

Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care Organization (CPCCO)
Board of Directors Meeting
April 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes



The meeting was held in-person in Tillamook, with a virtual option via Teams. Eleven of the twelve Board members attended: Nancy Avery, Jon Betlinski, Pam Cooper, Sherrie Ford, Eric Hunter, Steven Manesis, Monica Martinez, Viviana Matthews, Erin Skaar, Eric Swanson and Nicole Williams.

Chair Erin Skaar called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m. and declared a quorum for the record. By a vote of the Directors present, the Board approved the March 17, 2025 Board of Directors meeting minutes.

Discussion and Engagement Items

1. CARE Inc Grant Recipient. Jeff Blackford, Executive Director of CARE Inc, Tillamook County's community action agency, presented an overview of the work to address housing that Columbia Pacific CCO has funded. He started with appreciation for all the community partners that have helped create a new low-barrier shelter for the unhoused in Tillamook. CARE provides emergency financial assistance, housing assistance, peer supports, and Healthy Families services, in addition to shelter services. With CPCCO funds starting in 2022 through the SHARE program, Jeff presented the many challenges and progress building both individual units and congregate shelter beds, as well as a new navigation center. He also shared CARE's capacity building to provide the Health-Related Social Needs (HRSN) housing benefits, funded through Columbia Pacific's Community Capacity Building Fund grant. This includes building a comprehensive data and billing system for communication, closed loop referrals and service delivery reporting for CPCCO members.

Dental Update. Dr. Alyssa Franzen, CareOregon Chief Dental Officer, provided an update on oral health services, including the importance of oral health on overall health, the dental benefits for adults and children with OHP, and the dental delegation structure using Dental Care Organizations (DCOs). She presented market share and network descriptions for each of the four DCOs providing services to CPCCO members, and a deep dive on utilization, engagement and quality measures for dental. She highlighted DCO investments in building new clinic capacity in our region. Among the challenges, she noted nationwide shortages of dental assistants and hygienists, in particular, and patient engagement barriers. On the horizon, Dr. Franzen noted dental directed payments, other OHA related changes and federal threats to oral health programs.

Legislative/ OHA Procurement Update. Jeremiah Rigsby, CareOregon Chief of Staff, provided an update on funding cuts that the Trump Administration has already made, and the Congressional process to pass a new federal budget. At the state level, he noted the timeline for bills to pass from one chamber to the other as well as an update on HB 2205 which will delay the state CCO procurement for two years. Nora Leibowitz, CareOregon Chief of Medicaid Programs, noted that OHA is still moving through the identified procurement process in case HB 2205 does not pass. That process included a voluntary CCO response to a state Request for Information (RFI) regarding what CCOs have accomplished and what they suggest as additional improvements to the CCO model. CPCCO responded to the RFI and Mimi can make that response available to the Board upon request.

2. Committee Reports/Packet Review

Finance Committee. Steve Geidl presented the January 2025 YTD financial report using a new format that clarifies performance by CPCCO, by CareOregon, and a consolidated view. As a jump off to 2025, Steve shared trend data for the period 2022-24, showing the increases in utilization and costs by service

category, led by Outpatient Hospital costs. For the January 2025 financials, he noted both membership and medical expenses have outpaced budget forecasts, estimated gainshare accrual of \$0, higher investment income than budget, and year over year increases in outpatient and behavioral health expenses of 21% and 8.5%, respectively. The MBR for January was 92.2%.

3. Action Items

By a vote of all Directors present, the Board accepted the January financial report as recommended by the Finance Committee.

4. General Updates/Round Robin

Tillamook: Eric S provided several updates, including the news that Adventist will go live on Epic effective 9/1/2026; the new surgery center construction is on track; they are recruiting 2 general surgeons to replace retiring providers as well as one OB/GYN and three Family Practitioners; the licensing of DCI's new dialysis center is up next before opening for patients. Erin also provided updates: the new dentist at TCCHC is bi-lingual and ramping up with patients; the clinic is recruiting a new provider and mid-levels; the new low-income senior living apartments are under renovation in Nehalem Bay.

Clatsop: Pam indicated Providence will see patients in their new Warrenton clinic on 5/6. Nicole indicated the CMH expansion project is on track for August, and they have recruited a new ENT provider. Steven noted the NW Senior and Disability Services Advocacy Day last week that was well-attended, the protests held over the weekend in Astoria against the federal deportation actions and potential cuts to government programs, and the Owens Adair project is now in process.

Regional: Eric H noted CareOregon's attention to the legislative session, efforts to address financial sustainability especially with the behavioral health services, and engagement in both state rate-setting for 2026 and federal changes. Monica mentioned that she will be on maternity leave late-May to late-August. Safina noted today is the first day for the CPCCO Medical Director, Bhavesh Rajani. Karen noted she will be retiring on August 5th.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.