

Minutes
Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization Advisory Committee

October 18, 2013

Umatilla County Courthouse

Pendleton, OR

Attendees: Sandy Ryman, GOBHI; Carolyn Mason, Umatilla County Human Services; Al Plute, Pendleton City Council; Sarah Williams, Umatilla County Public Health; Amy Ashton-Williams, Center for Women & the Family and Osoa Therapy; Heidi Eidler, EOCIL; Rod Harwood, St. Anthony Hospital; Juli Gregory, Good Shepherd Medical Center; Colin Dumont, EOAF; Kathy Thomas, Good Shepherd Medical Center; Marci McMurphy, CAPECO; Christine Guenther, St. Anthony Hospital; Blair Smith, DMAP; Mike Gregory, Lifeways; James Toss, EOCIL; Darrin Umbarger, Clearview; Heather Blagg, Umatilla County Public Health

Call to Order: Chair Rod Harwood called the meeting to order at 9: 30 a.m.

Introductions: Self-introductions were given by all the attendees.

Approval of minutes: Al Plute moved to approve the minutes as presented. Darrin Umbarger seconded, motion approved.

Advisory Council Membership: Sandy Ryman stated that if your organization still needed the application it could be downloaded from the GOHBI website. She has not been able to send the original list of LCAC applicants to Rod Harwood.

Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan:

Gathering Children's Data

Sandy Ryman presented the chart Cathy Wamsley created using children's data collected by Umatilla-Morrow Head Start. She explained the data for both Early Head Start and Head Start. Data was obtained via a parent answered questionnaire. Sandy briefly described the EOCCO Required Components for Needs Assessment Checklist for the whole group.

It was noted that some information varied between the information provided by the state and information used for the Community Health Assessment.

Dental Data

Sandy Ryman provided a handout showing the disparities of dental care. It was noted that the statewide average is 52% cavity rate among 6-9 year olds. With Northeast Oregon being 58% and Southeast Oregon having a rate of over 73% cavity rate among 6-9 year olds. Dr. Blair Smith agreed with this numbers and felt that they accurately represent our area of the state.

Unintentional Injuries and Deaths

Sandy Ryman reported that these numbers were too insignificant to report.

Needs Assessment Summary Sub Committee Report

Sarah Williams provided a draft copy of the Needs Assessment Summary to the group. Some discussion was held on the summary. Sandy Ryman will be providing some guidance before it is sent out. GOHBI will determine the next step for this report at its next meeting.

Implementation and Report on Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

Sarah Williams provided a draft copy of the “combined” CHIP to the group. Some discussion was held on the CHIP. Sarah reminded the group that this was just a draft and that Hermiston contributions were highlighted in blue.

Identified Gaps and Recommended Preventive Health Care Practices

Around the Room

Al Plute requested letters of support for taxing high sugar drinks in the city of Pendleton. Al brought up the idea at a city council meeting as a means to garner more revenue for the city of Pendleton. Rod Harwood would like to see evidence backing this request. Rod asked what types of studies have already been done, and has this proven to be effective.

Action: Al Plute was tasked with finding the evidence to back this proposal.

Darrin Umbarger provided flyers on an upcoming meeting being held on October 24 and 25. The 24th the groups are to determine what types of problems exist in the area and on the 25th, the groups will brainstorm solutions for those problems. Darrin also noted that the medical loan closet is doing quite well thanks to some very generous grants. Eventually would like to start closets in Hermiston, Milton-Freewater, Boardman, and Heppner.

Heidi Eidler is pleased to report that they have certified assistors for people needing assistance signing up for Cover Oregon. Carolyn Mason added the Umatilla County Human Services has 4 certified assistors, one of which is bilingual.

Rod Harwood stated that St. Anthony’s will be having its open house and dedication on November 16, and it will be open for business on November 20.

Good of the Order/Partner Reports:

Collin Dumont felt that an invitation needed to be extended to the schools and InterMountain Educational Service District (IMESD). Sandy Ryman noted that Cynder Smith needs to be specifically requested.

Action: Rod Harwood needs to send a letter to Cynder Smith specifically requesting her presence on EOCCO Community Advisory Council

Next Meeting:

Friday November 8 at 8:30 am at Good Shepherd Medical Center.

Meeting was adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,
Heather M. Blagg
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