



**Coast to Cascades Community Wellness Network (CCCWN)
Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Coalition
Meeting Summary
Held virtually – Microsoft Teams
October 19, 2021
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

Participants: Shelagh Baird, Kami Beard, Jennifer Beckner, Faith Brandenberger, Marty Cahill, Stephanie Cameron, Molly Gelinis, Wendy Hausotter, Joseph Hutchinson, Joanna Kubes, Michelle LaMore, Ursula Marinelli, Jolynn Meza Wynkoop, JoAnn Miller, Jane Russell, Mara Sargent, Natalie Schaefer, Lieutenant Adam Shanks, Renee Smith, Blue Valentine, Jennifer Will, and Shelley Hazelton

Welcome/Introductions:

JoAnn Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting and led introductions.

We have combined our CCCWN Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Advisory/Subcommittees from Linn County and Lincoln County, our Regional Assessment and Implementation Disaster (RAID) Plan Subcommittee, and our Regional Measure 110 Committee into one committee known as the Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Coalition.

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 report was noted.

- The RAID grant is a planning grant through HRSA.
- The overarching goal of the grant is to strengthen and expand the capacity of our rural communities to provide opioid use disorder (OUD) and substance use disorder (SUD) prevention, treatment, and recovery services during disaster, crisis, or pandemic events.
- The initial Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed and submitted to the HRSA by September 1, 2021. The document was approved by HRSA.
- The Performance Improvement Measurement System (PIMS) report was submitted to HRSA by September 30, 2021.
- Working on the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) Annex, which is an emergency plan wrapped into a larger plan that details what to do in an emergency to address and help those with SUD/OUD. The EOP Annex is in “draft” form and a final version is due to HRSA by February 2022.

- We are beginning to plan for the disaster preparedness tabletop drill. There will be two drills with one being held in early December 2021 and another drill in March 2022. We are encouraging people to take the FEMA ICS 100 course before the tabletop events.

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. The RCORP Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) September 2021 – Request for Information; the Lincoln County Bridges to Recovery Project Work Plan; the Data Excel Spreadsheet (contains information on the CCCWN Consortium, SUD funding among grantees, and staffing updates); the RCORP Implementation PIMS Report (for information from March 1, 2021 through August 31, 2021); and the RCORP Sustainability Cohort 1 Deliverable were noted.

- The overarching goal of the grant is to reduce morbidity and mortality of substance use disorder including opioid use disorder in Lincoln County.
- The Project Coordinator, Jolynn Meza Wynkoop, has left the position and taken a position on another grant. We will be interviewing candidates to fill this position.
- The RCORP Implementation PIMS Report and the RCORP Sustainability Cohort 1 Deliverable have been submitted to HRSA by September 30, 2021.
- The Quarterly Progress Report has changed from quarterly submission to biannual.
- We will be developing and rolling out a media campaign to promote awareness of the grant and reduce stigma. We will be looking at a more regional approach for the media campaign around stigma reduction. We are working with Brink Communication.

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. The Progress Update and Work Plan Highlights were noted.

- Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital received a grant from HRSA for \$1,000,000 to implement the Rural Communities Supporting Women and Youth (RC-SWAY) project to reduce morbidity and mortality related to substance use disorder and opioid use disorder in rural Linn County.
- The grant is a 3-year grant that began on September 1, 2021 and funding will last until August 31, 2024.
- Partners on the project include Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital and Clinics, Communities Helping Addicts Negotiate Change Effectively (C.H.A.N.C.E.), Samaritan Treatment and Recovery Services (STARS), Family Tree Relief Nursery, Linn County Health Department Alcohol and Drug Program, and Community Health Centers of Benton and Linn Counties.
- Will work with Brink Communications with the hope to take a regional approach for the media campaign.
- The first PIMS report is due to HRSA on March 31, 2022.
- The first Sustainability Plan – Part 1 is due to HRSA on September 30, 2022.
- Quarterly Progress Reports have transitioned to Biannual Progress Reports and the first one is due March 31, 2022.

Samaritan Treatment and Recovery Services Grants Update:

Molly Gelinis gave a STARS Grants update.

STARS Outreach Emergency Department (ED) Grant:

The STARS Outreach ED Peer Support report was noted.

