



**Coast to Cascades Community Wellness Network (CCCWN)
Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Coalition
Meeting Summary
Held virtually – Microsoft Teams
January 10, 2022
10:30 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.**

Participants: Shelagh Baird, Jennifer Beckner, Marty Cahill, Isabelle Cisco, Molly Gelinas, Wendy Hausotter, Joseph Hutchinson, Joanna Kubes, Latori Lager, Marie Laper, Ursula Marinelli, Liz Merritt, Jolynn Meza Wynkoop, JoAnn Miller, Ruby Moon, Rachel Petersen, Tanya Pritt, Jane Russell, Justin Thomas, and Shelley Hazelton

Welcome/Introductions:

Jennifer Beckner welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Meeting Minutes:

The December 16, 2021 meeting minutes of the Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Coalition was presented. **Wendy Hausotter made a motion and Jane Russell seconded the motion to approve the December 16, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved.**

Federal/State Grants Reports and Updates:

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Regional Assessment and Implementation Disaster (RAID) Plan Update:

Joanna Kubes reported on the RAID grant. The Work Plan Summary and Progress Updates was noted.

- We will be filing a No-Cost Extension that is due on January 14, 2022 that if approved will extend the grant for another 6 months.
- Another disaster preparedness drill will be scheduled in March/April 2022 with the hope to be in person with a virtual option. It will be recorded.
 - a. Will be reaching out to Pharmacy to see what Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) medication could be available on hand for emergencies in the Emergency Department (ED) and Urgent Care (UC).
 - b. Submitted the question to Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and waiting to see if possible to have MAT medications in ED/UC to be available for emergencies.
 - c. Printed versions of the Annex will be available.
- **Jennifer Beckner** – Lincoln County Health and Human Services will be applying for the next found of funding for Measure 110 for the Behavioral Health Resource Network and will add full-time person to do MAT and add RN Supervisor position. Received grant with mobile clinic.

Having conversations with MAT group to add MAT medications on mobile clinic. Benton County may also have a mobile van and we can have conversations as well around MAT medications.

HRSA Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) Implementation Grant – Bridges to Recovery Project Update for Lincoln County:

Shelagh Baird reported on the Bridges to Recovery Project. A written report was provided.

- Ruby Moon has hired for her vacant positions – Peer Recovery Mentor and the Harm Reduction Outreach specialist.
- The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians had their second annual Harm Reduction Conference that was held December 13-15, 2021. It was held virtually with over 300 attendees.
- There will be a meeting with Brink Communications on January 24, 2022 to discuss the Safe + Strong behavioral health medica campaign. The campaign will cover Benton, Lincoln, and Linn counties. There will be \$165,000 available for the campaign from the Bridges to Recovery Grant, Measure 110 grant, HRSA Rural Communities Opioid Response Program Implementation III Rural Communities Supporting Women and Youth Grant, and OHA.
- The Performance Improvement Measurement System (PIMS) report is due on March 31, 2022.
- The first Year 3 Progress Report will be due on March 31, 2022.
- **Jennifer Beckner** – Office Based Addiction Treatment (OBAT) Center – Signed up with Opioid Resource Network. Will have some training with staff on stigma reduction on January 25th. They will offer tech support.

HRSA Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) Implementation III Rural Communities Supporting Women and Youth (RC-SWAY) Grant:

Jolynn Meza Wynkoop reported on the RC-SWAY Grant. A written report with Work Plan Highlights was noted.

- With the regional media campaign many Coalition members may receive an invite to the kickoff meeting.
- The PIMS report is due March 31, 2022 and the Biannual Progress Report is due on March 31, 2022.
- Christine Felt began as the Peer Support Specialist in November. Amanda True began as the Family Tree Relief Nursery Peer Support Specialists in December. Octavia Chandler began in her role as the Family Tree Relief Nursery Peer Support Specialist Group Leader.
- Family Tree Relief Nursery met with the Maternity Care Coordinator for Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital and they also visited the Sweet Home Pregnancy Care Center and the family clinic to provide updated information on services.
- Jolynn Meza Wynkoop is in conversations with Family Tree Relief Nursery to see if they can take on peer support for youth.
- Some Naloxone has been purchased. *Jolynn Meza Wynkoop will be following up further on this with Jennifer Beckner.*

Samaritan Treatment and Recovery Services Update:

HRSA STARS Rural Health Opioid Program (RHOP) Update:

Molly Gelinis provided an update on the HRSA Rural Health Opioid Program serving Sweet Home and Brownsville. A written report was provided.

- All reports for the grant have been submitted.
- Will order additional Narcan in the future.
- This week the Peer Support Specialists are in training for the traditional health care worker.
- Peer Support – Working with 5 women and 9 men.
- Providing outreach work with additional individuals. Also, providing outreach with Community Court.
- Sweet Home Support Group – Census is low – Providing additional outreach.
- The biggest accomplishment for Year 3 – There are 10 X-waivered physicians for our tri-county region (Benton, Lincoln, and Linn).
- MAT – Coordinator came into position six months ago (not under grant) – Helps with communication between physician and individual that go to Hub to Spoke and back to Hub.
- Octavia Chandler left as the Peer Support Specialist and is working with the RC-SWAY grant.
- Peer Support Group for Peers – Will start meeting on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. and will meet at the STARS residential facility.

