



Coast to Cascades Community Wellness Network (CCCWN)

Steering Committee

Held Virtually - Microsoft Teams

2:00 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.

August 12, 2026

Meeting Summary

Attendance-Members:

Ryan Combs, *Co-Chair*, Robert Fallows, PsyD, *Co-Chair*, and Jeannie Davis, Ed.D.

Attendance-Staff/Others:

Paulina Kaiser, PhD, Heidi May-Stoulil, Sommer McLeish, Jolynn Meza Wynkoop, Thien Nguyen, Kacey Urrutia, Amy Young, 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.

- Sommer McLeish noted she had seen a safety moment yesterday in Microsoft Teams regarding being careful about responding to the appropriate things on the correct thread.

Meeting Summary:

The June 10, 2026 CCCWN Steering Committee meeting minutes were noted. Due to a lack of forum, a formal vote was not made. Discussion followed regarding emailing out items for approval to CCCWN Steering Committee members or forwarding to the next meeting for approval.

Coalition Updates:

Regional Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Coalition:

Heidi May-Stoulil provided an update from the Regional Mental Health/SUD Coalition.

- The Coalition continues to have monthly guest speakers. This last Monday, Trillium Family Services was the guest speaker .
- We continue to report on overdoses, and we look at how to best use this information.
- We also have good attendance at our monthly meetings.
- **Jolynn Meza Wynkoop** – We do have a wide variety of guest speakers at the meetings. In July we had a speaker from Albany Comprehensive Treatment Center. In August we had Trillium Family Services and for September Linn Together will present on their organization. For October there will be a presentation from Linn County Mental Health and in November we will have a presentation from Monarch on 4th.

Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health:

Dr. Jeannie Davis provided an update from Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health.

- Our Violence Prevention Summit in collaboration with Linn, Benton, Lincoln Partners for Health this year was well received and occurred on May 21, 2026, with an evening presentation, and May 22, 2026, with a full day summit. The same keynote speaker presented on both days.
- The group is working on the 2027 summit that will be held in Lincoln County in Newport. We are looking more towards the month of April 2027 to hold the summit. We will work in connection with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Rural Health Network Development Grant - Addressing Violence in Rural Oregon Communities (AVIROC) Project and are having discussions on how we continue with efforts after this grant ends.
- **Sommer McLeish** – The date has been set for the Violence Prevention Summit in 2027 – the date for this summit is April 30, 2026.
 - a. She met with the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. They have a CARE program that provides advocacy, support services, and assistance to victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. They are interested in helping and being part of the 2027 summit.
 - b. We are in the last year of the AVIROC grant (ends June 30, 2027), so we would like to have a more call to action with the summit and people to champion our efforts moving forward.

Federal/State Grants Reports:

HRSA Rural Health Network Development Grant - 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.

- Year 4 of the grant began July 1, 2026.
- Acosta Services continues to implement Action Plan deliverables that address child abuse, domestic violence, and human trafficking in Spanish and Mam-speaking Lincoln County Communities.
 - a. Acosta Services is increasing community training programs, doing tabling events, and distributing prevention materials.
 - b. A Mandatory Child Abuse Reporting training with support of the Oregon Department of Human Services is scheduled for August 20, 2026, in Newport.
 - c. Partnering with ABC House on Internet safety training and hospitality planning.
 - d. Acosta Services is helping in collaboration with the Lincoln County School District to provide Boys Council and other training programs for PTA/parent involvement groups.
- Center Against Rape and Domestic Violence (CARDV) are continuing with social media campaign. School presentations were paused for summer break. CARDV helped provide resources at tabling events in rural Linn County. CARDV has brought in the highest numbers with outreach this year and have been providing lots of outreach activities to rural Linn County.
- ABC House will increase prevention programming for youth and the community.
- Sarah's Place has new staff on board and has been attending different professional development training programs.
- Planning for the 2027 summit continues.

