



Coast to Cascades Community Wellness Network (CCCWN)

Steering Committee

Held Virtually - Microsoft Teams

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

June 10, 2026

Meeting Summary

Attendance-Members:

Ryan Combs, Emma Deane, Robert Fallows, PsyD, Wendy Hausotter, Linda Mann,

Attendance-Staff/Others:

Sara Herd, Paulina Kaiser, PhD, Heidi May-Stoulil, Sommer McLeish, Jolynn Meza Wynkoop, Thien Nguyen, Kacey Urrutia, and Shelley Hazelton

Welcome:

Dr. Robert Fallows called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Safety and Reliability Moment:

Attendees shared a safety/reliability moment.

- Ryan Combs emphasized the need for caution around Oregon rivers, noting that their temperatures are often significantly colder than expected, which can pose safety risks.

Meeting Summary:

Committee members reviewed the meeting minutes of April 8, 2026, CCCWN Steering Committee meeting. **Dr. Jeannie Davis moved to approve the meeting minutes as presented, and Emma Dean and Linda Mann seconded. The motion passed unanimously, with all 5 voting members, representing 5 different agencies, approving.**

Federal/State Grants Reports:

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Rural Health Network Development Grant Addressing Violence in Rural Oregon Communities (AVIROC) Project Update:

Sommer McLeish presented the written report and Work Plan highlights (included in the agenda packet) from the HRSA Rural Health Network Development Grant Addressing Violence in Rural Oregon Communities Project

- Completed the third annual Violence Prevention Summit on May 22, 2026, in Lebanon. There were healing arts sessions with guided drawing and a musician. This summit was a combined summit with Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health (PFH). The 2027 Violence Prevention Summit will be in Lincoln County.
 - a. **Dr. Robert Fallows** – It was a great summit.

- Year 4 of the grant will begin July 1, 2026.
- Bilingual Media Campaign plans are in process and looking at public service announcements, survivor stories, and more trainings.
- The Sustainability/Business Plan is due in August, and the Performance Improvement Measurement System (PIM) and Evaluation Plan are due in July.
- We are discussing with PFH growing attendance, so we are looking at having different presentations. Hope to schedule a presentation from a presenter from “In Your Backyard” who does presentations free of charge.
- Lincoln County – Looking to work with training folks to help sustain efforts after the grant is over.

Ryan Combs moved to approve the AVIROC Grant project update as presented, and Wendy Hausotter seconded. The motion passed unanimously, with all 5 voting members, representing 5 different agencies, approving.

HRSA Rural Outreach Grant – Project NEXT (Nurturing Empowerment, eXcellence, and Transformation) for Youth in Lincoln County:

Jolynn Meza Wynkoop provided a Project NEXT update. There was a written report in the agenda packet distributed prior to the meeting.

- Have attended different outreach events.
 - a. February 3, 2026 - Taft Elementary Family Alcohol and Drug Night.
 - b. February 26, 2026 - Oceanlake Elementary Family Night.
 - c. May 8, 2026 - Mother’s Day with Conexion Fenix at Taft Elementary School.
 - d. May 16, 2026 - Spring Family Fest in Yachats.
 - e. May 22, 2026 - Violence Prevention Summit in Lebanon. Did a resource table at the event.

Additional outreach events she will attend include:

- a. August 4, 2026 - National Night Out Lincoln City.
 - b. August 19, 2026 - Newport PRIDE.
- **Reporting:**
 - a. Submitted the Noncompeting Continuation (NCC) Report by May 4, 2026. We received approval for Year 2 for this award.
 - b. The Strategic Plan is due September 30, 2026. We received a template.
 - c. The Performance Improvement Measurement System report’s due date has changed from August 31, 2026, to October 30, 2026. We currently have a template but expect there to be minor changes coming from HRSA.
 - **Housing for Young Adults in Crisis:**
 - a. Our budget for Year 1 (\$10,600) is being divided up amongst agencies in Lincoln County that have expressed a need for funding to house young adults experiencing crisis. The funds must be expended during June and July 2026, before the end of Year 1.
 - b. We are developing Memorandums of Understanding (MOU’s) for the following agencies for awards up to the following amounts:
 - Family Promise of Lincoln County - up to \$3,000.
 - Helping Hands Reentry Outreach Centers - The Hope Center -up to \$2,000.
 - ReConnections Counseling - up to \$2,000.

Conversations are ongoing with other agencies who have expressed interest in receiving funds as well.

- a. **Sara Herd** – Have you talked with Sheila Stiley at Northwest Coastal Housing?

- b. **Jolynn Meza Wynkoop** – She did send her an email. Will try to send her another email.

Partnership for Community Health (PCH) Update:

Paulina Kaiser provided a Partnership for Community Health update.