Jane Russell made a motion and Wendy Hausotter seconded the motion to approve the RAID Grant report, Bridges to Recovery Report, RC-SWAY Report, and the STARS Report as presented. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved.

Measure 110 Report:

JoAnn Miller and Jennifer Beckner provided a Measure 110 report.

- An additional week extension was provided for the submission of the Request for Grant Proposal for the next phase of funding for Measure 110 for the Behavioral Health Resource Network.
- Lincoln County Health and Human Services has submitted their application for funding.
- OHA's Oversight and Accountability Council will review the applications and make recommendations for funding with notification for funding in February. They did receive many applications and they have a limited number of reviewers that are reviewing the submitted applications.
- The question has been raised on how committee members can remain partial when reviewing some application or if applying for funding and may be reviewing their own or may have inside knowledge about certain organizations. Some members may not be knowledgeable in certain fields and may have bias against certain applicants due to previous experiences or have competing clients with partner organizations. Other members have brought this up and have expressed concerns. Council members may also not be trained in reviewing applications.
- **JoAnn Miller** – Does have concerns with Council members that may have inside knowledge of things and may express their bias and people not trained to review applications. Steve Allen was not at the meeting were there was discussion of this.

If comments are made at a meeting, needs to be brought to the attention of others. Need to be clear and non-judgmental. People are also not understanding Public Meetings Law and requiring meetings at which decision about the public's business is made be open to the public and the public has reasonable notice of the time, place, and agenda.

- **Jennifer Beckner** – Has met with Jayne Romero and will be drafting a letter to OHA on concerns with the process and not being able to apply as a region. We have strong partnerships in our region and work well as a Network.
- Out of the 9 Oregon Tribes, only 2 Tribes applied. Someone applied on behalf of a Tribe without getting permission. Jennifer Beckner did note that they included the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians as providing services when submitting their application. She did ask for permission prior to inclusion.
- OHA will release funding soon for planning grants to help pay for brick and mortar. Samaritan Health Services (SHS) will take a regional approach and Sheryl Fisher will take the lead.
- The Oversight and Accountability Council will start reviewing applications on Friday.
- At a recent meeting of the Oversight and Accountability Council, it was voted on and agreed to extend Access to Care Grant funding until June 30, 2022.
- **Jennifer Beckner** – The Oversight and Accountability Council have strong opinions on not funding mental health agencies. State law pre-exempts the Oversight and Accountability Council We are required to have mental health agencies. OHA will refer to Legal Counsel.
- **Jennifer Beckner** – Her concerns include the possible bias of Council members and not funding county mental health agencies.
- **JoAnn Miller** – Also has concerns with the lack of experience of OHA/Council members and not understand Public Meetings Law. Yes, Council members may have lived experience, but there also needs to be additional experience with application review. Members of the Oversight and Accountability Council may be applying for funding and reviewing their own application. OHA received 400+ applications and have 8 teams of 3 people reviewing the applications.
- Benton County is requesting \$7,000,000 in funding with Corvallis Drop-In Center is asking \$2,000,000 to help with a new building,
- **Marie Laper** – Would it be beneficial to submit a letter on behalf of our Coalition noting our concerns.
 - a. **Jennifer Beckner** – Will be submitting a letter with concerns. There is the concern as mentioned previously about not funding local mental health agencies.
 - b. **JoAnn Miller** – Waiting to hear back from Bill Bouska, Government Relations Director, Samaritan Health Services.

Thinks a letter needs to go to Steve Allen at OHA. There is concern with the application. The measurement tool to rate doesn't match the application. Need some type of statement that we can take forward.

Jennifer Beckner - Looking at tracking overdoses and how to formalize. Jennifer Beckner noted she approached Rachel Petersen and had a conversation with Amanda Couch from the Medical Examiner's Office at OHA. It has been hard to track overdoses in the region because some individuals are being revived in the field. The PDO Coordinator brought concerns to the State Office of Injury and Prevention.

There is no formalized Medical Examiner group in Oregon. Getting OD maps in place to track. *It was requested that overdose data tracking be discussed further at the February meeting.*

Jane Russell made a motion and Wendy Hausotter seconded the motion to approve the Measure 110 report as presented. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved.

SUD/OD Conference:

Jolynn Meza Wynkoop gave a report on a 2022 SUD/OD conference.

- The conference is scheduled March 11, 2022 and will be held at the Boulder Falls Conference Center in Lebanon. The hope is that it will be a hybrid type conference, with in-person and virtual.
- The conference will start at 9:00 a.m. (check in at 8:30 a.m.) and end at 3:00 p.m.
- The keynote speaker will be Dr. Haner Hernandez.
- There will be four panel sessions around maternal and child health/parenting education, substance use disorder (SUD)/opioid use disorder (OUD) disaster preparedness, workforce barriers and expungement, and decriminalization-international models/ successes/ challenges.
- There will be a planning meeting scheduled for tomorrow.
- *Jolynn Meza Wynkoop noted that she would be sending out a “Save the Date” announcement.*

Additional Business:

Additional business was noted.

- A federal application has been received to provide funding for workforce development. *Wendy Hausotter may pull together another meeting of the Behavioral Health Workforce Workgroup to further discuss.* The State of Oregon also came out with a workforce grant.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for February 14, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.

Adjourn:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Hazelton
Community Health Promotion