



**Coast to Cascades Community Wellness Network (CCCWN)
Steering Committee
Held Virtually - Microsoft Teams
2:00 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.
August 9, 2023
Meeting Summary**

Attendance:

Marty Cahill, Kayla Armstrong, Shelagh Baird, Jeannie Davis, Ed.D., Bryan Decker, Molly Gelinas, Taylor Gilmour, Sara Hartstein, Sommer McLeish, Jolynn Meza Wynkoop, JoAnn Miller, and Shelley Hazelton

Welcome:

Marty Cahill called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone and led introductions.

Marty Cahill noted that we will be adding a Safety Moment to the start of each meeting and a gratitude moment at the end of the meeting.

Meeting Summary:

The June 14, 2023, CCCWN Steering Committee meeting minutes were presented for approval. **Bryan Decker made a motion and Dr. Jeannie Davis seconded the motion to approve the June 14, 2023, meeting minutes as presented. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved.**

Discussion followed.

- **Bryan Decker** – At the last meeting under the Oral Health Co-Location Project it was noted the rolling out additional media content and focusing on Latinx and Mam communities in Lincoln County. Is the Mam population big in Lincoln County?
 - a. **Sara Hartstein** – They have Guatemalan immigrants that speak Mam in Benton and Lincoln Counties.

Federal/State Grants Reports:

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

A written report for the HRSA Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program Oral Health Co-Location Project Grant report and the Lincoln County Oral Health Co-Location Project (2021-2025) Grant Data Report, November 2021-May 2023 were noted and distributed prior to the meeting.

- The Data Report was put together by Paulina Kaiser, Director, Samaritan Health Services (SHS) Outreach Research and Evaluation, which is a two-year data report with additional metrics not included on the Performance Improvement Measurement System (PIMS) report. Shelagh Baird reported on information through July 15, 2023, and shared additional information.
 - a. Figure 1: Expanded Practice Dental Hygienist (EPDH) encounters by month for Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital (SNLH) and Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital (SPCH). Information has not been reported past July 15, 2023.
 - b. Table 1: Hospital department at time of discharge (EPDH encounters from November 1, 2021 – February 21, 2023).
 - c. Figure 1. Timing of Emergency Department (ED) visits for dental concerns (January 1, 2022- December 31, 2022) - ED visits with a chief complaint of dental pain, dental injury, or dental problem, or primary ED diagnosis of dental infection, dental abscess, dental caries, or pain, dental.
 - Most dental visits to the Emergency Department are occurring between the 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. time frame or the 5:00 p.m. – Midnight time frame. We are seeing more dental visits at SPCH during Saturday and Sunday as compared to the week.
 - d. Table 2: Dental Insurance Coverage (as documented via custom Smart Text, April 2022 – July 15, 2023).
 - Does not have dental insurance – Numbers are high – This is a good area for community outreach.
 - e. Table 3: Primary payor for EPDH encounters (based on encounters with custom Smart Text documentation, April 2022 – July 15, 2023).
 - f. Figure 3: Insurance coverage by primary payor (based on encounters with custom Smart Text documentation, April 2022 – July 15, 2023).
 - 18.8% of people on Medicaid – OHP, IHN, have dental insurance, but not aware of it.
 - g. Table 4: Identified barriers to dental care (as documented via custom Smart Text, April 2022 – July 15, 2023).
 - Cost
 - Scheduling/availability of appointments
 - Dental care is low priority
 - Fear/bad experiences
 - Transportation
 - Other barrier
 - Unknown barrier
 Number of barriers:
 - None
 - One
 - Two or more
 Other barriers and unknown – Talked about adding a fine tool in Smart Text – It may be related to social determinants of health. Need navigation services, connect to resources, etc.
 - h. Table 5: Services provided by EPDH (as documented in custom Smart Text, April 2022-July 15, 2023)

- JoAnn Miller – Is Paulina Kaiser collecting data on race, ethnicity, and gender? Have report for Performance Improvement Measurement System (PIMS) report.
 - a. **Shelagh Baird** – *Will follow up and that table into the report.*

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

A written report for the HRSA RCORP RC-SWAY Grant and Work Plan Highlights was noted and distributed prior to the meeting.

HRSA Rural Communities Opioid Response Program – Implementation (RCORP-I) – Helping Impact Women and Youth (HIWAY) Project Grant for Lincoln County:

A written report for the HRSA RCORP-I HIWAY Project Grant and Work Plan Highlights was noted and distributed prior to the meeting.

HRSA Rural Health Network Development Grant Addressing Violence in Rural Oregon Communities (AViROC) Project Update:

A written report for the HRSA Rural Health Network Development Grant Addressing Violence in Rural Oregon Communities Project and Work Plan highlights was noted and distributed prior to the meeting.

- This is the newest HRSA grant awarded on July 1, 2023, to expand the capacity to improve health outcomes around child abuse, domestic violence, and human trafficking.
- Sommer McLeish is the Project Director for the grant.
- **JoAnn Miller** – She and Sommer McLeish will be going to Atlanta at the end of the month for a meeting with the new grant.