- Formed the Partnership for Community Health to work on the Regional Health Assessment and the regional Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and to improve community health in the region.
- A Steering Committee meets for strategic collaboration and planning.
- CHIP priority areas include:
 - a. Access to Affordable Housing.
 - b. Access to Quality Care.
 - c. Behavioral Health.
 - d. Inclusion, Diversity, Anti-racism, and Equity (IDARE).
- She had a four hour in person meeting last Friday with the group and one of the big agenda items was an update on the CCCWN provided by Kacey Urrutia. We have a potential opportunity to align CCCWN with the PCH.
- On June 22, 2026, Samaritan Health Services along with PCH and others are helping sponsor a Medicaid Strategy Summit for regional health leadership in Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties to discuss the different changes to Medicaid, identify strategies, and look at resources.
- PCH is looking forward to and starting discussions for the next Regional Health Assessment that will happen in 2027.
- **Sara Herd:**
 - a. We have had conversations also around the process for the Behavioral Health Transformation Grants.
 - b. Here is a link to the Partnership for Community Health website - [Partnership for Community Health – Partnership For Community Health](#)

Future Direction of the CCCWN:

Kacey Urrutia led discussions around the future direction of the CCCWN.

- Shared the goal for the day.
 - a. She has had a chance to review prior meeting notes, the strategic plan, and the CCCWN charter and there are questions around role, alignment, and value that have been coming up consistently.
 - b. Specifically, she would like to focus on the following:
 - Where does CCCWN add the most value?
 - What needs to be better aligned across this work?
 - How should CCCWN help move priorities → action?
 - c. We want to make sure we are moving in the same direction and identify the next steps.
- Provided an introduction and shared her background.
- Focus over the next few months:
 - a. Supporting alignment across regional efforts.
 - b. Helping clarify direction and value of CCCWN.
- Shared the agenda for the day.
- Where is the CCCWN today?
 - a. **Mission** - To provide leadership to enhance the health of communities through development and support for collaborative regional partnerships in Benton, Lincoln, and Linn counties.

- b. **Vision** - 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.
- c. **Focus Areas:** Time to update and align with updated Community Health Needs Assessment.
Current focus areas – Pregnancy prevention and prenatal care, housing, chronic conditions (obesity, diabetes, cancer, and heart conditions), oral health, access to care and workforce development, tobacco prevention, mental health and substance use, violence prevention (child abuse, domestic violence, and human trafficking).
- Shared the **CCCWN structure:**
 - a. CCCWN Steering Committee.
 - b. Coast to Cascades Community Wellness Network – Co-Chairs. Dr. Robert Fallows, SHS Senior Medical Director, and Ryan Combs, COO of Coast Hospitals.
 - c. Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Coalition – Chair – Heidi May-Stoulil, SHS Director – Specialty Practices.
 - d. Linn, Benton Lincoln Partners for Health Coalition – Chair – Dr. Jeannie Davis, Western University COMP-NW.
 - e. Benton, Lincoln, Linn Regional Oral Health Coalition of Oregon (*Coalition is currently not active*).
- Kacy Urrutia noted that she met with the Chairs of the groups and discussed the feedback received. We will be providing a recommendation to the chairs in the next 5-months

Paulina Kaiser provided **SHS updates – Supporting CCCWN:**

- **Staffing:**
 - a. She is now Director of Community Health and Grants. Nike Neuenheim left in March and Mary Landis retired in May.
 - b. Will be hiring a Grants Program Manager (Future).
 - c. There is a Community Benefit Program Manager that reports to her.
 - d. We have a Grant Writer (Contracted).
 - e. Kacey Urrutia is the CCCWN Network Director (Contracted).
 - f. We have our Grant Project Directors (4).
- **System alignment:**
 - a. We now support the CCCWN through Community Health and Grants.
- **What This Means:**
 - a. Stronger alignment with community health priorities.
 - b. Increased focus on coordination and funding opportunities.
 - c. Continues backbone support for regional collaboration.
- **Wendy Hausotter** – Was on an online webinar recently regarding the upcoming alliance with SHS and MultiCare. Will this have an impact on this function?
 - a. **Paulina Kaiser** – She senses there will not be major changes, particularly in the short term. Is guessing finalization of the affiliation will be around October. They are telling us that nothing will change on day one. Thinks things will continue as we are.
 - b. **Dr. Robert Fallows** – The desire is that the systems learn from each other. The CCCWN has recognition for getting grants and this could be an opportunity for MultiCare to learn from us.
 - c. **Wendy Hausotter** – Realizes this was a hard one to answer. We have been successful over the years with obtaining grants. That is the real strength of the CCCWN.

