



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

Committee Members Present: George Adams, John Curtis, Chelsea Reinhart, Don Bruland, Diana Alfaro-Soto, Craig Newton (Co-Chair), Chelsea Reinhart, Jackson Baures (Co-Chair), Jacquie Jaquette, Leonore Bugarin

Committee Members Absent: Barrett Gifford, Rich Rohde

Non-Committee Members Present: Brenda Doggett, Kim Overson, Pamela Gutman, Lisa Collins, Lucy B,

Staff Present: Nancy McKinnis, Sam Watson, Edith Cortez, Romy Carver, Nat Jacobs, Janet Holland, Jennifer Lind, Julia Pirani, Yelena Voznyuk, Julia Jackson

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 February meeting. Don moved to approve the minutes with the correction, Jon Curtis seconded the motion to approve. **Minutes Approved through vote**

Amendments to the minutes: none

Tribal Representative Update – Pam/Brenda

Pam Gutman provided an update from the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians. They have been focused on ensuring everyone has access to the COVID vaccine, and are opening up vaccines to the public following the OHA guidelines. Anyone from county is able to request an appointment, but tribal members will have priority. See <https://www.cowcreek-nsn.gov/public-health/> for more information. They will also be starting an annual health fair in Douglas County every June, all will be served although tribal members will be priority. COVID testing is also taking place, with handoff to appropriate clinics/testing sites if they are nonnative. An updated was also provided that they wrote a well water testing grant, using funds to test drinking water to make sure it is safe.

Mental Health Crisis Project – Julia Jackson

Julia Jackson, JCC Behavioral Health Director provide an update on the Mental Health Crisis Project. There is not one authority that would 100% responsible for the project, overall or financially, current legislative activity is considering funding cahoots, although it may not pass so there is a need to keep the work going here. A solutions-oriented Cross Sector Crisis Response workgroup has been formed with stakeholders including AllCare, Jackson County Mental Health, law enforcement, and city and county officials and are

meeting the last Tuesday of each month. They are working on a plan that will enhance mobile crisis response including their ability to appropriately respond. A plan is in place for consultation with Diana Bianco who will be providing structure to the effort, funded in partnership by JCC and AllCare. The next task is to develop the advisory council and add membership to main stakeholder group. NAMI and Compass House would be invited to be a part of this process. Additionally, a grant proposal with OHA has been submitted in connection to a youth crisis grant.

Word on the Street – All

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

- ACEs training tomorrow. Nancy sent out the info
- Support group for Hearing Loss Association of America has began every other week,
 - Thursdays at 1pm., ALDA group also exists
- CAC members had questions about the Medicaid Section 1115 Waivers. Jennifer shared that it is something that the state has to file with the federal government, and it allows us to run the state Medicaid under the CCO model. There are no specifics available at what the state is preparing as it is early in the process. Nancy to request Jeremiah Rigsby to come to a meeting and speak to this further if needed

BOD Update – Jennifer/John Curtis/ Craig Newton

Jennifer shared an update from the last BOD meeting. A draft of the 2021-2025 Strategic Plan Framework was shared and builds on planning series that were had. Key takeaways were that the Mission, Vision, and Core Values remained the same and the number of strategic objectives were increased to 5. Jennifer went over the objectives and success indicators.

COVID-19 Update – Jennifer

Jennifer shared a JCC and community COVID update. JCC is still on a work from home status. The County has done great on getting the vaccines out, the current issue is getting enough supply. There are many great events happening to get community members vaccinated. We are moving into the next age ranges for eligibility and will likely open it up to all ages across the state by May or June. Physicians are saying that having any of the vaccines is better than no vaccine (waiting for J&J for single shot or not getting one at all). If you have the opportunity to get a vaccination, folks are encouraged to take it, no matter which brand it is. Many providers are putting together outreach campaigns to connect with their patients who are eligible for the vaccinations.

Health Equity Update – Sam

We have a regional health equity plan steering committee that has begun meeting at CareOregon to help coordinate the health equity plan work across the enterprise. Our local Health Equity Action Committee and workgroups continue to meet with the goal of increased community engagement in the coming year. We are currently working on several initiatives, including sponsoring training for interpreters to become qualified, with a requirement that interpreters must live in Jackson County and work for either one of our vendors or partners for at least one year. Additionally, we will be sponsoring provider proficiency testing. We are also working on conducting focus groups in partnership with a vendor, and planning meetings will begin in the coming weeks. A meeting is scheduled in April with the OHA for update on the Health Equity Plan, with a progress report due in June.

OHA Update – Nat Jacobs

Nat was unable to be present to provide an update, Nancy requested folks to read through Nat’s update and e-mail with any questions.

CAC 101 – Tom Cogswell

Tom Cogswell from the OHA Transformation Center provided a CAC 101 presentation. This presentation was created five or six years ago to give CAC members an intro in to what the responsibilities are as a CAC member. Thomas had CAC members introduce themselves and then say how long they have been a part of the CAC. Thomas shared the presentation and encouraged folks to go through it on their own. See presentation slides for content information. Nancy will e-mail the presentation to the group.

Adjourn – There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned by the co-chair at 2:01pm. The next CAC meeting is scheduled for **Monday, April 12, 2021 from 12-2pm.**

Approval of Minutes:

Craig Newton (Co-Chair)