- The STARS ED Outreach Grant is ending. Working towards a completion date of October 31, 2021, however, the work will continue to be implemented through the hospital system as well as the community.
- All deliverables were met on the grant. Will attend a conference at the end of this week to meet that deliverable. The final closeout report is due 90 days after the No Cost Extension.
- There were 1,261 boxes of Narcan distributed in Year 3 of the grant.

STARS Rural Health Opioid Program:

The STARS Rural Health Opioid Program report serving Sweet Home and Brownsville Report; Year 3 Evaluation Report (September 30, 2020 through September 29, 2021); and the Federal Office of Rural Health Policy: Rural Health Opioid Program Community-Based Division Grant Programs PIMS Data Base report were noted.

- Molly Gelinis noted that she has been covering both the STARS Outreach ED Grant and the STARS Rural Health Opioid Program Grant and will be transitioning full time to the STARS Rural Health Opioid Program Grant at the end of October.
- The STARS Rural Grant serves Brownsville and Sweet Home. The grant is in its No Cost Extension period running from September 30, 2021 through September 29, 2022.
- The Year 3 PIMS report is due on October 29, 2021.
- Starting to draft up the Self-Assessment report. It won't be due, however, until after the No Cost Extension ends.
- We continue with efforts around bolstering the hub and spoke model while increasing the number of X-Waivered providers.
- There were 765 patients screened in Sweet Home and Brownsville between April 1, 2021 and June 30, 2021 with SBIRT. There were 18 individuals screened by the STARS Outreach staff with 14 screened positive for SUD/ODU.
- Sweet Home has 14 patients receiving Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) services while Brownsville has 5 MAT patients.
- Continuing to contract with Family Tree Relief Nursery for Peer Support Specialists. Family Tree Relief Nursery has been great to work with and very organized and professional. Josh Pankau, Peer Support Specialist, has been a huge part of building up the community.

Questions were asked around the STARS residential facility.

- It was noted that Kelley Story is hoping by the middle of November or first part of December that the residential facility will be back open and operating once again.
- The Operations Director of STARS gave notice and will be leaving.
- Marty Cahill noted there has been a lack of staffing for the facility. The goal is to have the facility open again no later than December.

Measure 110 Update:

JoAnn Miller and Jennifer Beckner provided a Measure 110 update.

- We received the contract for funding from the State – Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The contract is being reviewed and will be signed soon.
- Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital (SLCH) applied on behalf of a network of ten community-based nonprofit and governmental organizations working together to support individuals with substance use disorder in Linn, Benton, and Lincoln counties. The network organizations target adults, youth and families who are uninsured, underinsured, low-income, unhoused, racially and ethnically diverse, LGBTQIA+, pregnant, and veterans across the tri-county region.
- The project will increase access to SUD treatment services, increase access to peer support, mentoring and recovery services, increase access to housing, and increase access to harm reduction intervention in Benton, Lincoln, and Linn Counties and target marginalized and underrepresented populations in these counties.
 - a. Low barrier housing will be offered through motel vouchers.
 - b. We will work closely with the Lincoln County Sheriff's office.
 - c. Staff with Lincoln County Health and Human Services will provide Narcan.
 - d. Community Services Consortium will offer rental assistance services to those that struggle with SUD.
- As part of the Measure, counties will be required to have a Behavioral Health Resource Network for each county.

Joseph Hutchinson made a motion and Renee Smith seconded to accept the HRSA RAID Grant report, HRSA RCORP Implementation Grant – Bridges to Recovery Report, HRSA RC-SWAY Grant Report, STARS Grants reports, and the Measure 110 report along with all the accompanying reports noted with the grant reports updates. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved.

Challenges/Roadblocks to Local Services:

Challenges and roadblocks to local services were discussed.

- **JoAnn Miller** – As we move forward with Measure 110 we will need to look at how we will move forward with the Behavioral Health Resource Networks. Also, with the next round of funding will we apply on our own or what will this look like with partners?
- **Faith Brandenberger** – ReConnections Counseling does an assessment. Working on being able to bill with Peer Support Specialists and Certified Traditional Health Workers. Other agencies are doing without hurdles. Would like some input on billing without an assessment and treatment plan.
 - a. **Renee Smith** – An alternate method is to bill with IHN. Billing for Traditional Health Workers without going through the treatment process is not easy to do. Would suggest following up with IHN. They are paid a certain amount per member per month. Is happy to help in any way she can.
 - b. **Jennifer Beckner** – The County posts positions for Traditional Health Workers and don't require an assessment through the Federally Qualified Health Clinic – Can check if they do something different.