- Bilingual media campaign plans are in process will be looking at public service announcements, survivor stories, and mini trainings.
- **Website** – Looking at improving the user’s journey as they navigate the website.

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.

- Has Project Officer and Technical Assistant that would like to come to Oregon for a visit with the grant in April 2027. Would like to look at possibly changing the CCCWN full Network meeting that is usually scheduled in May to move it forward to a date in April to coincide with their visit.
- Finished Year 1 of the grant, which ended in July.
- Looking at the budget and what was spent in Year 1. Since there was a delay in starting the project, we are underspent for Year 1.
- Waiting for some contracts and will be submitting some carry-over requests.
- **Housing for young adults in crisis** – The budget for housing in Year 1 was \$10,600. Spent \$6,219 leaving \$4,381 in unspent funds. The Project Officer is in conversation with partnering agencies to determine funding needs for Year 2. Faith, Hope and Charity, Family Promise of Lincoln County, Helping Hands Reentry Outreach Centers, and Centro de Ayuda have expressed interest in the funding. The current budget for Year 2 is set at \$9,000, but we are planning to submit a carryover request from Year 1 to Year 2 and add additional dollars to this line item. Other conversations have included expanding the current age range of 18-24, as this has shown to be a barrier in being able to spend funds.
 - a. Jolynn Meza Wynkoop noted with this housing category, the 18-24 age range was set for the grant. We know that there are needs out there for those over the age of 24. Would members support a line item with a wider age range? One organization had a 25-year-old that needed support. HRSA is open to making edits.
 - b. **Dr. Robert Fallows** – Lincoln County is impacted with the cost of housing, and the median household income is lower for this county compared to Linn and Benton counties.
 - c. **Jolynn Meza Wynkoop** – We did receive full grant approval late, so we did push for getting our contracts in place with little time. We can make an amendment with the plan to prioritize the 18-24 age group, but if an organization had a client that is above that age range, we could consider that request. Will work further on this amendment and request approval at the next meeting or via email.
- **Basic needs** – The budget for basic needs in Year 1 was \$1,468. Spent \$1,416 leaving \$52 in unspent funds. Two agencies received items from basic needs funding in Year 1, Family Promise and ReConnections Counseling. Second Home who works to place youth in host homes are interested in basic needs funding for Year 2. The current budget for Year 2 is set at \$1,087. We are planning on submitting a carryover request from Year 1 to Year 2 and adding additional dollars to this line item as there are organizations serving youth and young adults that could benefit from basic needs items.
- **Outreach** – Purchased mental and behavioral health supplies for outreach events including books for adults and teens, pens, journals, activity books, and snacks.
- **Year 2 Subaward Agreements** – Developing subaward agreements for Lincoln County Community Justice and Lincoln County Health and Human Services.
- **Lincoln County Community Justice** – In June, Project NEXT provided 31 nightly stays for youth and 9 nightly stays for young adults.

- **Lincoln County Health and Human Services** – Trained two staff in July/August to be Botvin's LifeSkills Curriculum trainers. Programming is set to take place in the fall. Lincoln County Health and Human Services-Behavioral Health will work with Eddyville Charter School and Toledo High School with the curriculum.
- Will be tabling at Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital on September 9, 2026, and Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital on September 2, 2026, as part of Recovery Month. Thien Nguyen will also be tabling and will be tabling at Samaritan Albany General Hospital and Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital as well. Outreach materials, brochures, books, pens, journals, and possibly cookies at some of the events will be available for participants.

Due to a lack of forum, a formal vote was not made to approve the AVIROC Grant update and the Project NEXT Grant update. Reports will be sent out via email or approved at the next meeting.

Partnership for Community Health (PCH) Update:

Amy Young provided a Partnership for Community Health update.