Bryan Decker made a motion and Bryan Dr. Jeannie Davis seconded the motion to approve and accept the HRSA Rural Health Care Services Outreach Program Oral Health Co-Location Project Grant Report and Grant Data Report, HRSA RC-SWAY Grant report, HRSA RCORP-I HIWAY Project Grant report, and HRSA Rural Health Network Development Grant Addressing Violence in Rural Oregon Communities report as presented. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved.

Reverse Site Visit Update:

JoAnn Miller presented information on the Reverse Site visit.

- It was a requirement of the federal grants and future deliverables for two people per grant to attend the Reverse Site Visit in Washington, DC in July. She appreciated hearing all the work everyone is doing and the Network is doing around the country.
- Was asked to do two workshops around the CCCWN and grants and lessons learned along with the oral health project at Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital (SLCH) and the coastal hospital in Lincoln County.
- We have been successful in receiving HRSA grants since 2009 with a focus on rural communities. The challenge is that we have a regional approach with Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties.
- There were about 800-900 people at the Reverse Site Visit.
- It was good to be able to highlight what we do and what we do in Oregon.
- There were two other grantees there that received grants in Oregon.

- Brandon Bates from Samaritan Treatment and Recovery Services also attended as a representative from one of our grants. Mary Landis also attended with one of our grants. JoAnn Miller noted that she, Earlean Wilson Huey, and Shelagh Baird attended as well as part of the different grants.
- She was asked at the meeting to connect with Pendleton and mentor other grantees who might struggle with network development.
- **Shelagh Baird** – It was helpful to hear from other grantees and their struggles. We are not unique or alone in this.
- One of the best parts of the conference was when they acknowledged Oregon and what we are doing in Oregon.
- Dr. Jeannie Davis and Marty Cahill have done additional presentations and sharing around the Network. We are being recognized for the work that we are doing in Oregon and in our communities.
- With the new grant – Addressing Violence in Rural Oregon Communities, we are the first organization to receive a grant around violence prevention for rural communities. The same was when we received our Regional Assessment and Implementation Disaster (RAID) Plan Grant to develop a disaster plan for those that struggle with substance use disorder. There are things we are doing that are on the forefront.
- Many of the different Coalitions are not involved with the hospital. That is the reason we have been asked to do workshops at different conferences to discuss how the hospitals, Coalitions, and Network works together. Our hospitals are engaged with community partners and we do work out in our communities. People are surprised that our three counties (Benton, Lincoln, and Linn) are involved with the Network. Marty Cahill has been a great Chair for the Network and having key leaders that are part of the Network sign a Memorandum of Understanding has been beneficial. Our Network has been instrumental in helping us get all our federal grants.

Coalition Updates:

Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health Update:

Dr. Jeannie Davis provided a Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health update.

- Currently, a strong focus of the Coalition has been planning this year’s summit. The summit is scheduled for August 25, 2023, at the Center for Health Education in Newport.
- We will have a keynote speaker and workshops. We will have a Spanish workshop, a workshop on mental wellbeing, and a workshop on youth services.
- We have asked for a representative from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians to provide a land acknowledgement. We hope to also have lunch time entertainment from the Tribal youth drumming group.
- We will have resource tables at the event as well.

Benton, Lincoln, Linn Regional Oral Health Coalition of Oregon (Regional Oral Health Coalition-ROHC) Update:

JoAnn Miller provided a ROHC update.

- We are almost finished with the Regional Strategic Plan.
 - a. Brandan Kearney, Consultant, is helping with the project.

- b. Water fluoridation, school programs such as the dental sealant program, oral health education are all part of the plan.
- c. There are individuals for example that have the Oregon Health Plan that do not realize they have dental coverage. We are hoping with the different initiatives and activities we will encourage folks to get dental services.
- Communities Helping Addicted Negotiate Change Effectively (C.H.A.N.C.E.) is opening their dental clinic at their Albany location. Molly Perino from the Community Health Centers of Benton and Linn Counties helped supply a dental chair and some equipment. Have walked through the location and it is amazing. Hope it will help with reducing the number of Emergency Department visits for dental. Waiting to hear back from Molly Perino on additional support such as dental vouchers. Will be following up with Marty Cahill and Dan Keteri to help support the program through Social Accountability funding.
- **Shelagh Baird** – The program in Lincoln County with the EPDHs in the Lincoln County hospitals has generated additional attention. Have a local dentist that has agreed to accept dental vouchers and hope to get additional dentists.

Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Coalition:

JoAnn Miller gave an update on the Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Coalition.

- The Coalition continues to meet monthly and discussions continue around providing data on regional overdoses.

Conferences/Presentations:

JoAnn Miller shared information on upcoming conferences and presentations.

