

Clatsop Community Advisory Council Minutes

Tuesday October 3, 2023, 4:30-6:30pm

Members Present: 4 of 5 Members Present

Staff Present: 6 Staff Present

Guests: OHA, VSO & 2 Potential Members Present

Chair called meeting to order at 4:31pm. All participants welcomed . Quorum met. 10-3-2023 Agenda and 9-5-2023 Minutes Accepted as submitted.

Introduction of Guests: All guests were introduced.

Housekeeping Slides were skipped this month to inform the group about what the Columbia CAC did at their meeting last night 10-2-2023. During the Learning Theme they had a Spanish speaking group present in Spanish and had all others use the translation service for English. It was suggested that we might like to try this so we can have the experience of hearing a presentation through translation.

Acknowledgment of Indigenous Peoples Day. A presentation was made about the Clatsop-Nehalem tribe, a part of the Chinook Nation that is from Clatsop County and gave resources to learn more about them.

CAC Health Equity Learning Theme: Clatsop Veterans Service Officer, The local Veterans Service Officer who is a native of Warrenton and served for 24 years in the Air Force attended. When he retired, he came back to Warrenton and assumed the position as the Veterans Service Office for Clatsop County 7 months ago. He is completing his training and has begun to serve the 3500 plus veterans in our county. He works with CCA, the sheriff's office and veterans groups (American Legion, VFW, North Coast Veterans Coalition) as an advocate and helping use the benefits they have, find housing and dental benefits as well as issues like the fire arms safety network to help veterans who are at risk for suicide or service connected disability compensation. One of the other issues he is working on is reliable transportation to appointments. He stated that 25% of local veterans qualify for OHP. He encourages everyone to extend vets grace in their frustration with the bureaucracy of the system. It can take the VA up to 108 for a turnaround.

The annual Stand Down for Veterans will be postponed this year due to many factors. The veteran's coalition is working to get the event scheduled for 2024.

CONTACT INFO: clatsopvso@ccaservices.org 971 308-1045. If you don't get a response send a reminder.

SHARE Update: Staff updated us on the Supporting Health for All Through REinvestment Initiative (SHARE) program which is a legislative requirement for the COCCO to reinvest a

percentage of profits back into the community. They are intended to be complimentary to our grant programs. They must involve community partnership dollars given to social determinants of health and equity partners, ie: economic stability, neighborhood & built environments, social & community health, education. Currently all the proposed funding areas include housing because of the overwhelming need. Current Proposed Partnerships:

1. CCA – Hilltop Apartments, preserving housing stock including repairs/upgrades & the rapid rehousing program
2. CARE Tillamook – low barrier shelters & capacity building & infrastructure (showers, bathrooms, 24 hr. peer supervision & support.
3. Helping Hands Reentry Program for Families. 3 months of transitional housing focused on people in recovery. Clatsop & Tillamook have existing programs and Columbia will be negotiating to use existing Multnomah resources.

Regional Health Assessment Update:

Staff reminded us of the process we do every 5 years:

- 1) collect data from the community (survey that was completed July 31, 2023)
- 2) conducting work sessions beginning this month to review the findings and identify themes that are brought back to the community
- 3) bring themes to the community in Feb. who will vote on the top 3 key concepts to be implemented in the next 5-year plan.

OHA Innovator Agent Report presented her report on:

A) Vaccines:

- 1) COVID vaccines available beginning this week. CDC recommends them for anyone over 6 years old. You can get them 8 weeks after your last Covid shot. You can order up to 4 free COVID test kits.
- 2) Flu shots are available. You can get them at the same time as your COVID shot.
- 3) RSV are available if you are over 60 or in an at-risk category

B) OHP 1115 Medicaid Waiver timeline update projections.

C) Additional Food Benefits for children on EBT equaling \$120 per eligible child are available and can be loaded onto their EBT cards.

D) Approx 11,700 OHP members in Oregon (300 in the CPCCO region) received incorrect redetermination approval notices in Sept. OHP is addressing it now. If you are unsure about your redetermination status, contact your assister or the website to check if you received an incorrect notice.

D) Belle provided contact information on various resources and trainings.

Community Check In: Members had the opportunity to share information or ask questions of others in the group. Staff took this opportunity to talk to the council about a letter of agreement for the merger for between CareOregon and Scan Group.

Meeting Adjourned 6:32pm