



**Benton, Lincoln, Linn Regional  
Oral Health Coalition of Oregon  
Joint Meeting with Benton County, Lincoln County  
and Linn County Oral Health Coalitions  
Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital  
525 N. Santiam Hwy., Lebanon, OR 97355  
Meeting Summary  
February 19, 2020  
3:00 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.**

**Attendance:** Britny Chandler, Sherlyn Dahl, Rachel Gazeley, Gary Lahman, Linda Mann, Sommer McLeish, JoAnn Miller, Brenda Ogle, Denny Sanders, Karla Smith, and Shelley Hazelton

**Conference Call:** Elizabeth Gordan and Paul Smith

**Welcome:**

Sherlyn Dahl welcomed everyone to the meeting and led introductions.

**Progress Report from Strategic Plan for Oral Health:**

Britny Chandler presented information and handouts - Strategic Plan Expected Deliverables – 2015 draft, Strategic Plan Deliverable Changes – 2017 draft, and Strategic Plan Preliminary Results – 2020 draft.

- Suggested to define the change we want to see.
- Page 3 – Priority Area 2: Prevention & Systems of Care – Shows Baseline, Current, 2020 Target, % Change Result, and Data Source.
  - a. Those numbers highlighted in green – Met target and those highlighted in red – Didn't meet target. It was noted if it was red that didn't mean we didn't accomplish something. It was suggested to give credit for improvements – Keep target - If improved gets green. It was also suggested to not do green and red, due to those that may be color blind, and rather call out improvements.
  - b. "Maintain or expand community access to optimally fluoridated water." Mr. Lahman noted there is a water quality website. Sodaville, Millersburg, and Sweet Home have their own water system. The City of Albany purchased the City of Lebanon's water system. Could look at per person bases – Systems vary in size - Per capital rate might make sense for Linn and Benton Counties.

- c. % Change Result – Is it comparative to target? Green exceeded target for Eighth graders with decay experience and Emergency Department/Urgent Care utilizations for nontraumatic pain.
  - Dental visits – Data – How do we look at what is real and what is not? This report demonstrates our progress on the Strategic Plan.
  - Priority Area 1 – Oral health coordination and data – Doing through Peter Banwarth, Benton County Epidemiologist.
  - We can look at any targets we might want to focus future priorities on.
  - ***Britny Chandler will finalize and have a report for the next meeting.***
- Mr. Lahman thanked Ms. Chandler for all her work.

**Coalition Successes:**

***Britny Chandler noted that we will discuss coalition successes at the next meeting.***

**Proposal for Refocus of the Oral Health Coalitions:**

Ms. Dahl reported that the Regional Oral Health Coalition in the past would meet every other month. For 2019 they met quarterly with the local Oral Health Coalitions (Benton, Lincoln, and Linn Counties). A common theme that was being seen with the Coalitions was the struggle to stay viable with sustainability being an issue. JoAnn Miller, Sherlyn Dahl, and Britny Chandler met previously to put together a proposal for refocus for the coalitions. The Proposal for Refocus of the Oral Health Coalitions was presented.

- ***Local Coalitions:***
  - a. Change the focus to meetings as needed around identified issues, projects, or needs.
  - b. Identify a local sponsor to be the convener.
    - Benton County: Community Health Centers of Benton & Linn Counties
    - Linn County: River Center
    - Lincoln County: Will need to determine a local sponsor
  - c. Lincoln County - Britny Chandler noted that she reached out to the Federally Qualified Health Clinic (FQHC), but she hasn't heard back yet. The question was asked if the Lincoln County School District or Dental Care Organizations (DCO's) could be sponsor. The DCO's are in the schools, WIC, Clinics, and Head Start. The FQHC in Lincoln County is part of the Health Department. ***Gary Lahman agreed to contact Rebecca McBee-Wilson to see if the FQHC would be a point of contact.***
- ***Regional Coalition:***
  - a. Maintain the Regional Coalition and its link to CCCWN (Coast to Cascades Wellness Network).
  - b. Continue the meeting structure of 4 times a year; 1 meeting a quarter in each of the Counties and the 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss common themes, alliance with state, IHN-CCO, and local priorities, review and preparation of the Regional Oral Health Annual Report, and strategies for the coming year.

