

Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health (Partners for Health)
Virtual through Microsoft Teams
1:00 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.
November 8, 2022
Meeting Summary

Participants: Jeannie Davis, Ed.D., Constance Adams, Shelagh Baird, Beatriz Botello, Holly Bollman, Brent Dumler, Deb Fell-Carlson, Molly Gelinas, Sommer McLeish, Michelle Means, Jolynn Meza Wynkoop, JoAnn Miller, Julie Miller, Shannon Rose, and Shelley Hazelton

Welcome:

Dr. Jeannie Davis welcomed everyone to the meeting and led introductions. She also introduced Julie Miller from the Lebanon Community School District.

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Rural Network Development Grant – Violence in Rural Communities:

JoAnn Miller reported on the HRSA Rural Network Development Grant – Violence in Rural Communities.

- We are applying for the 4-year, \$1.2 million grant to address violence in rural communities with a focus on child abuse, domestic violence and human trafficking in Lincoln and east Linn Counties.
- HRSA is distributing 40 grants to implement services and enhance rural networks.
- Looking to include CARDV, Sarah’s Place, ABC House, Lincoln County Child Advocacy Center, and Linn/Benton Anti-Trafficking Coalition and Lincoln County Human Trafficking Task Force.
- If we are successful in receiving the grant, Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health would be the lead Coalition for the grant. We would also host a summit and have a media campaign.
- The application is due in November 2022.
- We have received support to apply for the grant from the State Office of Rural Health and our Coast to Cascades Community Wellness Network.
- **Deb Fell-Carlson** – This sounds like a good fit and will draw additional partners in.

Community Health Needs Assessment:

JoAnn Miller reported on the Community Health Needs Assessments.

- Every three years non-profit hospitals and health systems must conduct a community health needs assessment (section 501(r)(3) & Revenue Ruling 69-545).
- In partnership with the community and public health.
- Be made available widely to the public.
- Adopt a Community Benefit Plan Implementation Strategy to meet the community health needs identified in the Community Health Needs Assessment.
- We tried to keep this year’s Community Health Needs Assessments to 20 pages or less and at 8th grade reading level.
- Community Health Needs Requirements:

- a. Take into account input from persons who represents the broad interest of the community.
 - b. Expertise in public health.
 - c. Available to the public.
 - d. Definition of the community it serves – Geographic area served by the hospital and populations served by the hospital.
 - e. Assess the health needs of the community – Significant health needs of the community that includes the social determinants of health, prioritize the health needs, and identify resources available to address the needs.
 - f. Solicit and take into account input from all of the following sources:
 - A state, local, tribal, or regional government public health department.
 - State Office of Rural Health.
 - Members of the medically underserved.
 - Low-income members.
 - Ethnic/Racial populations.
 - Written comments received on the hospitals most recently conducted Community Health Needs Assessment and Implementation Strategy.
 - g. Additional input:
 - Health care consumers.
 - Non-profit organizations.
 - Community-based organizations.
 - Academic experts.
 - Local government officials.
 - Health care providers.
 - Community Health Centers.
 - Health insurance.
 - Private businesses.
 - Labor and workforce representatives.
 - h. Documentation of the Community Health Needs Assessment – Each hospital must have its own Community Health Needs Assessment report, available on the hospital’s website, and paper copies available for public inspection.
- We sent out surveys, had focus groups, and key informant interviews. We had strong participation from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. Contacts were made with over 200 Tribal members. We had approximately 15 focus groups and targeted Spanish, African American, LGBTQ+, low-income, and those in recovery, and others. We received back over 2,800 responses from our paper/on-line survey. The survey was available in English, Spanish, Russian, German, Chinese, and Arabic.
 - The Community Health Needs Assessments are required to be on our hospitals’ website by December 31, 2022.
 - We worked together with the Regional Health Assessment team – IHN/CCO, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, United Way, Health Departments for our three counties (Benton, Lincoln, and Linn) and Samaritan Health Services.
 - Each individual hospital will have a Community Health Needs Assessment and Appendix – Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center, Samaritan Albany General Hospital, Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital, Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital, and Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital.