- Setting up better internal systems and tracking.
- Has been coordinating with Kacey Urrutia and discussions are underway by looking at refocusing, refining the work around the CCCWN, and looking at ways to refine the relationship with the PCH and the CCCWN. Kacey Urrutia is attending the PCH Steering Committee meetings.
 - a. Discussing and looking at structure/function:
 - Focus on funding/grant seeking piece outside the role of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Find the best way the CHIP can guide grant seeking and improve/streamline ways to move the needle with goals/strategies of the CHIP.
 - Community Health Assessment – 5-year cycle. Published in 2023. Look at community engagement. Look at what advisory or committee engagement and participation is needed with the next Community Health Assessment.

CCCWN Leadership Update:

Kacey Urrutia provided a past meeting recap, a leadership alignment/progress update, and led discussion around the HRSA 26-046 grant.

- She has had a chance to review prior meeting notes, the strategic plan, and the CCCWN Charter and many of these questions around role, alignment, and value have been coming up consistently.
- **There are a few things we can focus on:**
 - a. Where does CCCWN add the most value?
 - b. What needs to be better aligned across this work?
 - c. How should CCCWN help move priorities → action?

- **Last meeting recap:**

We spent time exploring what role CCCWN should play moving forward. The discussion suggested that rather than maintaining a separate set of priorities, CCCWN may add the most value by aligning partners, connecting efforts, and helping move priorities into action through funding and collaboration

- a. **What We Heard:**

- The need for greater alignment across regional efforts.
- Greater clarity around CCCWN's role and value.
- Opportunity to better connect priorities → funding → implementation.
- Desire to reduce duplication and make better use of partner time.

- b. **Leadership Discussion:**

- Regional organizations are already aligned around common community health priorities.
 - Explored where CCCWN adds the most value within that system.
 - Discussed CCCWN serving as an:
 - Aligner
 - Convener
 - Funding Connector
- **Progress Since Last meeting:**

Since our last meeting, we have been testing how CCCWN can serve as an aligner, convener, and funding connector, while working to create a clearer pathway from regional priorities to collaborative action and community impact.

 - a. **Key Outcomes:**
 - Leadership convened to further define CCCWN’s role and future direction.
 - Began clarifying the backbone support functions provided through Samaritan Health Services (SHS) Community Health and Grants in support of CCCWN.
 - Piloted a strategic approach to a HRSA funding opportunity that:
 - Assessed alignment with regional priorities.
 - Identified potential partners and project opportunities.
 - Tested a model for connecting priorities - > funding - > implementation.
 - b. **Next Steps:**
 - Explore alignment of the CCCWN Strategic Plan with regional priorities.
 - Clarify the relationship between PCH, CCCWN, and partner workgroups.
 - Develop recommendations for future structure and direction.
- **Paulina Kaiser** – The more conversations we have and talk through things the more clarity we will have. Having those open/honest conversations are important.
- There is a gap around the ability to pursue funding opportunities and alignment and having projects ready to go when funding is available. There can be short turnarounds for developing Request for Proposals. Having a clear, ready list of priority projects and funding goals would help ensure any proposals are submitted on time.

HRSA 26-046 Grant – Project CONNECT (Coordinating Networks to Enhance Community-based Chronic Disease Transformation):

Kacey Urrutia noted that there is a HRSA grant available for rural health clinics and small rural providers to strengthen quality improvement capacity, with a focus on chronic disease management and outcomes. This grant was released at the beginning of July and was due on August 6, 2026. We submitted a grant proposal for funding. The project we requested funding for is Project CONNECT.

- **Project CONNECT:**
 - a. **Coordinating Networks to Enhance Community-Based Chronic Disease Transformation:**
 - Funding opportunity: HRSA Small Health Care Provider Quality Improvement Program (HRSA-26-046).
 - Lead Organization: Samaritan Pacific Communities Hospital (Lincoln County, OR).
 - b. **Why This Matters:**
 - Lincoln County faces a high burden of chronic disease, an aging population, transportation barriers, workforce shortages, and fragmented connections between healthcare providers and community resources.