- She and Shelagh Baird will present the oral health co-location project with the Oregon Coordinated Care Organization (CCO) conference on October 5, 2023, in Salem.
- The 40th Annual Oregon Rural Health Conference is scheduled for October 11-13, 2023, in Sunriver. She and Shelagh Baird will present at the conference around addressing substance use disorder and overdoses in Lincoln County and talk about the former Bridges to Recovery Grant, highlight the Behavioral Health Resource Network, and leveraging programs such as Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) programs, Narcan, housing, local opioid settlement funding, etc.
- The Oregon Public Health Association conference is scheduled for October 16-17, 2023. She, Jolynn Meza Wynkoop, Shelagh Baird, and Molly Gelinias will be attending and presenting with an introduction into the Network and activities related to the grants.
- Will have a resource table at the different events except for the CCO conference.
- Will have English and Spanish information on our CCCWN website.
- Luis Acosta has been providing outreach with our grants and the Spanish population.
- **Sara Hartstein** – Benton County has done workshops at the Oregon Public Health Association conference. They did submit an Abstract and was accepted to do a poster for the poster session. Not aware if Benton County Public Health is doing a presentation this year. Hope to submit more in the future.

Behavioral Health Resource Networks:

Committee members reported on the Behavioral Health Resource Networks.

- **Bryan Decker – Lincoln County** - Nothing huge to report on. Got the renewal approval for Benton County. Looking for other counties to go through.

- a. **JoAnn Miller** – What are they looking for in approval renewals?
- b. **Bryan Decker** – They walked him through the more details that they wanted. They wanted to make sure all continues with the numbers in the right place.
- **JoAnn Miller – Linn County:**
 - a. Partners met last week. Getting policies/procedures ready to submit to the State of Oregon by August 11, 2023, deadline.
 - b. A report is due to the state on October 16, 2023. Trying to capture all the data.
 - c. Albany Comprehensive Treatment Center can now distribute Narcan into the community and has it available if needed.
 - d. Dr. Haner Hernández will be providing Diversity Training – “Eliminating Disparities and Building Health Equity” on September 26, 2023, at Boulder Falls Inn Conference Center from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The training is designed to train providers, counselors, peer support specialists and other staff working with patients/clients who identify as a person of color. LGBTQ+, or other marginalized populations. We are offering the training for 50 people. We will offer Continuing Medical Education credits and this training will fulfill the grant training requirement.
- **Sara Hartstein – Benton County:**
 - a. Have not yet received the approval on the 18-month extension on the budget.
 - b. Partners have submitted policies/procedures. They will all be submitted this week.
 - c. There has been attention from the state and national news on Measure 110 and concern of where it is headed if they do not make course corrections in the next year. We have been getting negative attention around Measure 110 for the State of Oregon.
 - d. **JoAnn Miller** – Understands there was negative attention with a New York Times article around Oregon and Measure 110. Are you hearing of others as well?
 - e. **Bryan Decker** – Shared an article in “Chat” – The Land Beyond the Drug War, “an article by Jack Holmes published August 1, 2023, noting, “Every state in America has a Fentanyl problem, but only Oregon has decriminalized drugs and sent hundreds of millions in legal-weed tax dollars to organizations that are trying health people. In Portland and a rural county nearby, there is both chaos and hope.” Another article was shared from OPB, “Measure 110 forced Oregon to build a new drug addiction services model. Here is how that is going. Service providers say the systems meant to replace arrest and jail were nowhere near ready to assume their increased responsibilities.”
 - f. Seen an Oregon Live article about Multnomah County to pause handing out safe smoking supplies to Fentanyl users, which was an effort to dissuade them from using needles to inject the drugs, which can lead to more potent, fatal overdoses and the spread of diseases. They have paused distribution until further conversation and analysis can be had.
 - g. We need to pay attention to harm reduction services – Proceed with caution in work we do in the community.
 - h. There is conversation with the Association of Oregon Cities and Counties on how to recommend potential changes. Will look to keep parts of Measure 110 in place. There are people that feel it may be repealed.
 - i. **JoAnn Miller** – It is not promising when we read articles and see that it has been typical of outsiders focusing on Portland as Oregon.

As we know there is not just Portland. When looking at the homeless population and impacting the drive of overdoses, Lane, Multnomah, Portland, and other smaller communities are all impacted, but there seems to be focus on Portland quite often.

Additional Business:

Additional business was discussed.

- Discussion focused on having the October meeting in person, virtual or both in person/virtual. The next meeting of the CCCWN Steering Committee is scheduled for October 11, 2023.
- **Shelagh Baird** – For our October CCCWN Steering Committee meeting, there will be staff attending the Oregon Rural Health Conference. Do we want to look at a different date?
- *It was agreed to do the next meeting in person and have a virtual option as well. We will also work at rescheduling the October meeting to another day.*
- **Dr. Jeannie Davis:**
 - a. The medical school starts with new students on Monday. There are 108 new medical students coming in.
 - b. The PT school/program – Did a white coat ceremony on Friday. Occupation Therapy is on hold currently.
 - c. Signed with a contractor for a new building.
 - d. **JoAnn Miller** – Would love to see the promotion of a dental school.
 - e. **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – Working on a master’s in behavioral health program within the next two years.

Adjourn:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelley Hazelton

Community Health Promotion