- c. Organizational sponsor: Samaritan Health System. Shelley Hazelton will take meeting minutes and help with coordination of meetings for the Regional Oral Health Coalition.
- **Regional Oral Health Strategic Plan:**
  - a. A progress/close out report on the 2015-2020 Regional Oral Health Strategic Plan will be provided at the February Regional Oral Health Coalition meeting.
  - b. Will not initiate work on another regional strategic plan. Currently, there is no clear strategic priorities or plan from the state Oral Health Division or the Oregon Oral Health Coalition. The Regional Coalition will continue to monitor state priorities and align regional focus areas where needed.
  - c. It was noted that Dr. Austin had noted that there is a plan with an update on the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) website. It will be important for us to anchor to this plan. We will not create our own Strategic Plan, but we will use the state plan to identify our priorities. ***We will review this state plan at our next meeting.***
  - d. Paul Smith noted there is a “Raise up Oregon: A Statewide Early Learning System Plan.” Strategy 4.3 of the document notes, “Increase and improve equitable access to early childhood oral health.” ***We can review this initiative at the next meeting.***
- **Regional Oral Health Data Report:**
  - a. Reformat the document by County.
  - b. Confirm Peter Banwarth can continue as coordinator and update report with 2019 data. Add success stories.
  - c. Identify distribution plan.
  - d. Sherlyn Dahl read off the contact list for obtaining data.
  - e. 2020 CCO metric for clinics – Roll out education – Smiles For Life to all Samaritan Health Services (SHS) clinics within the next few months.
  - f. We currently don’t have data on carries in the community – How many cavities kids have. Linda Mann noted that the state did a Smile and Healthy Growth Survey in 2017, which shared information related to kids and cavities. Head Start - The DCO’s when doing school screenings use an assessment tool. There’s no place to deposit information at the state level. The Oregon Community Fund has legislation going on that might lead to more reporting.
- **Regional Oral Health Website:**
  - a. Will not maintain a regional website; will use sponsor organizations website to promote oral health messages, announcements, and Annual Report.

***All members present agreed to the Proposal for Refocus of the Oral Health Coalitions.***

**Charter:**

A suggested “draft” of the Benton, Lincoln, Linn Regional Oral Health Coalition of Oregon Charter was presented.

- Article V. – Removed “Steering” and changed to “Committees.”
- Article V. – Section 1. – Changed to read, “The coalition may appoint ad hoc committees to work on special projects as needed.”
- Article V. – Removed Section 2. and Section 3.
- Article VI. – Officers - Section 4. – Changed to read, “In the event the Chairperson is unable to attend the coalition meeting, the chair shall appoint a member to preside over the meeting.”
- Article VII. – Meetings – Section 1. – Changed to read, “The coalition will meet at least quarterly. Official business will include but not limited to reports, discussion of projects and goals and any additional activities surrounding oral health in the region.”
- Article VII. – Meetings – Remove Section 2. and Section 3.

It was noted that Sherlyn Dahl is retiring and is suggesting that Britny Chandler chair the Regional Oral Health Coalition. ***Linda Mann made a motion and Gary Lahman seconded the motion to approve Britny Chandler as the new Chairperson of the Regional Oral Health Coalition. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved.***

#### **Additional Business:**

Additional business was discussed.

- JoAnn Miller presented the OHSU Issue Brief produced with support of the Oregon Community Foundation, “Dental Care for Oregon’s Medicaid-Enrolled Children in 2018.”
  - a. Page 11 shows rates for dental measures in 2018, by county.
- Britny Chandler presented oral health data.
  - a. 2018 Oral Health Data – Looked at census data for 2018. Numbers are lower than reported in the past.
    - Benton County – 32.4%
    - Linn County – 45.5%
    - Lincoln County – 58.4%
  - b. 2019 information for the different facilities such as Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital Urgent Care Walk-in – Lebanon, Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center Emergency Department, Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital Walk-in, etc., was shared.
  - c. Information on breakdown of Payor Name with County of Primary Admit.
  - d. Information showing 2019 Gender and County of Primary Admit.
  - e. Information on 2019 showing Age Range and County of Primary Admit.
  - f. Information showing 2019 data showing Race and County of Primary Admit.
- OHA has information on the number of kids enrolled in a DCO for each county. ***JoAnn will look for this information and review with Britny Chandler.***
- The Samaritan mobile health van is visiting sites in Lincoln County.

#### **Planning for Next Meeting Agenda:**

- Final report

- Coalition success
- Review State of Oregon Strategic Plan around Oral Health
- Draft copy of Oral Health Data Report

**Meetings:**

The Regional Oral Health Coalition will meet with the Linn County Oral Health Coalition in May 2020; the Benton County Oral Health Coalition in August/September 2020; and the Lincoln County Oral Health Coalition in November 2020.

**Adjourn:**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted**

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