



CCCWN News

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Untangling Measure 110

CCCWN partners tackle the implications of a new Oregon law

It's no secret that Oregon has an substance use crisis, and first glance, Measure 110—passed by a majority of Oregon voters in November 2020—appears to be a novel approach to addressing an epidemic that has torn families and communities apart while also driving down incarceration and jail recidivism rates. The measure decriminalized possession of non-commercial quantities of Schedule A drugs and seeks to expand access to treatment and recovery services, a move that was widely lauded by proponents of the bill as part of a broader attempt to rethink the war on drugs.

The intricacies of Measure 110 are voluminous but at the core of it, it mandates that the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) establish a temporary statewide 24/7 telephone Addiction Recovery Center so that people who have had an encounter with law enforcement can call to complete a screening in lieu of a \$100 Class E fine for possession of non-commercial quantities of a controlled substance.



But, with the eyes of the nation on Oregon's new drug policy, counties across the state are scrambling to adapt to new regulations that mandate they provide addiction treatment services even as facilities and providers are already in high demand and short supply. A broad coalition of CCCWN members and community partner organizations across the tri-counties have been working together to develop innovative strategies to address the challenges and leverage the opportunities of the new law to best meet

the needs of communities throughout the region.

Initial efforts to meet the original Measure 110 requirements of establishing services that reflect the Addiction Recovery Center in each coordinated care organization service area were with funds from the state's marijuana tax revenue. OHA was tasked with establishing an Oversight and Accountability Council to determine the distribution of the initial \$8.9 million grant funds allocated to support treatment, harm reduction, and other support services. (Tribal groups were allocated an additional \$2.9 million.)

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Untangling Measure 110 continued..

Oregon lawmakers are working to operationalize Measure 110 under Senate Bill 755. The latest amendments to SB-755 B Engrossed modifies and provides more specific guidelines including the provision of significantly more funding for community organizations to expand low-barrier access to treatment and support services, renaming the Addiction Recovery Centers to Behavioral Health Resource Networks (BHRN), and requiring a BHRN to be located in each county by January 1, 2022. The amendments also requires the BHRN to provide 24 hours a day, 7 days a week screening services. Funding to implement a BHRN is under the guidance of the Oregon Health Authority and the Oversight and Accountability Council.

The CCCWN is optimistic that our strong regional package will be funded upon the passage of SB 755 when the 2021 Oregon Legislative session adjourns on June 28, 2021. With these funds, the region can begin to tackle some of the pervasive capacity issues to ensure that people wanting to enter recovery have access to peer support mentors, treatment facilities, including Medication Assisted Treatment, intensive case management, and affordable housing.

Member Spotlight: Sheriff Curtis Landers

A monthly spotlight for CCCWN members



Sheriff Curtis Landers might not be the *new* sheriff in town – he’s been head honcho since 2016 and has worked his way up the ranks at the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Office since he started as a record’s clerk in 1987 – but he certainly brings an innovative and compassionate perspective to community law enforcement and leadership. Landers, a native Oregonian, prioritizes addressing mental health in county jails through developing better alternatives to jail so people can receive necessary treatment and services that enable them to reintegrate into the community. He is an active member of the Criminal Justice Advisory Council, which focuses on pre-trial jail reform in Oregon, has helped county efforts like the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program and the Stepping Up Initiative, a national initiative to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails, and is a key player in a variety of county efforts aimed at both curtailing recidivism in the jails and improving the mental health out-

comes of the most vulnerable of local constituents.

Landers could rest his laurels on a great many accomplishments but he’s most proud of is his team. They’ve continued to serve their community throughout the most extreme conditions—pandemic and otherwise—with compassion and dedication, proving once again that a great team is rarely without a great manager. When he’s not sportin’ his khakis and badge, Curtis Landers enjoys a mediocre game of golf – he’s working on that – as well as hiking and camping around the region. He also cautioned that he does love a good poker game, and as someone with *a lot* of experience reading people and being “an analytical guy,” be forewarned: Sheriff or not, he’ll take you to town!

Monthly Updates

STARS Emergency Department and Rural Outreach Grants

The Project Coordinator of the STARS HRSA outreach grant is working on a sustainability report, which is giving the team and program a chance to focus on what has been accomplished and how to continue to sustain those accomplishments.

Bridges to Recovery

The Year 2 Quarter 3 quarterly progress report was submitted to HRSA in June. The Project Coordinator continues to work with community partners to develop a media campaign to reduce stigma surrounding substance use disorders in Lincoln County.

RAID

A new Project Director for the grant was hired. Joanna Kubes, MPH, begins her new role on June 14, 2021. Welcome, Joanna! The strategic plan is due to HRSA on July 2, 2021 with the final annex plan due February 2022.

Oral Health

The Regional Oral Health Coalition of Benton, Lincoln and Linn counties has agreed to serve as the formal CCCWN Oral Health Subcommittee consortium, as required by the grant. The project is underway with meetings to establish and formalize agreements.

Linn-Benton-Lincoln Partners for Health

Partners for Health are working to finalize the schedule for the virtual community health summit this year. The 2021 PFH Solution Summit will take place on Friday, August 20, 2021. PFH will be partnering with community organizations in the tri-county region to learn about solutions related to supporting youth health and wellbeing, oral and behavioral health services, affordable housing innovations, and LGBTQAI2S+ health. A save the date flyer has been sent out to past years' participants and registration for the conference opens on July 20, 2021 via Eventbrite.

Parenting Success Network

The Spanish language parenting education series, *Abriendo Puertas*, will wrap up in mid-June.

Every Friday in June 2021, we are offering a Spanish language workshop, *Como Desarrollar Habilidades Financieras en tu Hijos*. These workshops are focused around teaching kids at all age levels about money and other financial topics.

We are looking for additional parenting educators and childcare providers to provide in-person and hybrid instruction as we prepare for our third year of parenting education in Lincoln County.

Facilitator trainings for the following *Nurturing Parenting* curriculums are being planned for Summer and Fall (free for facilitators in Lincoln, Linn, and Benton counties):

- *Nurturing Parenting CORE* July 19-21, 2021
- *Nurturing Parenting Parents & Children w/Special Needs & Health Challenges*- TBD August
- *Nurturing Parenting Families in Substance Abuse Treatment & Recovery*

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Questions and Comments?

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