



**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
August 15, 2023
2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.**

Attendance: JoAnn Miller, Bryan Decker, Karen Hall, Linda Mann, Carrie McHill, Molly Perino, Savanna Sam, Mary Ann Wren, and Shelley Hazelton

Guest: Brandan Kearney

Welcome:

JoAnn Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted we are still looking for someone to Chair this Coalition.

Meeting Minutes:

The June 20, 2023, 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 June 20, 2023, 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.**

Update – Communities Helping Addicts Negotiate Change Effectively (C.H.A.N.C.E.) Dental Clinic:

Bryan Decker provided a C.H.A.N.C.E. dental clinic update.

- Space has been filled for Mondays for patients.
- Will dial back the schedule as school starts and work with a dentist once a month.
- **JoAnn Miller** – Took a tour and was impressed with services and the respectful services provided to clients – Those that experience substance use disorder (SUD) and the homeless. It was so welcoming and clean. Clients are receiving the same quality of care as everyone. The showers and kitchen are amazing. Everyone from the reception desks forward makes the place feel like services are non-stigmatized. Hoping we can get retired dentists to participate that have kept up their license.

- **JoAnn Miller** – We would like to support the C.H.A.N.C.E. dental clinic in the amount of \$25,000 through Social Accountability funding. Marty Cahill, CEO, Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital (SLCH), and Daniel Keteri, CEO, Samaritan Albany General Hospital (SAG), have agreed.
 - a. We have been giving Benton County Oral Health Coalition through the Community Health Centers of Benton/Linn Counties, Love, INC., and Strengthening Rural Families \$25,000 each year to help with uninsured/low-income patients for dental vouchers, oral health kits/supplies, education dental vans, and appointment cost coverage for removable prosthetics for exceptional need patients.
 - b. We had also previously given the River Center \$10,000 and more for the adult dental emergency voucher program. Patients were seen by a certified dental assistant and scheduled for an appointment with local dentists that were part of the program or scheduled to be seen on a mobile dental van.
- **JoAnn Miller** – We would like to put together a proposal to support C.H.A.N.C.E. and look at including dental vouchers if possible. Social Accountability funding would go through December 31, 2023, then additional funding would be allocated for year 2 depending on Samaritan Health Services (SHS) financial status. We are currently in a 3-year funding cycle with our Social Accountability funding.
- **Molly Perino** – So far, everyone that has been seen at the C.H.A.N.C.E. location has had the Oregon Health Plan, except one who then got signed up. We may want to scale back on dental vouchers.
 - a. Jen Hanson reported that Love, INC. is going well.
- **JoAnn Miller** – Has made several attempts to email and contact Dennis Stoneman at the River Center and has not heard from him. We have not been invoiced for vouchers and was told not getting patients.
 - a. **Molly Perino** – Was told by Dennis Stoneman that SHS is no longer funding the adult dental emergency voucher program through the River Center. Seeing patients on a sliding scale. A dentist is coming once a week.
 - b. **JoAnn Miller** – Spoke to Accounting and will put back the \$10,000 into the Social Accountability funding bucket.
- **Linda Mann** – Carrie McHill has expressed her wishes to have a dental voucher program. Is there another fiscal agent to take over the program?
 - a. **JoAnn Miller** – Had assumed the program was still going out of the River Center. Would need to find a fiscal agent or discuss Capitol Dental Care billing Samaritan Health Services if seeing patients and paying through an invoice.
 - b. **Molly Perino** – We could approach Michael Couch with Crossroads.
 - c. **JoAnn Miller** – At the coast, the dentist takes the referral and invoice directly and we pay directly. We can look at setting up with Accounting if someone at C.H.A.N.C.E. needed a dental voucher that the dentist invoice us directly. Would need a W-9 from the dentist.
 - d. Can Capital Dental Care see patients on a dental van?