Kacey Urutia:

- **What we are seeing:**
 - a. **Alignment and Coordination:**
 - Overlapping priorities across CCCWN, PCH, and regional efforts.
 - Limited coordination and connection across initiatives.
 - Opportunity to better align with SHS and community health priorities.
 - b. **Role Clarity:**
 - Unclear primary function of CCCWN.
 - Lack of clarity on when to lead vs. support vs. connect.
 - Unclear position within broader regional system.
 - c. **Effectiveness and Action:**
 - Strong work happening but not well connected.
 - Meetings focused on updates vs. strategy/decision-making.
 - Opportunity to better link priorities → funding → action.
- **Where this creates challenges:**
 - a. Strong work is happening but not consistently connected across efforts.
 - b. Unclear ownership of regional priorities and direction.
 - c. Difficulty aligning across partners, initiatives, and systems.
 - d. Missed opportunities to link priorities to funding and implementation.
- We need a clear, shared understanding of how it all fits together or where CCCWN adds the most value.
- **Where should CCCWN focus:**
 - a. **Convener:**
 - Brings Partners together.
 - Shares updates and information.
 - b. **Aligner:**
 - Connects efforts across groups.
 - Reduces duplication.
 - Aligns around shared priorities.
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 - c. **Driver:**
 - Leads initiatives.
 - Advances priority work.
- One way to think about this is - Should CCCWN primarily be convening partners, helping align efforts across the system(s), or taking a stronger role in driving priority work forward? We incorporate all three (most likely), but the question is where should we lead?
- **Discussion – Questions to consider:**
 - a. Where does CCCWN add the most value?
 - b. What needs to be better aligned across this work?
 - c. Can you think of a recent example where alignment would have made a difference?
 - d. Where have you seen duplication or missed connection points?
 - e. How should CCCWN help move priorities → action?
- **Sara Herd** – This is the second meeting she has attended. Have attended in previous years. The value of the Coalitions such as the Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Coalition with bringing together partners is important. We can look at the list and see who information is going out to. This serves as the glue with the community piece. She enjoys the overdose information and slides. They are good visuals. There is the opportunity for meetings like these to think of the Partnership for Community Health and priority areas and look at partners and who shows up and attends and if there are others that need to be at the table.

- **Wendy Hausotter** – Has been involved with the group for a long time now, and at one time was a director for one of the grants. Back then and through time, there is value with the reporting, and it is a requirement of the grants. There is real value with the time in between the CCCWN meetings where the director is reaching out to the partners and having conversations – the knitting in between meetings.
- **Linda Mann** – Has been part of the group for a long time as well. JoAnn Miller got her involved through oral health and the oral health grants. When you have a whole network when applying for a grant it makes a strong application. Reporting out with grants is part of the function and requirement, but the connection between meetings like Wendy Hausotter noted is important.
- It is valuable to hear what others are doing and we can help or be part of that.
- **Kacey Urrutia** – What she is hearing is that we feel it is important to have someone in the Network Director role, and this is important to be successful.
 - a. **Wendy Hausotter** – “Yes,” that role is important and having directors of the grant project as well like Jolynn Meza Wynkoop and Sommer McLeish. This is where real work occurs.
- **Kacey Urrutia** – There has been changes over time. We want to make sure the CCCWN is sustainable long term. Are there alignment opportunities?
 - a. **Sara Herd** – There is still an opportunity for a wider reach. She did not know the Benton, Lincoln, Linn Regional Oral Health Coalition of Oregon was on pause. Internally with Lincoln County Public Health, there are conversations around oral health, and they have different populations they interact with. We can get in a bubble, and we need to reach outside of that. We need the subcommittees and there are opportunities to market our groups. There are internal struggles when receiving information, keeping it and not sharing and not getting relayed, or people do not know where to share.
- **Kacey Urrutia** – It is easy to market. Should we have a structure around how we seek funding? Would this be helpful?
 - a. **Paulina Kaiser** – From a grant perspective, this would be helpful. We wait for the release of Request for Proposals, convene partners, and decide on project to support. Having conversations on a more ongoing basis, around projects we want to support, all would be helpful. We are seeing shorter turn around on grants. Lately, when HRSA or grant opportunities are available, we may have little time to develop a proposal. Having a clear, ready list of priority projects and funding goals would help ensure any proposals are submitted on time. We can add a *standing agenda item to meetings such as a “wish list” of projects and funding opportunities to identify strong fits and align strategically and efficiently with our goals.*
 - b. **Dr. Robert Fallows** – With our Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder Coalition, organizations asked for additional data on overdoses and Thien Nguyen requested the additional data and gave a more detailed response. There is valuable data with our Community Health Improvement Plan and our Community Health Assessment. Can a subcommittee look at aggregated data and produce a wish list for us to get better clarity?
 - c. **Paulina Kaiser** – “Yes,” data is great. The first step would be, what are the questions and provide information back to the question? How do we help structure and take on the questions and how to apply data to?
 - d. **Wendy Hausotter** – Likes the idea of a *standing agenda item around projects and funding opportunities.* We are in a great position with resources to invest in ourselves with our different strengths. We just need to remember not to agonize over it.

Updates:

Will provide Coalition updates and the Behavioral Health Resource Networks updates at the next meeting.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the CCCWN Steering Committee is August 12, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. The meeting is virtual through Microsoft Teams.

Gratitude Moment:

Members shared a gratitude moment.

- Kacey Urrutia noted that she was grateful to everyone that is here for the meeting and for today's discussions.

Adjourn:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelley Hazelton

Community Health and Grants

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