- **Blue Valentine** – Discussed Measure 110 and the Behavioral Health Resource Networks in further detail.
 - a. A lot is happening with the Oversight and Accountability Council overseeing Measure 110.
 - Tomorrow they will look at the next round of funding and Request for Grant Proposal for the Behavioral Health Resource Networks. Applications will be due on November 15, 2021 and Blue Valentine noted that she doesn't think it will be pushed out further.
 - Had to vote to dedicate the rest of the funds to build the Behavioral Health Resource Networks so there may *not* be anymore Access to Care funds.
 - There is no decision yet on organizations that are currently receiving funding and if they will get funding forward. OHA is encouraging everyone to apply with this next round of funding.
 - Each individual organization will be given money. You can apply together as a group, but each organization in that group will need a separate budget.
 - Not sure if funding will be for 1 or 2 years – Most likely will decide on this tomorrow.
 - b. **Jennifer Beckner** – What dates are we talking about – one year or biannual? If we apply will it be a dedicated stream to continue for the Behavioral Health Resource Network and will it be competitive?
 - **Blue Valentine** - The Oversight and Accountability Council didn't feel like they wanted to renew without checks and balances. Not fully created yet. They want to see if organizations that receive funding will do what they said they will do. The intention is that they would still need to reapply for funding, but they would have a good chance of getting funding if they are doing what they said they would do. There is a component of what data will be collected. Will look at ways to analyze the program and how data is collected and reported back to OHA.
 - c. **Stephanie Cameron** – Who is referring individuals cited to the program? As the Program Manager can connect with local law enforcement agencies in the county. Do have good partnerships and networking. Wasn't clear if had to step back or if can lean on local law enforcement.
 - **Blue Valentine** – Lines for Life currently is the call center/phone line for the State of Oregon with Measure 110. The contract may be competitive and eventually may include more than one.
 - Some law enforcement agencies are not giving out information on the hotline. People can self-refer. We are advertising for anyone that needs services. Not seeing a lot of individuals getting citations.
 - There is no wrong pathway to access services. We need to get people in the program anyway we can. Those individuals without a citation can also access services.
 - d. **Jennifer Beckner** – Attended a meeting last week, where they talked about the lack of calls (3 lately) to the hotline. Will the Behavioral Health Resource Network be responsible to educate and outreach? A lot of partner agencies may need some education.

- **Blue Valentine** – There have been more than 3 calls. Has updated numbers and can share out if requested. They are still in the lower numbers. We still need to work with law enforcement to get out brochures. All law enforcement agencies have been sent information, but it is not always getting out to the people in the communities. It was opened as a line for anyone who wants referral for services. We want to make sure the number is out there for anyone that needs it. Can connect with the person and provide peer services and get individuals into treatment.
- e. **JoAnn Miller** – Will funding be set aside for the Tribes and rural and frontier counties? Is there an amount and how does the Oversight and Accountability Council define rural and frontier counties?
 - **Blue Valentine** – Not yet defined or have a specific amount set aside. The Oversight and Accountability Council have agreed to at least 4% set aside for Tribal programs. The Tribes can also apply for larger amounts.
 - **JoAnn Miller** – Are you not using the State definition for rural and frontier counties?
 - **Blue Valentine** – Not sure and they have not agreed on this. Sometimes with Measure 110 can write and do different rules/guidelines
 - **JoAnn Miller** – Sometimes it is a challenge writing rules that are non-traditional and how can they define something that is different than what the feds/state defines? This is a concern.
 - **Blue Valentine** – Benton County has some rural while Corvallis is not rural. May look at taking the county that is mostly rural and designating the whole county as rural. Not sure on this. Might be anyone within the county that is mostly rural.
 - **JoAnn Miller** - Every county in Oregon has areas that are designated rural and if not why wouldn't they go by the definition as rural based on the population and location. East Linn County, Alsea, and some of Benton County is rural. The Oversight and Accountability Council may want to consider rural vs. metro.
 - **Blue Valentine** – Hope to follow what has been created. Funding is per county. Not sure how they will completely do this. This hasn't been voted on yet. Agrees should be what has already been established. Can provide updates after tomorrow's meeting.
- f. **JoAnn Miller** – There are questions around behavioral health planning. Funding was around treatment and housing; how will this interact with future bricks and mortar for facilities?
- g. **Jennifer Beckner** – No input into the planning grant – Didn't apply as individual. Not sure how things will work. Will the 988 line be tied in? Also, has a lot of questions on behavioral health planning.
- h. **Renee Smith** – Anyone can build a treatment facility. Have a relief nursery in a building that needs more space. If we are part of the Measure 110 with a regional grant receiving funding, should Family Tree Relief Nursery apply separately with the new round of funding?