- All Community Health Needs Assessments are in the same format. The Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital Community Health Needs Assessment was reviewed. Each Community Health Needs Assessment contains the following information:
 - a. **Introduction.**
 - b. **Organization** – Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital converted to a 25-bed critical access hospital in 2005.
 - c. **Service Area.**
 - d. **Community Demographics** – Although designated as rural, Linn County has the region’s highest population with an estimated 129,839 residents as of 2021.
 - e. **Health and Social Indicators** – Looked at median household income by race/ethnicity, 2020, percentage of poverty race/ethnicity, 2020 and percentage of health insurance coverage by age group in Linn, Benton, Lincoln Counties and Oregon, 2020 – Taking into account unemployment rate for Linn County compared to Benton County, Lincoln County, the tri-county region and Oregon, August 2022, county residents living within a half mile of a grocery store, WIC authorized store, or tobacco vendor, 2019 and Linn County, regional and state households paying more than 50% of income on rent, mortgage, insurance, and utilities 2020.
 - f. **Existing Health Care Facilities** – Lists “Other facilities and providers” as well.
 - g. **Data Collection Process** - Lists “Limitations” as well.
 - h. **Significant Health Needs** – Primary data collection identified access to medical, dental, and mental/behavioral care – particularly mental/behavioral services for children, youth, and adults as the most urgent health need in east Linn County including services for substance use disorder as well as issues like depression, anxiety, and suicidality – Healthy food and nutrition, child well-being, and community safety are immediate needs – The community identified food insecurity, access to safe, affordable and developmentally appropriate child care, child abuse/neglect, and domestic violence as priorities for services and support – Increasing housing, employment, and supportive services are also majority community concerns.
 - i. **Social Determinants of Health** -The following five social determinants of health are the most significant ones for east Linn County – Access to mental and behavioral health care, access to safe and affordable housing, access to healthy food, poverty, and racism and discrimination.
 - j. **Prioritization** – The following priorities were identified for improving community health as well as equitable access to the social determinants of health – Access to health care, suicide prevention, substance use disorder, anxiety and depression, food insecurity, childcare, child abuse/neglect, domestic violence, housing costs and houselessness, poverty, and culturally and linguistically appropriate services.
 - **Goals for 3 Years** – Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital goals, objectives, and priorities for 2023-2026:
 - **Greater Access** – Objective: Increase community access to medical, dental, and mental/behavioral health services – Priorities: Access to health care, suicide prevention, substance use disorder, and anxiety and depression.

- **Healthy Families** – Objective: Increase community access to healthy food, childcare, and safety – Priorities: Food insecurity, childcare, child abuse/neglect, and domestic violence.
 - **Healthy Communities** – Objective: Increase housing, employment, and support services in the community – Priorities: Housing costs and homelessness, poverty, and culturally and linguistically appropriate services.
- k. **COVID-19 Impacts** – This is new this year.
- l. **Hospital Services** – Services provided at Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital in 2021 – 1,561 inpatient visits, 1,705 Surgeries, 21,039 emergency visits, 274 deliveries, 60,959 imaging services, 111,308 clinic visits – The hospitals are not required to provide all the services they do such as Emergency Department, Labor/Delivery, Imaging – The hospitals choose to provide these services and they are classified as subsidized services.
- m. **Community Interest** – Input was received from key informant interviews, focus groups, surveys, and listening sessions from diverse racial/ethnic groups, LGBTQIA2S+ community members, veterans, non-English speaking people and other marginalized populations.
- n. **Community Impact** – Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital offered in-person and virtual education through health fairs, workshops, and classes with topics such as Adverse Childhood Experiences, Understanding Stigma for Substance Use Disorder, Implicit Bias, and Addressing Homelessness – Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital provided \$350,000 to 20 agencies through social accountability funding, food, clothing, and other resources to support local communities through the pandemic and 2021 wildfires and they also provided transportation, telehealth, and home visits to over 2,000 people in east Linn County.
- o. **General Health Status** – In the 2022 County Health Rankings, Linn County ranked 16th out of 35th for health outcomes and 17th out of 35 for health factors.
- p. **Promoting Health** – East Linn County is part of a three-county region that shares a long history of collaboration, coordination, and partnerships to promote health.
- q. **Social Support Networks** – Linn County has a strong network of social supports and opportunities – Several organizations provide nutrition, healthy lifestyles, and social support for youth – Boys and Girls Clubs in Lebanon and Sweet Home – Some other organizations include Build Lebanon Trails Coalition, Planting Seeds of Change, Live Longer Lebanon Coalition, Community Services Consortium, Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments, Volunteer Caregivers, to name a few.
- r. **References.**
- Appendix:
 - a. Overview of the Hospital.
 - b. Biggest health problems.
 - c. Poor health and quality of life.
 - d. Main barriers to improving.
 - e. Main assets or strengths.
 - f. What issues will emerge in the next 3 to 5 years.
 - g. What should be our priorities for the next 3 to 5 years.