- **JoAnn Miller** – *Will further discuss with Linda Mann and Marty Cahill and whether it makes sense to send an invoice. Can set up like coast voucher program and have a Memorandum of Understanding.*
- **Linda Mann** – Carrie McHill is seeing uninsured patients at Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital.
- **Linda Mann** – Dawn Johnson is now a Dental Therapist and no longer working at Sweet Home Family Medicine. She has transferred to the Capitol Dental Care office in Lebanon. They have hired an Expanded Practice Dental Hygienist for the Sweet Home office that will start the week after next. With moving to the new building and dental not moving, does have concern with maintaining the same schedule with medical not in the building.
- **JoAnn Miller** – The new Sweet Home Family Medicine Clinic will not be on the main street like the current location. Might do better not moving. Will patients come to the dental van?
 - a. **Linda Man** – “Yes,” they will come to the dental van. They are also starting to gear up to bring the dental van to Samaritan Treatment and Recovery Services (STARS) in Lebanon.
- **JoAnn Miller** – STARS – Thought Behavioral Health Resource Network should cover if not Oregon Health Plan patients.
 - a. **Bryan Decker** – Thinks so. Can serve Behavioral Health Resource Network patients and others.
 - b. **JoAnn Miller** – A good portion of STARS patients are Oregon Health Plan patients and some do not know that they have dental coverage.
- **Linda Mann** – The dental van will be at STARS once a month and in Sweet Home weekly.
- **JoAnn Miller** – Will the EPDH see uninsured and will they need vouchers?
 - a. **Linda Mann** – “Yes.”
- **JoAnn Miller** – It was approved for the increase in the reimbursement amount for the dental voucher to \$300 for Lincoln County with the Oral Health Grant – Co-location Project. How many patients per month would we anticipate would be uninsured and what are we thinking for a dental voucher program?
 - a. **Molly Perino** – There is approximately 30% of their patient base that is uninsured and do not qualify for the Oregon Health Plan. Maybe half ask for resources.
 - b. **Linda Mann** – Would need to check further with Carrie McHill for SLCH.
 - c. **JoAnn Miller** – Marty Cahill is aware and it was approved by the Coast to Cascades Community Wellness Network (CCCWN) Steering Committee on the increase in dental voucher reimbursement for Lincoln County.
 - d. **Molly Perino** – 10 patients a month would be a good estimate – Self-pay could use extra support as well. They cannot accept a flat rate because they offer a sliding scale.
 - e. **Linda Mann** – Would guess similar numbers as well.

- f. **JoAnn Miller** – We would look at considering 20 patients a month (10 Capitol Dental Care and 10 Community Health Centers of Benton/Linn Counties) at \$300 per patient for a total of \$6,000 a month for dental vouchers. That would be \$24,000 through the end of the year. Marty Cahill would have to request additional funding for next year. For a year it would be \$72,000. It was agreed that this was not feasible. *It was recommended that we ask for 5 dental vouchers for Capitol Dental Care and 5 dental vouchers for Benton County – Community Health Centers of Benton/Linn Counties for a total of no more than 10 dental vouchers per month at \$300 a dental voucher, which would be \$12,000 for 4 months (September 2023-December 2023). In 2024, the request would be for a year – 10 dental vouchers a month at \$300 per dental voucher for a total of \$36,000 for the year. JoAnn Miller will follow up with Marty Cahill and Daniel Keteri.*
- **JoAnn Miller** – Marty Cahill and Dr. Lesley Ogden have made oral health a priority and are strong advocates to this project.

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program Oral Health Grant - Co-location Project Update:

Linda Mann provided an update on the Oral Health Grant – Co-location Project in Lincoln County placing an Expanded Practice Dental Hygienist (EPDH) in Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital (SNLH) and Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital (SPCH). Savanna Sam is doing a fantastic job and has been very well received by staff at both coastal locations.

Strategic Plan for Oral Health in Benton, Lincoln, and Linn Counties Update:

Brandan Kearney led discussions around the Strategic Plan for Oral Health in Benton, Lincoln, & Linn Counties – 2023 Progress Report and Update.

- We have been continuing to update the plan.
- Page 5 – Added co-location information from Paulina Kaiser and Shelagh Baird – EPDH encounters at SNLH and SPCH by month, November 2021 – July 15, 2023. Also – Identified barriers to accessing dental care for SNLH and SPCH dental patients, as documented via custom Smart Text, April 2022 – July 15, 2023.
 - a. **Molly Perino** – Is surprised the cost is not higher for identified barriers.
 - b. **JoAnn Miller** – If no cost – Not barrier – Based on program cost.
 - c. **Brandan Kearney** – When talk to people in administration, cost is important. Identified barriers included: cost, scheduling/availability of appointments, dental care is low priority, fear/bad experiences, transportation, other barrier, unknown barrier.
 - d. As noted the EPDH encounters were listed above the identified barriers chart.
 - e. **JoAnn Miller** – When you look on the dotted line on the chart – EPDH encounters at SNLH and SPCH by month, November 2021 – July 15, 2023 – It shows dotted line projecting down – This is due to not having the numbers past July 15, 2023, to include in the report.

