

Columbia County Community Advisory Council (CAC) Summary

Monday, April 20, 2020, 3:30-4:30 pm

AGENDA ITEMS:

Chair opened the meeting at 3:33 pm- March minutes were approved.

Check-in with Members: Check-ins with members regarding physical distancing order and Covid-19 pandemic: Members shared personal updates and any updates related to community needs being met.

Innovator Agent (IA) Update: The IA reported 7 new Covid deaths in Oregon since our last meeting, bringing the total up to 99 as of today with 14 cases in Columbia County and no deaths. The governor will hold a press conference on Thursday which will provide more information on re-openings. The approach will most likely take into account each region and community capacity for contact tracing and testing. It will most likely be a complicated discussion and it will be crucial for communities to be able to continuously manage and monitor flow and maintain the ability to respond; The state recently rolled out the “Safe and Strong” campaign in 12 languages that will help fill the gap that exists with culturally responsive educational material around Covid.

CCO Updates: Nancy provided updates on how CPCCO has been supporting the community during the Covid pandemic. Large grant interest letter deadline was extended from the previous deadline to mid-May. Our Community Wellness Investment Funds probably won't open until the end of June. We're continuing to work on the new OHA contract and long-term deliverables including getting a working definition from our CACs on equity and coming up with trainings, and diversity and inclusion strategies for our advisory council; The CCO distributed emergency response funds to over 20 organizations. There is great need in the community right now, for example, our local food bank saw an 85% increase in clients in March so they are working on procuring food outside of the regular process, which the CCO hopes to support.

Charter Updates: CAC voted without objections to incorporating the regional charter components on CAC standards of practice to the local charter (as presented at the March meeting). Staff will incorporate these changes and submit back to the CAC for review.

Next Meeting: May 4, 3:30-4:30

Location: Virtual