



**Benton, Lincoln, Linn Regional
Oral Health Coalition of Oregon (Regional
Oral Health Coalition-ROHC)
Joint Meeting with Benton County, Lincoln County
and Linn County Oral Health Coalitions
Meeting Summary
Microsoft Teams
November 15, 2022
2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**

Attendance: Shelagh Baird, Britny Chandler, Bryan Decker, Karen Hall, Raquel Hultberg, Gary Lahman, Linda Mann, Molly Perino, JoAnn Miller, and Shelley Hazelton

Welcome:

JoAnn Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting and led introductions.

Meeting Minutes:

The August 16, 2022, meeting minutes of the Benton, Lincoln, Linn Regional Oral Health Coalition of Oregon Joint Meeting with Benton County, Lincoln County, and Linn County Oral Health Coalitions was presented. **Bryan Decker made a motion and Molly Perino seconded the motion to approve the August 16, 2022, meeting minutes of the Benton, Lincoln, Linn Regional Oral Health Coalition of Oregon Joint Meeting with Benton County, Lincoln County, and Linn County Oral Health Coalitions as presented. The motion was voted upon and was unanimously approved.**

**Communities Helping Addicts Negotiate Change Effectively (C.H.A.N.C.E.)
Dental Integration:**

Discussion focused on C.H.A.N.C.E. dental integration.

- **Bryan Decker** – Molly Perino has a chair for him. Working at getting transported over. Reached out to Linda Mann and starting a program with dentists in the community to do services, which is the first part of the program and will engage with them to help with staffing. They also have glass etched for privacy so preparing for this space.
- **Molly Perino** – The Community Health Centers of Benton and Linn Counties has developed a new Strategic Plan with a 2-year budget process and then will do a 5-year plan. Have talked and can utilize space to be part of outreach with dentist location.
- **Linda Mann** – Next year, IHN-CCO metric – Dental metric for those with substance use disorder (SUD). Big push from Dental Care Organizations (DCOs) to provide services.

- **JoAnn Miller** – Heard this as well as a priority. Her and Molly Perino had visited the C.H.A.N.C.E. space pre-COVID, it had a sink, cabinets, and table. Is this still the same space?
 - a. **Bryan Decker** – Yes, assumes it is the same space.
- **JoAnn Miller** - Have met with Daniel Keteri, VP-CEO, Samaritan Albany General Hospital, and will meet again to discuss if we can partner to provide adult dental services for Albany. We want to make sure to have services available since we are still seeing the highest number of patients presenting to Samaritan Albany General Hospital for dental issues. We want to see a decrease the numbers presenting to the Emergency Department for dental and look at collaboration.
 - a. **Linda Mann** – Maybe you can bring up with Daniel Keteri when you meet again about having an Expanded Practice Dental Hygienist (EPDH) at Samaritan Albany General Hospital.
- **JoAnn Miller** – Samaritan Health Services (SHS) will be moving into a 3-year funding cycle in 2023 and will be funding agencies showing collaboration. Molly Perino and her program through Benton County Oral Health Coalition with the Community Health Centers of Benton and Linn Counties, Strengthening Rural Families, and Love, INC. of Benton County has been funded over the years and is the model program and has done amazing work. We have seen a decrease in Emergency Department visits at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center since the program has been implemented. It has been a great partnership and collaboration.
 - a. **Molly Perino** – It is a great collaboration with Strengthening Rural Families and Love, INC. of Benton County.
 - b. **Bryan Decker** – Michael Couch has interest in doing things in Lebanon. *He will connect with Molly Perino to discuss further.*
- **JoAnn Miller** – Is there an opportunity for an EPDH to be at the C.H.A.N.C.E. location once a week?
 - a. **Linda Mann** – Right now staffing is an issue. We would need an EPDH and a dentist.
 - b. **JoAnn Miller** – We could look at reaching out to a retired dentist. Will meet with Daniel Keteri and will also be looking at the Samaritan Albany General Hospital Foundation and how we can provide resources to reach this population.
 - c. **Karen Hall** – Is there data to show the association of when started program and downward trend of numbers? Hope to be able to show this as well for Lincoln County – Data when started the program and the impact of the program in the community.

Dental Data:

JoAnn Miller shared **2021 dental statistics** – Numbers were lower with COVID. Total visits for dental pain – 1,311.

- Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center (GSRMC) Emergency Department – 190 visits with 162 of these in the Emergency Department and 28 of these at Corvallis Urgent Care.

