



**Coast to Cascades Community Wellness Network (CCCWN)  
Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Coalition  
Meeting Summary  
Held virtually – Microsoft Teams  
February 10, 2025  
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Participants:** Andy Hertel, Avalon Mason, Blue Valentine, Elizabeth Merritt, Emma Deane, Gaby Esquivel, Heidi May-Stoulil, James Page, Jef Van Arsdall, Benton County Sheriff, Jennifer Beckner, Jesse Noble, Jolynn Meza Wynkoop, Josh Pankau, Justin Thomas, Karla Clem, Kendra Roberts, Maisa Athamneh, Rocio Munoz, Shaunna Taylor-Hubert, Shawnee Aiello-Dixon, Stephan O’Hair, Thien Nguyen, Tanya Pritt

**Welcome/Introductions:**

Jennifer Beckner from Lincoln County Health and Human Services welcomed everyone to the meeting and led introductions.

**Meeting Minutes:**

The Coalition reviewed the meeting minutes of the January 13, 2025, meeting of the Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Coalition. **Josh Pankau made a motion and Jesse Noble seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Attendees voted on the motion, and it was unanimously approved.**

**Federal/State Grants Reports and Updates:**

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

- Maisa Athamneh: The RC-SWAY grant is coming to a close at the end of February. Both Christina Sechrest and Michelle Means, who were attached to grant, have accepted new positions.

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

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

- **Jolynn Meza Wynkoop** – PAADA will be hosting a middle school leadership summit on February 27. Aside from this, no additional items for HI-WAY beyond what was included in the grant report.

**Jesse Noble made a motion and Josh Pankau seconded the motion to approve the HRSA RC-SWAY Grant written report and Work Plan Highlights and the HRSA RCORP-I HIWAY Project Grant written report and Work Plan Highlights as presented. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved.**

#### **Update – Regional Overdoses:**

Jennifer Beckner led discussions around regional overdoses.

- **Jef Van Arsdall, Benton County Sheriff** – Touched on the Benton overdose data, stating that law enforcement responded to six overdoses in January, with one death so far this year.
  - a. Also spoke about Benton County launching a new deflection program, which Family Tree Relief Nursery and CHANCE Recovery have been integral in developing.
  - b. **Rocio Munoz** shared a news article about said deflection program. ([Link](#))
- **Jesse Noble** – Shared info on the Lincoln County overdose data, which has remained flat since the previous meeting.
  - Lincoln County Health & Human Services is nearing completion of an overarching regional response plan, as well as a Lincoln County-specific response plan.
  - Lincoln County will also be looking at fine-tuning their data thresholds, given the lower population numbers in the county. If the threshold is too high an alert will not go out, and if it is too low even an individual overdose will trigger said alert.
- **Jennifer Beckner** – Began discussion about her position as the Regional Overdose Chair. A member of the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners ended their term two years early, requiring Jennifer to step in and manage several other grants. Due to this increased workload, Jennifer will likely need to step away from her position as Chair for some time and suggested that the group consider electing a new Chair in the near future.

#### **Behavioral Health Resource Networks (BHRN) Update:**

Behavioral Health Resource Networks updates were provided.

- **Jennifer Beckner – Reporting for Lincoln County:** Expressed that counties have marginalized groups that don't fit into the slots that OAC has laid out (e.g. older individuals, those experience poverty). Encouraged partners to register for OAC meeting attendance, since you now have to register for individual meetings to gain access.
- **Thien Nguyen – Reporting for Linn County:** Things are quiet with the Linn County BHRN as the OAC continues to deliberate on which organizations will be included in county BHRNS across Oregon. The DOJ was present at a prior OAC meeting, giving a deadline of 2/19 for final decision on all counties. Aside from this, no further additions beyond what was mentioned in the progress report.

#### **Announcements/Additional Business:**

Discussed announcements/additional business.

- **Shaunna Taylor-Hubert** – “For awareness Shelli is no longer with Samaritan Treatment and Recovery, and Brandon Bates’ scope has shifted and will be transitioning out of addiction medicine within SHS. Please reach out to me if you need anything and I can help connect you with the appropriate leader. We are doing some internal shuffling.”

- **Karla Clem, Executive Director of Samaritan Health Services Foundations in Newport** – Will be attending Jesse Noble’s opioid presentation and giving an update on Samaritan Treatment and Recovery Services (STARS).
  - Will also be putting out an RFP for artwork to be displayed in Samaritan’s new recovery building, with a focus on lived experience.
- **Jennifer Beckner** – Continued work with Eagle Consulting to review grant data.
- **Tanya Pritt, Milestones Family Recovery, Inc.** – “I would like to invite you all to an open house of our newest transitional house for women on February 19 at noon (to 2). Lite lunch offered and it would be nice to see you all!”

**Next Meeting:**

The next meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2025.

**Adjourn:**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thien Nguyen  
Grants and Sponsored Programs