- Page 6 – Regional Stakeholder Recommendations, 2023 – Did we capture all of these?
 - a. **Molly Perino** – This is a big “To do list.”
 - b. **Brandan Kearney** – We can consolidate and provide a more concise list.
 - c. **JoAnn Miller** – The parent education piece and collaboration with the schools and volunteers to help coordinate – Can we take that piece out. A lot of information is provided at offices. They go to dental offices to get parent education.
 - d. **Brandan Kearney** – School-based health centers, Boys & Girls Clubs, WIC – Overlap education and parent caregivers. We could consolidate into more clear information. Are we providing materials or identifying training programs? Some of this carries over from the last plan.
 - e. **Molly Perino** – Better parent education and educate high-risk parents, caregivers, children, and CSOs – Can we define more? Will be part of curriculum now, but not sure how they will roll out.
 - f. **Brandan Kearney** – Can define better with educating high risk parents and school providing more oral health prevention education in curriculum.
 - g. **Linda Mann** – Has suggested mandatory curriculum. Bright Smiles, Bright Future is in collaboration with ODE to develop curriculum.
 - h. **Molly Perino** – *Will work with Linda Mann to write up information related to this bullet point around curriculum.*
- **JoAnn Miller** – See Strategic Plan through Vision – When done what does it do? Do we look at it to see where we are? When we meet do we want to look at this as something we “hang our hat on?” What other things strategically do we want to sustain and expand – Such as the EPDH in each hospital as a co-location project. Those things we do as a Coalition. This in progress or how we look like a global plan and implement in the community to improve oral health.
- Page 7 – Infrastructure and Outcome Measures Since 2015. Show things completed, in process and doable.
- **Linda Mann** – Last week had meeting and there was a speaker from the Texas Oral Health Coalition, Katharine Martinez, RHD, MPH, from Phenix Children’s Hospital and they were funded by a grant from Delta Dental. They have proven cost savings in the hospital. Now the hospital covers 50% of their salary. It would be great to invite her to come to a gathering and speak. This is a good strategy if we want an EPDH in all our hospitals.
- **JoAnn Miller** – Can provide outreach to Lincoln County and target areas and also look at having speakers to come and present.
 - a. The 2022 oral health report in the Emergency Departments – Still needs improvements. What are strategies that are working that we can include as part of the Strategic Plan? We host an annual summit. Can include the importance of oral health. Also, in the clinic base and how to look at non-rural clinics. There is a lot of stuff in the Strategic Plan. We want actual actionable actions in our plan.
- **Brandan Kearney** – Likes the Regional Stakeholder recommendation as part of regional outcome measures – Continue educating elected officials and the general public on water fluoridation.

Develop strong relations with legislators, especially those who are newly elected. Connect them with a designated fluoridation expert who can serve as a government liaison and counter the messaging of anti-fluoride activists. Could reword – Current and incoming legislators are connected with a fluoridation expert who can serve as a government liaison and counter the messaging of anti-fluoride activists.

- **JoAnn Miller** – We need to put in a timeline.
- **Brandan Kearney** – Can email out a list of possible regional outcome measures and members can provide any edits, concerns, or feedback and any thoughts on a realistic target date for the activities.
- **Brandan Kearney** – Britny Chandler has outcome data for the diabetes pilot from 2017 do we want to include?
 - a. **Molly Perino** – We could list something brief, especially as we integrate diabetes testing in the dental office setting.
- Page 12 – third paragraph – Will need to change dental voucher information with the River Center and adding SHS and dental voucher program for the uninsured in Lebanon to include the dental vouchers with Capitol Dental Care and Benton County Health – Community Health Centers of Benton/Linn County.
- Page 18 - Britny Chandler also has Oregon Health Authority CCO stats.
- **Karen Hall:**
 - a. Throughout the document, you refer to Capitol Dental Care inconsistently – Capitol Dental and Capitol. It should be the same throughout – Capitol Dental Care.
 - b. Page 8, paragraph 1 – IHN-CCO funding does not currently fund the co-location in Lebanon.
 - c. Page 8, paragraph 3 – Refer to the program – Which program?
 - d. The voucher program through the hospital HRSA grant has a voucher program and I am not seeing it listed.
 - e. Page 13, paragraph 5 – Should be present tense.
 - f. Did we have CSO spelled out earlier?
- Page 18 - Status from the Oregon Smiles Survey, 2023 – Rely on some material as a baseline.
 - a. **Karen Hall** – The Smile Survey is being done this year. It takes about a year to get the data.
 - b. **Molly Perino** – This past school year had trouble getting school to reengage in the Smiles Survey. Do not think there is enough data.? Someone was hired, but do not think there is enough engagement in the schools.
- Page 18 – Priority Area 2: Prevention and Systems of Care – Do we close children 6 to 9 with decay experience – Do we close and do a new baseline? Have not seen a lot of Oregon Health Authority county specific data.
 - a. **Molly Perino** – CCO – Restorative code only capture Oregon Health Plan Medicaid. Thinks most are broader. Do we limit – Oregon Health Plan kids in our region?
 - b. **Karen Hall** – Is there a reason we do not have data on 0–5-year-olds? Would the CCOs have that data?

