

## Minutes

# Community Advisory Council 3031 NE Stephens Street

May 14, 2020 — 5:30 to 7:00 PM

Council Jerry O'Sullivan, Chair | Cindy Shirtcliff, Vice Chair | Jennifer (Jenny) Carloni | Sherry Hargraves |

Present Catherine Paul | Juliete Palenshus | Sharon Stanphill | Brenda Tibbetts | Deanna Watson

**Absent** Sherry Hargraves | Michael Lasher | Melanie Prummer | Stacy Whittington

**Others** Bevin Hansell

*Call to Order*— Jerry O'Sullivan called the meeting to order at 5:40pm.

#### Word on the Street—

Deanna shared that Chadwick Clubhouse has just finalized its lease. The Clubhouse has over 50 members and is receiving a steady stream of references. Currently the Clubhouse is utilizing social distancing in its activities- such as doing take-out lunches, twice-weekly walks, and Zoom meetings.

Juliete - Phase 1 of Blue Zones project is complete! Due to local funding and investment, this project will continue for another three years. Kudos to the community for supporting Blue Zones, and it's on to Phase II now. Heidi Hill added that this is due to tight alignment with the Community Health Improvement Plan and other community-based wellness initiatives.

Catherine - Southern Oregon Baby Aid has been instituted by the local Douglas County Perinatal Task Force in collaboration with Healthcare Coalition of Southern Oregon (HCCSO), offering diapers, wipes, dental supplies, and thermometers to families of young children that reside in the community. More info is available on the HCCSO Facebook Page.

#### **OHA Update-**

Bevin congratulated Douglas County for being able to open up into phase one. Douglas County has done an impressive job of effectively managing COVID-19 and pulling together to track, control, and suppress the spread of the virus.

Oregon Health Plan- unfortunately, some recent system errors occurred. The result is that some members were wrongly dis-enrolled from their CCO's. Some of these errors have been caught and are being reversed, but should any of UHA's members be affected, they should contact UHA. UHA can request immediate re-enrollment of the member as a "continuity of care" issue. OHA staff will respond quickly, working through a manual process to get the member reenrolled.

State Health Improvement Plan- This is a 5-year plan. The final SHIP release is slated for August and an informational website is being created to support the release. OHA is seeking feedback through a survey for feedback in five focus areas of the SHIP. The survey is available through June 10<sup>th</sup>, in both English and Spanish.

COVID-19 update- OHA is partnering with local public health departments to start contact tracing. Douglas Public Health Network is heading up contact tracing for Douglas County. Contact tracing is voluntary; if you are contacted you are encouraged to participate. Your personal health information will not be shared outside of the tracing program.



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Telehealth – Telehealth services for behavioral health and physical health have been very successful. This is driving a new OHA project in the next couple months- examining what Telehealth services work well and which ones don't, as well as reviewing the payment model for Telehealth.

Budget cuts are coming in OHA to pay for COVID-19 impacts. Some of this may roll down into what CCO's are paid; no details are known at this time about what that might look like yet.

### **Tribal Representation-**

UHA needs to appoint a tribal liaison, and the new OHA deadline for this item is June 30<sup>th</sup>. Sharon Stanphill shared that tribal affairs director Julie Johnson has a map of local Tribal areas and a tribal contact list. UHA will invite other local tribes to participate in the CAC if they are interested. UHA will also offer to share CAC minutes and information if they should decline.

### CAC Covid-19 - Community Relief Funding Process-

UHA has been involved in the work Bevin mentioned, the early release of withhold funds- these funds have been released in two buckets. One bucket is targeting the UHA health care Providers who have been significantly impacted by COVID-19 in their ability to provide services. The other bucket is the use of funds to support community and social services that have increased needs due to COVID-19 situation.

Heidi Hill shared a list of the organizations and agencies that UHA has awarded funding to in order to mitigate COVID-19 impacts.

There is additional COVID-19 relief funding for June, and UHA would like the CAC to handle awarding these remaining funds. Since this money needs to get out into the community quickly, an expedited funding process has been created. The suggested process is for the CAC to create a workgroup of volunteers to review the incoming applications for funding and bring back a recommended funding slate to the CAC meeting in June for the CAC to vote on the distribution of these funds.

Applications are being solicited and accepted through May 31<sup>st</sup>. To receive an application, interested parties should email Heidi Larson at <a href="https://hittago.ni.nlm.ni.n

CAC members interested in participating in the workgroup are: Jerry, Brenda, Juliete, Catherine, Cindy, Deanna. Bevin will participate as a non-voting resource for the workgroup.

Members will recuse themselves from voting when or if they have ties to an applicant.

#### Co-Chair & Chair Election Process-

Heidi Hill suggested the CAC postpone this process to the July CAC meeting due to COVID-19 impacts and Kat's absence. Additionally, the CAC charter will be reviewed at the June meeting. This suggestion was received and voted upon: Deanna motioned, Juliete seconded. Passed unanimously.

## Member Material Workgroup related to HRS-

UHA has materials for members to describe available Health Related Services. These materials need to be reviewed by the CAC, and Heidi Hill suggested a workgroup of CAC volunteers to take this on. The



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CAC reviewed some materials in the April meeting, but more needs to be done. Bevin has some guidance that would be helpful, so the CAC agreed the next step is for Heidi Hill and Bevin to meet and determine more structure for a workgroup before beginning it. The deadline for this review is June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Adjourn — There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.

**Next Meeting** — June 11, 2020 / 5:30 to 7:00 PM / Zoom