

Summary of Minutes January 2015
Columbia County Community Advisory Council

The November meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

Joell Archibald, Innovator Agent, gave an update on the CCO Summit. Joell let the CAC know that presentations from the December CCO Summit have all been posted. Sessions that were videotaped were posted as well. People who were members of a CAC experienced some barriers but there was a commitment to make it as easy as possible for them to attend.

As of the 1st of January NEMT (non-emergent medical transportation) is part of the CCO array of services. There was a discussion of how to access and what the utilization for Columbia County is. The CAC requested information that social services and clinics could post about how to use and who can use NEMT (and how to sign up).

Joell let the CAC know that Columbia County is doing a good job with getting redeterminations done. There is a prediction that >2000 people in the CPCCO service region would be losing their OHP coverage. The CAC discussed needing more assistors and that people were coming from outside of the county to get assistance due to lack of resources in their own county. Additionally, insurance providers locally who were not helping people to get onto OHP (but were helping with the exchange) were re-directing these people to public health who are already at capacity. There was a request for more assistors.

Joell also discussed Trauma Informed Oregon. OHA has partnered with PSU to be the HUB for technical assistance and information. The innovator agents will be meeting with TIO in January to discuss how to deliver supports for the CAC's, and community. There is a website, www.traumainformedoregon.org

The CAC discussed membership and decided that there was a need to recruit four more OHP representatives to participate in the CAC.

A volunteer with the Public Health Department gave a presentation regarding a support group she is facilitates. The purpose of the group is to share ideas, support each other and to discuss health barriers (and solutions to health barriers). She is using the (free) meet up group.com to organize the meetings. The Self Health Empowerment Meet Up is happening January 7th and 14th. RSVE@ meetup.com.

The CAC discussed Community Education and was asked to consider following the framework that is being developed by the Tillamook CAC. (The CAC sponsors a series of monthly education events that community members and community experts related to a specific topic come together to have a roundtable discussion that is facilitated/led by a professional). The goal of these events would be to educate that community and to get an idea of what the community would like regarding projects for 2016. There would be a graphic recorder and the results of the educational series would be presented at a fair in late summer.

The CAC suggested topics: Prevention and suicide prevention support for youth in the community, positive youth development, responses to child abuse/neglect and the high percentage of foster care placement in Columbia County.

In general the CAC agreed that hosting these events would be a great idea. The CAC nominated two members to attend the first Tillamook event to get an idea of what to do/expect and report what they experienced. The members agreed to attend.