- **Karen Hall** – Heard from Oregon Health Authority and the Smile and Healthy growth screening will be finished this school year.
- **Brandan Kearney** – Is the trend favorable for 8th graders and 11th graders. Most has gone in the right direction over the years from the Oregon Health Teens Survey.
- **Mary Wren** – Oregon Smile Survey – Data is being delayed until first quarter 2024.
- **Brandan Kearney** – Do we wait until data comes out to add?
 - a. **Molly Perino** – We could include all children and look at the big picture and look at data locally and IHN reporting and only give that part.
 - b. **Brandan Kearney** – We could leave the Oregon Smile Survey and IHN indicator when things come out.
 - c. **Molly Perino** – Interested in all the information, but what will we do with it?
- **Brandan Kearney** - Page 18 – Priority Area 2: Prevention and Systems of Care – Maintain or expand community access to optimally fluoridated water – Does this need to be listed?
- Do we have Children 0-5 on OHP/Medicaid with dental visit in the last year information? Can we get this information from the CCO for all the Dental Care Organizations? Could add line with kids decay as well.
 - a. **Brandan Kearney** – Would imagine with IHN it has been difficult to settle outcome measures of this type?
 - b. **Karen Hall** – Metrics increase percentage of members seen in that population.
 - c. **Brandan Kearney** – We could see if Britny Chandler has this information.
- **Carrie McHill** – Says on last page – Extended Practice Dental Hygienist – Should we change this to say – Expanded Practice Dental Hygienist.
- **JoAnn Miller** – Do we want to include Emergency Department (ED) data for each of our five Samaritan Health Services hospitals as one of the data points?
 - a. **Brandan Kearney** – Will this be affected by something we are trying to do?
 - b. **Molly Perino** – Vouchers – Linn County – Look hospital data for Linn County and separate by traumatic even or non-traumatic – Can we separate this out?
 - c. **JoAnn Miller** – “Yes,” we could ask if they can provide non-traumatic vs. traumatic data for dental visits. Can ask from this point forward for non-traumatic and traumatic data points.
 - d. **Brandan Kearney** – Though tracking non-traumatic dental pain – breaking down – how differential decline – ED/UC utilization for non-traumatic dental pain. Maybe in 2015 getting from different source and was non-traumatic.
 - e. **JoAnn Miller** – We were receiving everything a person shows up in the Emergency Department for – Any ED visits during the year. Are there different campaigns we can do, such as wearing mouth guards, and others?
 - f. **Karen Hall** – Broken needs to be fixed – Not put broken to indicate traumatic – Non-differentiate that.

- g. **Savanna Sam** – Diagnoses can be incorrect – Cavity, broken tooth, abscess, or infection – Click Smart phases – Dental experience.
- h. **Karen Hall** – They are not always doing a diagnosis the way a dental person does a diagnosis.
- i. **Karen Hall** – Should say, “ED/UC Utilizations for dental.”
- j. **JoAnn Miller** – Will just continue with the reports that she has been getting.
- **JoAnn Miller** – Do we need the last section that has the survey?
 - a. Brandan Kearney – We have included the information because we did not do a new survey this year.

Brandan Kearney will provide another update of the Strategic Plan at the next meeting and summarize regional outcome measures and email out for feedback. When the plan is finalized will provide education and awareness.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Benton, Lincoln, Linn Regional Oral Health Coalition of Oregon Joint Meeting with Local Oral Health Coalitions is scheduled for November 21, at 2:00 p.m.

Adjourn:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

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