Patients often struggle to access coordinated support needed to manage chronic conditions effectively.

- **Proposed Solution:**

- a. Project CONNECT will create a coordinated, data-driven system that strengthens connections between clinics, care coordination programs, and community-based resources to improve chronic disease management and patient outcomes. The project builds on existing partnerships and infrastructure rather than creating new systems.

- **Key Strategies:**

- a. Build a culture of continuous quality improvement across clinical and community partners.
- b. Improve data collection, reporting, and use of technology to identify and support high-risk patients.
- c. Strengthen referral pathways and closed-loop connections to community resources.
- d. Develop sustainable reimbursement and funding strategies to support long-term success.
- e. Use Lincoln County as a pilot site and expand successful approaches across rural communities in Linn, Benton, and Lincoln Counties.

- **Expected Impact:**

- a. Improved chronic disease outcomes and care coordination.
- b. Increased use of evidence-based community programs.
- c. Stronger clinical-community partnerships.
- d. Better data-driven decision making.
- e. Sustainable model that can be replicated across the Samaritan service area and rural Oregon communities.

- **Key Partners:**

- a. Regional Health Education Hub (RHEHub).
- b. Coast to Cascades Community Wellness Network.
- c. SHS Population Health/Community Health and Grants.
- d. Rural Health Clinics.

- If we are funded, we will start the project on September 30, 2026.

Behavioral Health Resource Network (BHRN) Updates:

Updates were provided on the BHRN.

- **Thien Nguen – Linn and Lincoln Counties:**

- a. **Emergence Addictions and Behavioral Therapies:**

- They have welcomed a new IOP Counselor to their team.
- The Adult Treatment Court in Benton County is in full swing. Additionally, their Reflections program continues to be popular, and their bottle-drop-funded hygiene closet is fully stocked and open to the public.
- They continue to run their Alcoholics Anonymous meeting for Behavioral Health Professionals on Sundays, 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

- b. **Family Tree Relief Nursery:**

- Continues to host Parent Education workshops at the Corvallis Public Library, Tuesdays from 2:00 p.m. -3:30 p.m.
- 15 individuals were certified via Family Tree Relief Nursery's July Peer Support Specialist training.
- Family Tree Relief Nursery hosted a ribbon cutting on Aug 7, 2026, at their new building on 1355 Goldfish Farm Rd, Albany.

- Family Tree Relief Nursery's October Peer Support Specialist training is almost at capacity.
- c. NW Coastal Housing is seeing success with its Coast Vineyard Village Tiny Home project, with BHRN clients moving into permanent and transitional housing programs while still obtaining services from their Navigation Team.
- d. Samaritan Treatment and Recovery Services will be hosting an open house at 111 N Main St, Lebanon, on **Wednesday, August 19, 2026, from 6:00 p.m. -8:00 p.m.**
- e. Lincoln County Health & Human Services, in collaboration with several organizations in the county, are hosting the annual **Hands Across the Bridge in Waldport, September 19, 2026.** The event starts at the Alsea Bridge in Waldport with bridge crossing starting at 12:00 p.m. Attendees can also go to the Waldport Community Center from 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. for a free lunch, speakers, resources, and activities.
- f. Communities Helping All Negotiate Change Effectively (CHANCE) will be hosting a **Bridges to Recovery event on September 26, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.** at 231 Lyons St. SE, Albany, OR.

Member Updates:

Attendees shared member updates.

- **Dr. Jeannie Davis** – The Community Health Fair will take place this **Saturday, August 15, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** at the Sweet Home High School. The medical students will be at the event.

Gratitude Moment:

Dr. Robert Fallows thanked Kacey Urrutia and Paulina Kasier for the work and effort pulling the grant together for submission.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the CCCWN Steering Committee is October 14, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. The meeting is virtual through Microsoft Teams.

Adjourn:

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelley Hazelton

Community Health and Grants

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