

Columbia County: Monday, May 1, 2023
Community Advisory Council Draft Minutes

3:00- 5:00PM

Called the meeting to order at 3:01 She welcomed guest and facilitated introductions. Gave brief housekeeping regarding interpretation for everyone attending the meeting. Minutes for April were approved.

Public Health Survey Results: 2021 CWIFT Grant Recipients

Update provided an update to the group regarding the CWIF grant Columbia County Public Health received in 2021. In July 2022, with the help of consultants and Columbia County Public Health leading the project, a plan around community engagement and feedback in collaboration with the Latinx Collaborative was designed to assess health equity in the Latinx community. Based on the group's guidance, it was determined that the assessment would include a series of community and partner focus groups, and interviews with key organizations working in the Latinx community. The assessment took place from October 2022 - January 2023. Surveys were administered to community members and organizational partners from February - April 2023. The final report will be available mid-May. The final report will include a summary and analysis of the findings from community and partner engagement and research providing additional context around Columbia County and the region regarding health equities and disparities. The report will include recommendations for Columbia County Public Health and its local and regional partners, and respective health providers, to consider as part of next steps in creating more accessible and equitable pathways to health services for the Latinx population in Columbia County.

Demographic Report Update: Reviewed data from the demographic report from all three counties. This is an annual requirement by OHA. Meeting will adjourn a few minutes earlier to allow some time to complete survey for those who haven't done it yet and to do the Regional Health Assessment (RHA)-survey too.

RHIP Report, 1st Review: Reviewed the process for our Regional Health Improvement Plan, and some of last year's highlights, such as the housing fund, suicide prevention, children in the foster system, and expansion of Community Health Workers in our region. We will do the final review in June.

Regional Health Assessment Update: The story collection has begun and is live on the CPCCO website. We will share out flyers once they are ready. Online version is available today and we have the survey available in English and Spanish.

IA Update: IA Update: shared info about the new COVID-19 boosters for people 65+ and/or with compromised immune systems. The original monovalent vaccines have been discontinued. There is a new strain that is contagious and often involves pink eye but does not appear to be severe. We also discussed the Senior Farm Direct Program and ways to update contact information with OHP. The Senior Farm Direct Nutrition Program (SFDNP) provides income-eligible seniors with vouchers to purchase fresh, locally grown fruit, vegetables and cut, edible

herbs directly from participating farmers at farmers markets and farm stands from June through November

Community Updates:

- Wildflower is currently seeking funds to get new AC units and sponsorships for OHP families to use the wildflower program. They are looking for couple of board members for their group.
- Community Action continues to have funds for energy assistance and outreach is being done Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays 11:00 -1:00PM.
- Public Health is currently working on drug prevention rallies and overdose prevention and working on developing age-appropriate curriculum for kids. They are also doing strategic planning in June.
- Legal aid is working with youth who are facing immigration issues. Met with long term care facilities who have some issues with members being evicted while being in the hospital.

Members Check In- Private Time.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00

Next Meeting: June 5, 2023, 3-5pm