



**Coast to Cascades Community Wellness Network (CCCWN)
Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Coalition
Meeting Summary
Held virtually – Microsoft Teams
May 13, 2024
10:30 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.**

Participants: Jennifer Beckner, Shelli Alinari-Beebe, McKaila Allcorn, DO, Rubi Arizmendi, Maisa Athamneh, Brandon Bates, Emma Deane, Bryan Decker, Stephanie Dreiling, Heather Grott, Lynnae Hayes, Curtis Landers, Lincoln County Sherriff, Heidi May-Stoulil, Liz Merritt, Jolynn Meza Wynkoop, Rocio Munez, Thien Nguyen, James Page, Josh Pankau, Tanya Pritt, Angie Richards, Jane Russell, Miranda Tasker, Blue Valentine, Jef Van Arsdall, Benton County Sheriff, Elizabeth Wedler, Caitlyn Weinberger, and Shelley Hazelton

Welcome/Introductions:

Jennifer Beckner welcomed everyone to the meeting and led introductions.

Jennifer Beckner noted that she has been traveling quite a bit the last few weeks and recently attended the Oregon Pain Conference in Sunriver. She learned a lot and the conference was great. Shelli Alinari-Beebe and Dr. David Simmons attended the Pain Conference as well.

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 was noted and distributed prior to the meeting.

Josh Pankau made a motion and Shelli Alinari-Beebe 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 as presented. The motion was voted upon and unanimously approved.

Update – Regional Overdoses:

Jennifer Beckner led discussions around regional overdoses.

- **Jennifer Beckner:**
 - a. In Lincoln County there were 2 fatal overdoses recently. Will be working on a regional and local emergency response plan.
 - b. Does not think our region has a good way to respond to overdoses and trigger medial releases. Do we have a crisis response for fatal overdoses and reaching out to families of those overdosing and left behind?
 - c. The school district is responding to suicides. Lincoln County does not have a strong plan. Have a “draft” in place. We lost Isabelle Cisco.
 - d. There will be a physician under Lincoln County Health and Human Services to work on the emergency response plan.
 - e. Jesse Noble will step into the overdose prevention role starting June 1, 2024.
 - f. Oregon applied for the 1115 Medicaid Waiver – Removed prior authorization and covers Subutex. Keeping close tabs on this.
 - g. FDA restrictions are changing or removing some restrictions to start inductions in the Emergency Department and with first responders. There will be some requirements with rapid inductions.
 - h. Fatal overdoses – Reported to harm reduction – Actually call in and do warm hand off as patient is ready for treatment and help transport. Have a nurse/harm reduction team.
 - i. Not sure what the magic number is to alert.
- **Blue Valentine** – It is important to discuss what constitutes a cluster. Is it through community discussion, Overdose Detection Mapping Application Program (ODMAP) – There are different responses. Best if we can work together.
 - a. Stimulant overdose deaths – Are 1 in 5 for the State of Oregon. We need to give more attention to this.
- **Emma Deane** – Linn County – Partnership with local law enforcement – Can get updates on overdoses. Communities Helping All Negotiate Change Effectively (C.H.A.N.C.E.) does offer Narcan and checks in with people (houseless) and connects with law enforcement and families.
- **James Page:**
 - a. OHSU doing inductions - Methadone, Buprenorphine, and Subutex.
 - b. Washington County jail – Coordinating dosing for inmates.
 - c. All or most of Portland Hospitals are working hand in hand with inductions.
 - d. Working with Thien Nguyen and Samaritan Health Services – One person to date with induction and transition of care to Albany Comprehensive Treatment Center.
 - e. Can be strictly policies/procedures and coordination dilemma.
- **Jennifer Beckner** – Working to set up meeting on policy level and discuss Emergency Department inductions.
- **Dr. McKaila Allcorn** – We have order sets created to make it easy for providers. Dr. David Simmons is a constant lead and point person and has been helpful. Our Emergency Room Pharmacist is work on all of this.
- **Jennifer Beckner** – Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) – Need to work to coordinate MAT providers. Do have funding. Need to discuss MAT challenges and those detoxing in jail. Asked for protocols on rapid inductions from physician and will review internally. Would like to talk regionally.

