

Summary of Minutes January 2014 Clatsop County Community Advisory Council

The agenda was reviewed and there were no additional items that the CAC wanted to discuss. The agenda was approved. The minutes from the November CAC were reviewed. Corrections to attendance were made and the minutes were approved.

The Principles of Collaboration were reviewed by the CAC members. Any feedback on the role of advisory council members should be given to Nancy Knopf.

Ari Wagner, data analyst, presented her findings on the health issues facing Clatsop County to the CAC. The quantitative archival studies show that Clatsop County has higher death rates due to heart disease, stroke, unintentional injuries, and drug induced causes compared to Oregon as a whole. Clatsop County also has higher rates of DUI, heavy drinking by females, and youth marijuana use and slightly higher rates of alcohol induced diseases, and preventable hospital visits. There is a limited access to healthy foods. The qualitative survey responses show that respondents from Clatsop County believe that jobs, clean environment, access to healthy foods, affordable housing, and education/good schools are the conditions for a healthy community. The largest health problems in the community as perceived by respondents are alcohol and drug addiction, obesity, and cancer. The three things to improve community access to healthcare are more health education and wellness services, expanding the Oregon Health Plan, and more doctors.

Following Ari Wagner's presentation, the Steering Committee presented their recommendations for Clatsop County's health priorities. The three health priorities recommended by the steering committee were health promotion and wellness, addictions, and crisis management. The CAC discussed how the value of addressing each priority was assessed and the priorities themselves. The CAC approved the recommendations of the steering committee.