



**Coast to Cascades Community Wellness Network (CCCWN)
Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Coalition
Meeting Summary
Held virtually – Microsoft Teams
July 14, 2025
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Participants: Heidi May-Stoulil, Chair, Shelagh Baird, Brandon, Bates, Emma Dean, Frederick Edwards, Gabby Esquivel, Marcia Harnden, Albany Chief of Police, Danette Killinger, Lalori Lager, Elizabeth Merritt, Jolynn Meza Wynkoop, Rocio Munoz, Thien Nguyen, Josh Pankau, Jane Russell, David Simmons, M.D., Shauna Taylor-Hubert, Sheila Thompson, Jef Van Arsdall, Benton County Sheriff, and Shelley Hazelton

Welcome/Introductions:

Heidi May-Stoulil, Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting and led introductions.

Meeting Minutes:

The committee reviewed the minutes from the June 9, 2025, meeting of the Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Coalition. **Shelagh Baird moved to approve the minutes as presented, with Chief Marcia Harnden seconding. Members unanimously approved the motion.**

Federal/State Grants Reports and Updates:

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

Members reviewed the HRSA RCORP-I HIWAY Project Grant report and Work Plan Highlights distributed prior to the meeting. Jolynn Meza Wynkoop provided a brief update on the grant.

- The grant ends at the end of August 2025.
- She will go on Family Medical Leave starting July 21, 2025.
- Shelagh Baird and Maisa Athamneh will cover the grant while she is out.
- Will submit a final sustainability plan the end of July 2025.
- Had the Community Conversations at the end of May. For the coastal events - There were 8 in attendance at the Newport event and 21 attendees for Lincoln City.
- The “Recovery City” film screenings went well. Had great partners helping with the events in Lincoln County such as Lincoln County Health and Human Services, Phoenix Wellness Center, Reconnections Counseling, and NW Coastal Housing.

- a. On June 23, 2025, had a “Celebrating Women in Recovery” event with 25 women in attendance. They watched the “Recovery City” film in Newport.
- b. On June 27, 2025, had another “Celebrating Women in Recovery” event in Lincoln City with 8 attendees, and watching of the “Recovery City” film.
- c. On June 26, 2025, there was the documentary screening of “Recovery City” in Lincoln City. There were about 12 people in attendance at this event.
- d. There were also the “Recovery City” film screenings in Lebanon and Albany as well.

Shelagh Baird moved to approve the HRSA RCORP-I HIWAY Project Grant report and Work Plan highlights as presented, with Josh Pankau seconding. Members unanimously approved the motion.

Update – Regional Overdoses:

Discussions followed around regional overdoses.

- **Shelagh Baird** – Has put together overdose data from 2022 to date. There had been some questions on the Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome/Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome numbers between Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center and Samaritan Albany General Hospital. *Dr. David Simmons and Emily Yeast will be reviewing the data.*
 - a. In the agenda packet is the monthly overdose report for Samaritan Health Services and the 2025 data for drug overdose encounter by hospital in 2025 for year to date (January through June). Do we still want to see the 2025 data for year to date?
 - b. *Coalition members agreed that they would still like to see this data each month.*
- **Shelagh Baird** – Shared information from the Samaritan Health Services Individual Overdose Report for Reporting Period: June 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025.
 - a. Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center (GSRMC) – 11 overdoses.
 - b. Samaritan Albany General Hospital (SAGH) – 11 overdoses.
 - c. Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital (SLCH) – 5 overdoses.
 - d. Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital (SNLH) – 2 overdoses.
 - e. Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital (SPCH) – 3 overdoses.

Samaritan Health Services – Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)/Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome (NOW) numbers:

- a. Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center (GSRMC) – 2.
- b. Samaritan Albany General Hospital (SAGH) – 2.
- c. Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital (SLCH) – 4.
- d. Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital (SNLH) – 0.
- e. Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital (SPCH) – 0.

Law enforcement data:

- **Jef Van Arsdall, Benton County Sheriff** – Benton County – 2025 - 62 overdoses year to date with 4 fatalities. It has bumped up by two from last month. Seeing reduced numbers and having only a handful of kits (4-6) going out.
- **Marcia Harnden, Albany Chief of Police** – Have had 7 deaths this year out of 44 calls for the City of Albany. County wide – 15 deaths and 81 total calls. Fentanyl mixed with cocaine is the latest substances they are seeing.
 - a. **Frederick Edwards, Faith, Hope and Charity** – For Linn, County, Albany – Is that one year with fatalities?
 - b. **Chief Marcia Harnden** – That is county wide data year to date for 2025.

Behavioral Health Resource Networks (BHRN) Update:

Coalition members provided Behavioral Health Resource Networks updates.

- **Thien Nguyen – Linn County:**
 - a. Thanks to Exodus, Oxford House, Family Tree Relief Nursery, and Communities Helping All Negotiate Change Effectively (C.H.A.N.C.E.) that helped with the “Recovery City” film screening events in Albany and Lebanon.
 - b. It has been a slow role out for the new funding cycle for the BHRN. Still waiting on training materials.

Partner Updates:

Coalition partners provided updates.