- h. Coded qualitative data.
- i. Survey results.
- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – With the Appendix and issues that emerge in the next 3 to 5 years, was there data from the last 3 years to compare?
 - a. **JoAnn Miller** – Yes, there was. There has been a focus on mental health and expanding mental health in all the clinics. Substance use disorder, prevention and treatment, and recovery are all areas of focus. Will be developing a Samaritan Treatment and Recovery Services (STARS) type facility in Lincoln County in 2024. We are responding to access to care. The Sweet Home Family Medicine clinic will be expanding and will be scheduled to open in 2023. Samaritan Health Services also took into consideration and is looking at childcare and expanding and creating internships in the residency programs, etc. When COVID-19 hit a lot was shut down. We are addressing homelessness with Project Turnkey in Lincoln County where Northwest Coastal Housing purchased a Lincoln City motel to house people displaced by the Echo Mountain Fire. Other commitments include financial support. Starting in 2023, Samaritan Health Services will fund programs through social accountability funding for a 3-year funding cycle and look at collaborative proposals that have the largest impact. We will still provide support to some of our smaller organizations as well. Benton County Oral Health Coalition has collaborated over the years with us on oral health and we have seen a decrease in the number of individuals showing up to our Emergency Department for dental pain.
- Dr. Jeannie Davis noted that she taught a class on Community Health Needs Assessments to the medical students. Deb Fell-Carlson also noted that she talked to the Faith Community Nurses through their LBCC course on the Community Health Needs Assessments and appreciates how everything is laid out.

2023 Summit:

Discussion focused on the 2022 Summit.

- Topics of discussion have included mental health/behavioral health and youth services.
- **JoAnn Miller** – We have been receiving data from our Emergency Departments on substance use disorder and overdoses in our three-county region. We are seeing overdoses increase in our younger population along with suicide in middle and high school students. What type of summit do we want? Do we want an uplifting and raising hope type summit?
- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – Lebanon has a suicide awareness group and did a walk approximately a year ago. We want it to be okay for kids to say, “I’m not okay” and ask for help.
- **Shelagh Baird** – What are the schools doing and what supports do they need? We have identified middle school age kids and high school age kids. What are their critical needs and gaps?
- Sandi Cox is the Mental Health Specialist for the Lebanon Community School District.
- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – She and Sandi Cox will work to put medical students as mentors in the school facilities. *She can reach out to Sandi Cox and see what they have for youth support.*
- **JoAnn Miller** – Another area we may want to look at is human trafficking especially around youth.

- **Beatriz Botello** – Reaching out to the Spanish community and Mam and collaborating on projects with the Health Department. Received a grant to work in community safety. Hope to collaborate with the police and Sheriff’s Office. Interested in human trafficking maybe in café type group or roundtable.
- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – Would love to hear on youth statistics (mental health), etc. from Dala Johnson. *Will follow up.*
- **Julie Miller** – They have been busy at the Welcome Center. They are swamped with a lot of mental health needs. Focusing on mental health needs is good, more services available, more mentors, and additional parenting support (classes/support groups). There are not enough mentors.
- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – Different areas for focus have included mental health/behavioral health, suicide awareness, human trafficking. We can look at opportunities for student support and parent resources.
- **Sommer McLeish** – She is part of Parent Success Network and has funding available and can partner with the schools.
- **Brent Dumler** – Options Counseling has Behavioral Health Therapists who work with youth. Can check with Options Counseling and Family Services to see if there would be a therapist that could speak on youth mental health.

2023 Meetings:

Do we want to keep the 2023 meetings the same type of schedule – 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. *Committee members agreed to keep meetings the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m.*

Announcements:

Announcements were made.

- **Constance Adams** – Would love to share about the Early Learning Hub and our programs at a future meeting. *It was agreed to share at the next meeting.*
- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – The medical students will be a diabetes screening at St. Martins Church tomorrow (November 9, 2022) at 8:00 a.m.
- **JoAnn Miller** – Would love to hear from any new members or those who haven’t been at a meeting in a while on their organization and what they provide at a future meeting.
- **Brent Dumler** – *Can share about his organization (Options Counseling and Family Services) at a future meeting as well.*

Next Meeting:

The next general meeting of Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health is scheduled for December 13, 2022, at 1:00 p.m.

Adjourn:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
 Shelley Hazelton
 Community Health Promotion