- **Blue Valentine** – Benton County – Had 2 reports of overdoses for April. There was a lag in reporting. 12 community overdose reversals for the month of March. Had word of mouth on some overdoses over the weekend, but no report yet.
- **Jef Van Arsdall, Benton County Sheriff** – ODMAP through the year – 50 with 3 fatalities. Was an incident with 4 people in one location this weekend. Are thin on investigators.
- **Angie Richards** - 24 take home Narcan kits were offered to releasing AIC's and 11 accepted for April.
- **Jennifer Beckner** – New campaign with Oregon Health Authority to recognize Fentanyl. Have been trained not to use substance pictures or scare type pictures. The new campaign looks scary. Not sure if things are changing to scare kids and make them think.
 - a. Hearing a lot of people with syringe exchange program seeking out Fentanyl.
- **James Page** – Has around 240 patients at the clinic and less than a handful find Heroin when looking for it. Fentanyl is the drug of choice and has been the case since around 2021. Heroin is becoming inaccessible.
- **Jennifer Beckner** – JoAnn Miller has retired and currently we have no Samaritan Health Services data on overdoses but will have data in the future.

Behavioral Health Resource Network (BHRN) Updates:

Behavioral Health Resource Network updates were provided.

- **Thien Nguyen – Linn County:**
 - a. Linn County BHRN partners continue to meet monthly to discuss relevant events and coordinate efforts.
 - b. Draft started for Linn County BHRN newsletter and other resources, to be hosted on the CCCWN website.
 - c. Family Tree Relief Nursery plans to offer year-round Peer Support training, pending Oregon Health Authority approval.
 - d. Samaritan Treatment and Recovery Services (STARS) welcomes its new program director, Melissa Lawson.
 - e. STARS and Faith, Hope and Charity met in late April, discussing referral processes, and have begun closer collaboration on Peer Support services.
 - f. Emergence Addiction and Behavioral Therapies reports a high percentage of graduation from their self-referred Intensive Outpatient program with many clients successfully transitioning into substance use disorder treatment, and continued growth of their Reflection program.
- **Blue Valentine – Benton County** – Meeting monthly or every other month. Opted in for deflection program. Working closely with law enforcement. Figuring out roles and how to support for when it comes to September with changes. Working together as a BHRN.
- **Tanya Pritt - Milestones Family Recovery** – On treatment side, women's residential, kids transitional, outpatient are all booming now. They offer walk in services, same day admit. They see a downturn during the summer, but right now they are not seeing this. Looking at a licensed mental health therapist.
- **Jennifer Beckner** – Deflection program with House Bill 4002 and recriminalization for certain amounts of illegal substances. Building deflection program and still not clear what that will look like in her community. A lot of law enforcement is involved and having conversations.

- **Jef Van Arsdall – Benton County Sheriff:**
 - a. Curtis Landers, Lincoln County Sheriff, is the expert.
 - b. Was at a symposium last week and there were a lot of Benton County folks there and everything is moving along.
 - c. In Marion County, the Coordinator is housed in the Sheriff’s Office.
 - d. District Attorney – Have diversion. Work closely with the Health Department.
 - e. Not sure the outcome on diversion.
 - f. Doing classes/training.
 - g. Want to make sure it is thoughtful for the community.
 - h. Linn County will have similar approach.
- **Jennifer Beckner** – Knows this a huge deal to counties. Not sure what it will look like for Lincoln County. Thinks Lincoln County may have not opted in because of existing program. Knows Sheriff Curtis Landers will bring together to discuss. Behavioral Health is a big player as well. In discussion with Association of Counties and how it will impact us. A position is being funded for this. Lincoln County does have the Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (LEAD) program that allows law enforcement officers to redirect suspects engaged in low-level criminal activity to services and resources instead of jail and prosecution. Will most likely look at as deflection program, but it is not a large program. Worried about the capacity to handle. Struggling to hire a position. Do have BHRN in place. Felt like BHRN was missing piece in the discussion.
- **Shelli Alinari-Beebe** – Will be meeting with Dr. David Simmons, Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and can loop in Jennifer Beckner and anyone else to discuss inductions in the Emergency Department.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Coalition is scheduled for June 10, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

Adjourn:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
 Shelley Hazelton
 Community Health Promotion