- **Josh Pankau, Family Tree Relief Nursery** – Finished the Certified Recovery Mentor class on last Friday. There were 16 attendees that graduated. The next training is scheduled for October 6, 2025. There are 3-4 spots open. This is free training. Training is scheduled out through the remainder of the year and into next year with a wait list.
 - a. **Frederick Edwards** – Can you get the Peer Support Specialist training and Peer Wellness Specialist training?
 - b. **Josh Pankau** – With the Peer Support Specialist training it is 96 hours. Waiting to hear back from Oregon Health Authority on this. Now they are just approved for the 40-hour training program.
- **Frederick Edwards** – Seeing closures with different shelters. Would encourage us all to communicate better. Seeing an influx of people falling through the cracks. Family Tree Relief Nursery, and C.H.A.N.C.E. are around the corner from them.
 - a. **Josh Pankau** – People can call Family Tree Relief Nursery, the front desk, and request services.

Coalition Survey Results:

Heidi May-Stoulil shared results from the survey that was distributed to members at the beginning of June to solicit feedback on how we as a Coalition can use our time together effectively and to make sure that our meeting attendance and engagement remains meaningful to all of us.

- We received 16 responses back.
- The following questions were asked during the survey:
 - a. **What topics or issues would you most like to see addressed at future meetings?**
(Those top three topics or issues include the mental health treatment options, addiction recovery resources, and legislative updates and advocacy).
 - **Mental health treatment options** – 25% selected this topic.
 - **Addiction recovery resources** – 23% selected this topic.
 - **Community Support programs** – 11% selected this topic.
 - **Legislative updates and advocacy** – 23% selected this topic.
 - **Personal stories and lived experiences** – 0%.
 - **Harm Reduction** – 6% selected this topic.
 - **Other** – 9% selected this.
 - b. **Which of the following meeting features would you find most valuable?**
(Top features include – Expert guest speakers, strategic planning sessions for community goals, and networking and resource sharing).
 - **Expert guest speakers** – 22%.
 - **“Advocacy Corner” with updates on legislation and how to get involved** – 15%

- **Strategic planning sessions for community goals** – 22%.
 - **Networking and resource sharing** – 20%.
 - **Open forum for community voices** – 5%.
 - **Workshops or skill-building sessions** – 10%.
 - **Other** – 5%.
- c. **Would you be interested in contributing to the meeting in any of the following ways?**
(Top ones included – Presenting on a topic, participating in advocacy efforts, and not at this time).
- **Sharing my personal story** – 15%.
 - **Presenting on a topic** – 20%.
 - **Volunteering to help organize** – 10%.
 - **Participating in advocacy efforts** – 25%.
 - **Not at this time** – 30%.
- d. **What strategic goal could this group focus on over the next year?**
 Several goals were listed, which included working with youth, understanding of programs after federal cuts and understanding of programs and grants, changing name of Coalition, looking at data with addiction/recovery both SUD/mental health and sharing data for response, sharing resources, BHRN funding/budgeting/coordination of resources/partnerships/shared goals, provisions to continue services in uncertain climate, programs in shelters, emphasis on co-occurring disorders, share support/simplify referral process, expand access to marginalized or isolated populations, how prevention strategies/resource may supplement current work, current funding and coordination of services/agendas to address lack of services.

Discussion followed.

- **Heidi May-Stoulil** – We do share resources and can continue to do so. Are there any funding ideas or expert speakers? *If you have any ideas, please email Shelley Hazelton.*
- **Shauna Taylor Hubert** – Is there a Charter or Mission statement?
- **Jolynn Meza Wynkoop** – On our Coast to Cascades Community Wellness Network website - <https://cccwn.org/about-us/> - We do have a Mission and Vision statement for the Coast to Cascades Community Wellness Network as a whole but not specifically for the Regional Mental Health/SUD Coalition.
 - a. **CCCWN Vision Statement** – The CCCWN leads and sustains a system of partnerships of agencies and organizations working together to provide integrated services and programs to promote individual and community health.
 - b. **CCCWN Mission Statement** – To provide leadership to enhance the health of communities through development and support for collaborative regional partnerships in Benton, Lincoln, and Linn Counties.
- **Heid May-Stoulil** – We can discuss this further. Also, please reach out to us on any guest speakers.

Announcements/Additional Business:

Coalition members provided further announcements and additional business.

- **Shauna Taylor-Hubert** – Will be having a community grand opening celebration for the new Samaritan Treatment and Recovery Services (STARS) facility in Lincoln County, Newport on August 25, 2025, from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. at the facility at 5840 NW Biggs Street, Newport, Oregon.
- **Josh Pankau and Emma Dean** – There will be a Recovery in the Park event on July 22, 2025, at Bryant Park in Albany, Oregon – 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. There will be free food, music, giveaways, children’s area, and community resource fair.
- **Jolynn Meza Wynkoop** – Will be meeting this week to discuss the Hands Across the Bridge event in September in Waldport, Oregon for Recovery Month. Anyone can help. Feel free to reach out to her - jolynn@samhealth.org - If you want to attend Hands Across the Bridge event in Lincoln County in September for Recovery Month - organizations will be present and will be doing tabling and outreach.
- **Emma Deane, C.H.A.N.C.E.** – There is an Ideal Option, addiction treatment center, in Linn County, Albany. They will be opening another location in Newport on August 1, 2025.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting – August 11, 2025, at 10:30 a.m.

Adjourn:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Hazelton
Grants and Sponsored Programs

(These meeting minutes are the true and accurate record of the meeting.)