

Council Present *Jerry O’Sullivan, Chair | Juliete Palenschus, Vice Chair | DeeJay Juarez | Michael Lasher | Catherine Paul | Melanie Prummer | Christin Rutledge | Brenda Tibbetts | Deanna Watson | Sarah Wickersham*

Absent *Chelsea McLaughlin | Melinda Sprague*

Others *Bevin Ankrom | Dr. Heidi Beery | Dr. Tanveer Bokhari | Kat Cooper*

Call to Order— Jerry O’Sullivan called the meeting to order at 5:32pm.

Word on the Street— Brenda shared that Head start opened 22/23 school year applications.

Juliete noted that Thrive Umpqua has started work on DEI worksites effort. Been invited to create a BIPOC meetup group in Douglas County, if anyone is interested in joining contact Juliete. Also shared information on an upcoming trails day event, a bike and trail event and an acknowledgement of St. Patrick.

Catherine shared information on a new a milk depot in Douglas County with NW Mothers Milk Bank – a place for moms to donate milk to the most vulnerable babies in our state. The open house is taking place on March 4th at Excellence in Women’s Health.

Michael shared that the Douglas ESD is hosting an open house at their Stephens St. location on March 18th to unveil the remodel. The site will house the parenting hub, SCELH, CCRR, Nursing Program, EIECSE.

Consent Agenda— Juliete motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Brenda seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OHA Update – Bevin shared that though the mask mandate is ending, OHA is still encouraging folks who are unvaccinated or immunocompromised to continue masking and social distancing. KN95 masks are available for free at local pharmacies, and Covid tests are being delivered from post office. CAC had a discussion about how the application for free tests delivered by the post office is being used. Bevin shared information on Healthier Oregon, and detailed how anyone who moved off OHP eligibility during the pandemic could be disenrolled once the state of emergency ends, but the process will roll out slowly. Lastly, Bevin shared that the crisis system advisory workgroup committee is looking for new members, looking for folks with lived experience in mental health situations and people with experience in areas that are underserved.

Kindergarten Readiness & UHA OPIP Partnership Update – Dr. Bokhari provided updates on the kindergarten readiness measure. The CAC and guests discussed the measure, and impacts of Covid on early childhood assessments.

2022 CHIP Funding Slate – CAC reviewed the funding slate. Brenda motioned to approve the slate as presented, Deanna seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. CAC discussed application process and potential updates/changes to the 2023 funding, and asked to continue the conversation next month.

CHP Update Data Points – tabled for March meeting.

Adjourn — *There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.*

Next Meeting — *March 10 / 5:30 to 7:00 PM / Virtual*