- Samaritan Albany General Hospital (SAGH) Emergency Department – 250 visits with 11 visits at North Albany Urgent Care and 28 visits at Geary Street Urgent Care.
- Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital (SLCH) Emergency Department – 271 visits with 3 for Sweet Home Family Medicine Urgent Care and 1 for Lebanon Urgent Care.
- Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital (SNLH) Emergency Department – 226 visits.
- Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital (SPCH) Emergency Department – 255 visits with 2 visits in Urgent Care

2019 Dental Encounter Data:

- GSRMC – 481 visits.
- SAGH – 931 visits.
- SLCH – 910 visits.
- SNLH – 176 visits.
- SPCH – 502 visits.

2020 Dental Encounter Data:

- GSRMC – 152 visits.
- SAGH – 341 visits.
- SLCH – 233 visits.
- SNLH – 145 visits.
- SPCH – 357 visits.

- **Karen Hall** – Can we see trends month to month?
 - a. **Shelagh Baird** – Can get Karen Hall data.
 - b. **Karen Hall** – Has been getting patients at SNLH dental appointments. Staff have been appreciative of this.
- **Molly Perino** – 40% of adult patients they see that are uninsured qualify for a sliding scale. About half don't qualify for coverage and are self-pay – About 50/50. Insured is growing. They still have a Dental Hygienist that goes to the River Center once a week. The dentist goes there on Wednesdays except for one Wednesday to do exams, fillings, extractions. There is potential for another space/partnership in Lebanon. A Dental Hygienist and dentist also goes to the Lebanon Veteran's Home once a month. Hearing they will be expanding Oregon Health Plan coverage for veterans. Will need to evaluate the need and discuss how to continue to fund. Due to staffing, providing services strictly at the Lebanon Veteran's Home now not skilled nursing facilities.
- **JoAnn Miller** – With recent surgery was surprised that prior to surgery the primary provider wanted to know her last dental visit and whether she brushes and flosses. The surgeon also asked. When she was in the hospital they made sure she had a toothbrush and toothpaste. In the hospital, they were asking about her oral health and wanted to make sure she was in close contact with the dentist.

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program Oral Health Grant - Co-location Project Update: Shelagh Baird provided an update on the Oral Health Grant – Co-location Project in Lincoln County placing an Expanded Practice Dental Hygienist in Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital and Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital.

- Karen Hall is doing a great job working and providing services at SNLH.
- Advantage Dental dropped out of the program due to workforce issues so they are working with Capitol Dental Care to get an EPDH at SPCH.
- Karen Hall will work at SPCH one day a week and Carrie McHill, EPDH at SLCH will work one day a week at SPCH. They are in the middle of credentialing with the hope is to begin seeing patients soon at SPCH.
- Karen Hall has met with SPCH staff and did a tour yesterday. A few dental items will need to be ordered for SPCH. Karen Hall is excited to begin working at SPCH.

Strategic Plan Discussion:

JoAnn Miller led discussions around the Regional Strategic Plan.

- She is pulling together the comments from those suggestions submitted from members for changes to the Strategic Plan and will put together in a “draft” plan and will discuss at the next meeting.
- **Linda Mann** – The IHN-CCO Delivery System Transformation team made available a free program for evaluating our program in the hospitals. Have a meeting to discuss further on Thursday. She indicated that we are interested. The goal is to look at data and come up with sustainability on pilots. The meeting is November 17, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. Hopes Shelagh Baird and JoAnn Miller can attend. OSU will evaluate the program along with Sandy Phibbs and Paulina Kaiser.
- **JoAnn Miller** – As we update the Strategic Plan we will keep in blind color blindness along with language requirements and in additional languages such as Spanish.

Program/Coalition Member Updates:

Program and Coalition member updates were provided.

- **Molly Perino** – Community Health Centers of Benton and Linn Counties, Strengthening Rural Families, and Love, INC of Benton County:
 - a. Love, INC of Benton County – 14 dental referrals - 7 to care
 - b. Dental Clinic – Did \$1,200 worth of care. Had 1 implant and referred to oral surgeon. Others qualify for the Oregon Health Plan.
 - c. 6 patients requested denture assistance – Full/partial. Love, INC of Benton County - Helped 6 so far and may be able to help a few additional ones.
 - d. Strengthening Rural Families had a couple of denture cases as well.
 - e. Their clinic is busy and they currently have two dentists splitting between the Boys and Girls Club and providing outreach. Looking for space and space in Lebanon as well.

Future Meetings:

For 2023, do we want the Benton, Lincoln, Linn Regional Oral Health Coalition of Oregon continue to meet jointly with the Benton County, Lincoln County, and Linn County Oral Health Coalitions quarterly? *Members agreed to continue quarterly with this same type of schedule for 2023.*

Adjourn:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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