- **Blue Valentine** – You can apply together regionally or as a separate organization. *If you apply together, you will need a separate budget. Funding will be distributed to each organization.*
- i. **JoAnn Miller** – Is there a strong sentiment to apply as a region for funding? Samaritan Health Services has been the fiscal agent in the past, but they don't have to be if applying together regionally.
 - Lincoln County Health and Human Services will be applying on their own.
 - **Renee Smith** – Family Tree Relief Nursery – As a smaller organization, can provide one piece, but they would need referrals on other services. They are going to have to be creative on the referral and meaningful impact and have services known by people so they have easy access.
- j. **JoAnn Miller** – Would recommend that when OHA puts out the grant proposal that the questions meet the criteria of the applying being judged on.
- k. **Jennifer Beckner** – Will they contract with every entity that makes up the Behavioral Health Resource Network? If funding each partner separately, can't imagine that OHA would want to do that much surveillance. Does that mean if funded separately everyone would need to turn in reports to OHA?
 - **Blue Valentine** – Yes, they would need to report individually what their organization does. A lot of smaller organizations at times are excluded from funding or the organization that holds the funds doesn't distribute to smaller organization. OHA will hire staff to monitor. OHA has hired at least 4 full time people with Measure 110.
- l. Does OHA have the capacity? It took a few months to get the contract out. It's easier with program outcomes to have a quicker turnaround.
- m. **Blue Valentine** – Was on the committee that reviewed the previous applications. She spent about 15 hours going over the applications. In the upcoming applications, there will be a word limit.
- n. **Renee Smith** - What is the timeline for the release of the application?
 - **Blue Valentine** - The Oversight and Accountability Council will decide on the application tomorrow. The hope is that it will be released this week. The deadline for the applications is November 15, 2021. The goal is to have the funds out no later than January 1, 2022. There will be a technical assistance person at OHA that can help with filling out the grant application for smaller organizations.
- o. **Renee Smith** – Will it be posted through the state system for posting the Request for Proposal?
 - **Blue Valentine** – Everyone on the Oversight and Accountability Council gets sent the application. *Can send a copy to JoAnn Miller and she can send out to those interested.*
- **JoAnn Miller** – There is genuine desire for a treatment facility in Lincoln County.
 - a. **Ursula Marinelli** – Have started meetings internally. Now in the planning/exploration stage. Exploring and looking at replicating what is in Lebanon.
 - b. **JoAnn Miller** – One conversation as we prepare for the planning grant is focus groups and input from the community on the best location. *Sheryl Fisher will work with Brandan Kearney, Consultant, to facilitate discussion on this.*

- c. **JoAnn Miller** – Attends the Equity and Inclusion meeting at the state level and OHA gave a presentation related to building these types of facilities. *JoAnn Miller noted she will forward information to Ursula Marinelli.*
- d. **Ursula Marinelli** – Her and Natalie Schaefer have talked and reached out to those interested to be part of the conversation. We now have a Project Manager. The property we have is too small. Will need to look at other options.
- **Adams Shanks** – Spoke about citations and offenses related to Measure 110 and procedural and case law that has changed.
 - a. A difficult component is how it has affected procedure for search and seizure. Criminal vs. violated gives more searches.
 - b. At traffic stop for example – What is the authority to search a vehicle?
 - c. Possible methamphetamine was a crime and now it is a certain amount, which takes a different road related to search and seizure.
 - d. Law enforcement doesn't have the same authority they used to have. Same with contacts on the street.
 - e. Assumes that drug cases are down. Can do more research and compare with the Sheriff's statistics.
- Will keep citation/referrals in the region as a standing meeting agenda item. *JoAnn Miller will have Shelley Hazelton email out the latest Measure 110 Class E Violations information.*

Adjourn:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

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