



Community Advisory Council (CAC)
Monday, February 8, 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, February 8, 2021 at Jackson Care Connect – Via Teleconference

Committee Members Present: George Adams, John Curtis, Rich Rohde, Chelsea Reinhart, Don Bruland, Diana Alfaro-Soto, Craig Newton (Co-Chair),

Committee Members Absent: Jackson Baures (Co-Chair), Barrett Gifford

Non-Committee Members Present: Annie Valtierra-Sanchez, Eddie Wallace, Lucy Brossard, Brenda Doggett, Kim Overson, Jennifer Bethany, Amber Robertson, Pamela Gutman, Shilo Satran

Staff Present: Nancy McKinnis, Sam Watson, Edith Cortez, Heather Oberst, Romy Carver, Nat Jacobs

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Nancy McKinnis at 12:05pm. The Welcome Message and Introductions followed, including recognition of Black History Month.

Approval of Minutes:

Committee members reviewed the minutes from the January meeting. Craig made a correction to the minutes, he was listed as committee member absent, but was in attendance. George moved to approve the minutes with the correction, Don seconded the motion to approve. **Minutes Approved through vote (with correction).**

Amendments to the minutes: RVCOG and APD separately are deciding on their leadership, not executive director positions.

Word on the Street – All

CAC members shared community “Word on the Street” and noted the following:

- CAC member shared information on a House Bill and Senate Bill as they relate to grants for financial assistance to low income residents and landlords, and a senate bill for low income residents.
- CAC member shared the Deaf and Hard of Hearing workgroup will be meeting Wednesday, February 17th. They will discuss access issues with telehealth, and legislative developments about filing civil rights complaints in ASL. ODHHS in Salem is working on developing the video in collaboration with OHA. These meetings are open to the public and anyone interested may attend. Nancy will share out information with the group.
- Eddie Wallace from OnTrack shared that OnTrack is open for in service appointments with all programs. Medford has assistance with intake in both English and Spanish. Outpatient services are currently accepting clients.

- CAC member shared that Jackson County is looking at CAHOOTS program for Jackson County, and are bringing together groups to view this model. His hope is that the CCO will be involved and give timely reports about the progress of this effort. Grant funding is available for local adoption of a CAHOOTS type model. Currently working with a consultant in Eugene as part of that effort.
- Nat Jacobs from the OHA shared that JCC has applied for the SAMSA grant for a mobile crisis response for children. Program, if approved, will start in July.
- Annie Valtierra-Sanchez with SO Health-E thanked CAC for grant that SO Health-e received for COVID funding. They were able to assist 26 families who had either lost employment or had been infected with COVID. Discussed coalition's approach in looking at inequities for grant funding. Also assisting families with rental and purchase assistance for fire survivors. Annie expressed gratitude for the grant funding on behalf of families. Sam will send out the report to the CAC.

Health Equity Plan – Sam

Sam provided an update on the Health Equity Plan that was submitted to the OHA end of December. We are currently working on developing a one-page overview of the plan that will be written in plain language for distribution to members. The workgroups continue to meet, and we will be opening up opportunities for CAC members to participate in planning. Sam shared updates from the following workgroups:

- Organizational training and education: Working on a plan for training for both the BOD and CAC, and developing an assessment to identify what training is taking place in the network. Training for the BOD and CAC will begin in Q2 and will be ongoing through the year.
- Language Access: we are sponsoring training for folks to become qualified interpreters. Additionally, we will be reimbursing for provider proficiency testing. We are working on a pilot program to reimburse a clinic for “employed” qualified/certified clinic staff providing interpretation to JCC members.
- Community Engagement: we will be conducting focus groups in 2021, and have identified the following priority populations: Spanish speakers and Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

BOD Update –John Curtis/ Craig Newton

John shared a BOD updated. He shared that funding for CCOs is based on the number of members of JCC. JCC members increased dramatically, however the funds that have been provided will be enough to carry us for this quarter and next quarters to come. There was an end of the year summary presentation that was made about the progress that JCC has seen over 2020. John will reach out to Jennifer to see if that presentation can be shared with the CAC.

COVID-19 Update – Nancy

Nancy shared that there are new Covid cases still being reported every day, however the numbers are trending slowly down within the past few weeks, nationally, in Oregon and in Jackson County. There are still pockets where the trends are upwards and there is still significant risk for the new surge, specially with the new mutations. Death reports have not really started to trend down much yet, but probably will in the next few weeks. There are some new promising vaccines that are waiting for approval aside from Johnson and Johnson vaccine, it will only a one-shot vaccine as opposed to the two separate shots of the current vaccine. CAC members had questions regarding the vaccines, Nat from the OHA shared that there may be information on the Jackson County webpage, they will take a look and pass the information to the CAC.

A CAC member had questions regarding the funding being provided from CareOregon, and whether the BOD and CAC will be a part of the review and approval process. This funding will go to support Covid specific efforts and will be in addition to work that is already taking place at JCC. CAC members requested increased

communication pathways between the BOD and the CAC as it relates to funding from CareOregon, and this request will be elevated.

CAC Presenter Plan for 2021 – Nancy

Nany shared the CAC yearly plan for 2021 with the group so that we have a clear plan and expectations for what we are wanting to get out of our monthly CAC meetings. Discussion took place and the following suggestions were made regarding topics for discussion:

- Legislative updates as they relate to the CCOs
- Presentations from JCC’s clinical committees outlining their roles and the work they are doing
- Presentation from DHS and the Oregon Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services, on the difference
- Community Health Improvement Plan initiatives in each of the 3 priority areas, with an emphasis on the Latinx community.
- CHIP grants: the plan for this year has not yet been finalized and will be brought to the CAC soon. We will also include the overall funding plans for CareOregon and JCC.
- Presentations on outcomes from organizations that JCC has funded
- Health Equity updates
- Vaccine related education

Adjourn – There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:02pm. The next CAC meeting is scheduled for **Monday, March 8, 2021 from 12-2pm.**

- Nancy has asked Craig to adjourn the meeting.
- Craig has adjourned the meeting at 2:02 PM the meeting has been officially adjourned.

Approval of Minutes:

Craig Newton (Co-Chair)