities (as well as adult foster homes)
- . Registry provides details about people who need special assistance during an event to emergency

personnel and first responders. Being on the registry does not guarantee priority placement in receiving help during disaster, but rather makes sure that help being received is aware of special needs

- . Disability services gathers the data, RVCOCG verifies the data and then maintains it in a complex database.
- . Data is maintained/updated on a quarterly basis. Dedicated team of volunteers completes telephone calls quarterly to verify and update info and all registry participants.
- . Currently developing their Equity Service Plan at this time and expanding to a multicultural service model. RVCOCG has hired certified translators and interpreters through Language Line service and recently recruited a Spanish speaking volunteer.
- . The registry is part of the Connect Oregon Unite Us platform
- . They recently lost volunteers due to retirements and COVID, so if anyone is interested in volunteering, reach out to Cassie.
- . Cassie's contact information was added to the chat section for those that wanted it.

Word on the Street – All

- CMS gave presentation on Oregon Older Adult Behavioral Health Initiative (OOABHI), this initiative is aimed at helping those folks that are aging and have behavioral health situations, better access SDOH (housing, food, transportation, etc)
- During word on the street discussion was held and the desire to have someone come and discuss CO Advantage Medicare benefits and dual enrollees was established. Sam will work on getting someone scheduled to do a presentation to the CAC. VP of medicare is the person identified

Crisis Response Network – Julia Jackson

General BH update:

- . Discussion surrounding Medicare and available benefits as well as lack thereof for folks on Medicare was had.
- . A letter is being drafted to Senator Wyden as well as conversations are being had to address the gaps in coverage for Oregonian Medicare recipients. Many services not available that Medicaid does have available, like case management and care coordination, transportation, etc)
- . Talked about identifying pathways and funding for micro credentialing so more workforce is available for different positions in the BH field, especially bilingual and bicultural folks to support and serve folks with language barriers.
- . Once the letter is complete, Julia agreed to send it to the CAC to see what was sent.

Crisis Response Network

- . Have the BH planning grant from OHA. 50k in planning dollars, would give OHA a discussion table from each region to receive feedback around plan on how the millions of \$ that are going to be coming towards the end of this year and beginning of next.
- . Money is aimed towards reducing inequities. It is housing focused, and aimed towards those that are a representative minority population or have mental health and/or substance use needs
- . Looking at brick and mortar facilities, not just treatment services in outpatient settings.
- . Secured the help of Leslie Ford, a member of our care Oregon team, considered a subject matter expert in housing.

- . she's been enlisted to help the Crisis Response Network with this project, specifically to look at supportive, long term housing, especially those with BH supports in place

OHA Update – Joell Archibald

- . See PowerPoint presentation for update
- . Health Equity subcommittee of the Oregon Health Policy Board is accepting applications, and the Oregon Consumer Advisory Council is looking for new members that body particularly wants people with lived experience of mental health or addiction.

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

CHIP Grant Overview – Nancy

- See CHIP orientation and training PowerPoint presentation presented during meeting
- See CHIP timeline document
- See CHIP participant interest form
- Community organizations are welcome to participate and comment on applications, but are not able to vote or weigh in.

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, November 8th, 2021 from 12-2:00pm.**

Approval of Minutes:

Craig Newton (Co-Chair)