



**Coast to Cascades Community Wellness Network (CCCWN)
Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Coalition
Meeting Summary
Held virtually – Microsoft Teams
November 18, 2024
10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.**

Participants: Jennifer Beckner, Rubi Arizmendi, Maisa Athamneh, Shelagh Baird, Suzie Beaupre, Shirley Byrd, Jeannie Davis, Ed.D., Emma Deane, Stephanie Dreiling, Andy Hertel, Lalori Lager, Lonnie Martinez, Heidi May-Stoulil, Jesse Noble, Thien Nguyen, Stephan O’Hair, James Page, Josh Pankau, Tanya Pritt, Catherine Rupkus, Jef Van Arsdall, Benton County Sherriff, and Shelley Hazelton

Welcome/Introductions:

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

Meeting Minutes:

The Coalition reviewed the meeting minutes of the October 28, 2024, meeting of the Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Coalition. **Shelagh Baird made a motion and Dr. Jeannie Davis, 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:

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

Thien Nguyen reported that he, Michelle Means, Jolynn Meza Wynkoop, and Sommer McLeish will have tabling events at Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital, Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital, and Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital for National Rural Health Day on November 21, 2024. There will be handouts, stickers, and stress balls to honor and support our rural healthcare workers.

Josh Pankau made a motion and Shelagh Baird 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:

Shelagh Baird and Jennifer Beckner led discussions around regional overdoses.

- **Jef Van Arsdall, Benton County Sheriff:**
 - a. Had 118 overdoses for the year as of November 8, 2024, for the city with 5 fatalities.
 - b. Appreciates all the work that Blue Valentine is doing with harm reduction and the county.
 - c. They will be closed for the upcoming holiday. There will most likely be an uptake in overdoses for the holidays.
 - d. The jail is giving out Narcan kits and the same with parole and probation. This has helped with getting numbers down. It was last reported that 46 kits were offered as people were leaving the jail and 16 kits were accepted.
- **Josh Pankau, Family Tree Relief Nursery** – Nothing major with clients. Keeping busy. Narcan is given out 4-5 times a week. Encouraging clients to have.
- **Jennifer Beckner** – Seeing new substances pop up from back East. In Lincoln County, the harm reduction nurse goes to the jail. Noticing an uptake in positive results with Hepatis B. It is expensive to treat. Might want to look at this down the line.
- **Suzie Beaupre, Benton County Health Department** - Danette Killinger is the alcohol and other drug prevention education program coordinator for Linn - danettekillinger@linncountyhealth.org
- **Shelagh Baird, Samaritan Health Services** – Reviewed the Samaritan Health Services (SHS) – Individual Overdose Report for Reporting Period: October 1, 2024 – October 31, 2024.
 - a. Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center (GSRMC) – 17 overdoses for the month. 2 of these overdoses were involving youth 0-17 years of age.
 - b. Samaritan Albany General Hospital (SAGH) – 6 overdoses for the month.
 - c. Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital (SLCH) – 9 overdoses for the month. 5 of these overdoses were involving youth 0-17 years of age.
 - d. Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital (SNLH) – 1 overdose for the month.
 - e. Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital (SPCH) – 3 overdoses for the month. 1 of these overdoses was involving youth 0-17 years of age.
- **Shelagh Baird** - SHS Report – Neonatal Abstinence syndrome (NAS)/Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome (NOWS) – Reporting Period – September 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024:
 - a. GSRMC – 1.
 - b. SAGH – 5.
 - c. SLCH – 2.

- d. SNLH – 0.
- e. SPCH – 0.
- **Dr. Jeannie Davis, Western University of Health Sciences, Lebanon** – Medical students have reached out and are interested in substance use disorder awareness – There are students doing as part of their capstone, community outreach projects.
- **Jennifer Beckner** – They do have students rotate through their local Community Health Center.
- **Shirley Byrd, Family Assistance and Resource Center** – Loved having students with the last outreach in Lebanon. Heard from school bus drivers of middle school students that they are not allowed to have Narcan on the buses.
- **Jennifer Beckner** – This is controversial.
- **Lonnie Martinez, WorkSource Oregon** – The State of Oregon Employment Division is not allowed to possess or administer Narcan as well. If anyone has a link to the Good Samaritan Law, would like a link.
- **Jennifer Beckner** – We can add this to the December agenda – Good Samaritan Law.
- **Jennifer Beckner** – In Lincoln County the school buses are a private contract, and every coach/staff person does have in a bag that goes with them. There are ways to work around things.
- **Josh Pankau** – Sometimes if you present that staff would be willing to be trained in administering and proof regarding the “safety” aspect it helps or at least it did with our board.
- **Lonnie Martinez** – He did share that. There is risk management working on it now. If it is a statewide thing, the consideration has to be for ALL state agencies, and there may be agencies that do not encounter such situations. Will keep beating the drum, though. It is extremely concerning a person will bring someone back from an overdose with Narcan, then that affected person may turn around and use again.
- **Jesse Noble, Lincoln County Health and Human Services** - Here is some info regarding the Good Samaritan Law: [What you need to know about Oregon law for helping someone during an overdose : Oregon Health News Blog](#)
- **Shirley Byrd** – Heard that two weeks ago in Lebanon there was a cluster of 13 overdoses in a camp from those using the same batch of Fentanyl. That is a large number, and no one called 911.
- **Jesse Noble** – She and their Epidemiologist are working on a regional overdose data collection tool. It will be easy and manageable. Will send out to regional partners. There was a fatal overdose and they thought there was cocaine involved and there was no cocaine. It was confirmed it was Fentanyl and cutting agents. Believes it came from the Portland area.
- **Jennifer Beckner** – At a future meeting, would love to have Jesse Noble and the Epidemiologist to do a presentation.
 - a. Jesse Noble – “Yes,” she can do that.
- **James Page, Albany Comprehensive Treatment Center** – They are seeing a dramatic surge in patients that are reaching out. Patients are reporting there is no Fentanyl in the area, or it is being diluted and expensive. They have seen 130 patients from July through the end of September seeking services.
- **Tanya Pritt, Milestones Family Recovery** – Their youth residential treatment is closed (referrals down), but they do offer youth outpatient services.

Heard youth are seeking more treatment. Need staff to work with youth. Feels other youth residential facilities are not full. Kids must be willing to go, and parents and juvenile staff need to be behind that as well. Seeing little referrals for youth residential.

- **Jennifer Beckner** – Doing a community needs assessment for Lincoln County along with Mental Health Advisory Board and the Youth Coalition. There is a requirement for counties to have these Advisory Groups and Coalitions. Starting 46 focus groups. Part of Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Block Grant for those funds. Time for them to re-up the proposal and is required for agencies to conduct services. Encouraging us to look at our communities. Will be using an outside facilitator and working with Rubi Arizmendi with Lincoln County Health and Human Services as well.

Announcements/Additional Business:

Discussed announcements/additional business.

- **Jennifer Beckner – Lincoln County Behavioral Health Resource Network** – Waiting to see on funding. The Resource Navigator is out on medical leave, so she is currently doing his job as well.
- The Linn County Behavioral Health Resource Network written report is in the packet that was distributed prior to the meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for December 9, 2024.

Do we want to continue with 2025 meetings for the 2nd Monday of each month at 10:30 a.m.? If there are any conflicts, let us know. ***Shelley Hazelton will get these scheduled for 2025.***

Adjourn:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelley Hazelton
Grants and Sponsored Programs