**Morrow County Local Community Advisory Council**

**Meeting minutes**

*Thursday, March 1st, 2018 @ 9:00 AM*

*Bartholomew Conference Rm, 110 N Court, Heppner, Or*

**Participants Present:** Bob Houser, Catie Brenaman, Diana Bjork, Diane Kilkenny, Dirk Dirksen, Don Russell, Emily Reynolds, Erin Anderson, Erin Stocker, Estella Gomez, John Adams, John Murray, Jonathon Lopez, Kathryn Chaney, Kimberly Lindsay, Laura Griffin, Linda Skendzel, Marie Shimer, Rebecca Gardner, Seth Whitmer, Sheree Smith, and Troy Soenen.

**Call To Order**

The Morrow County LCAC meeting was called to order by LCAC Chair, Sheree Smith at 9:03 am.

**Welcome & Introductions**

Sheree welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

**Review of February Minutes**

Members reviewed minutes from the February 1st, 2018 LCAC Meeting. Motion made by Bob Houser to approve minutes as presented. Don Russell seconded the motion. Motion carries to approve minutes as presented.

**EOHLA – Colon Cancer Outreach Project- John Adams**

*The Eastern Oregon Healthy Living Alliance (EOHLA) aims to improve community health in Eastern Oregon by providing strategies in the Regional Community Health Improvement Plan and by supporting community health development initiatives within the region.*

John Adams and Jonathon Lopez discussed their local outreach strategy for promoting colon cancer screenings in Morrow County. EOHLA conducted 5 focus groups in 2016 to identify the best ways to distribute information about colon cancer screenings to the public. OHSU Knight Cancer Institute is funding the organization to implement the findings from the focus group to improve health education. EOHLA is partnering with CAC’s and clinics in Morrow, Sherman and Gilliam counties to improve colon cancer screening rates. Project outreach activities are focused around small and mass media, group education, and clinic sponsored direct mail.

* Small/Mass Media: Partner with local individual(s) already involved with community outreach, educational flyer (includes information on where to access free kits) and post flyers in Heppner, Irrigon, and Ione. Along with advertisements in the local newspapers, radio, social media pages and Columbia River Health website.
* Group Education: 5-7 outreach presentations with community, civic, and government organizations (Morrow County Health District, Columbia River Heath).
* Clinic Support: Disseminate outreach letter and educational flyer via direct mail, provide easy access to screening kits, provide support and follow up in completing and returning test kits.

*\*March 2018 CAC Update: Morrow County (EOHLA update distributed)*

*Secured grant funding for 2018 colorectal cancer screening outreach project.*

*Secured funding for 2018 Integrated Nurse Home Visiting Program learning collaborative.*

**LCAC Charter review and discussion- Troy Soenen**

Charge (in Summary): LCACs will help ensure EOCCO is responsive to member and community health needs. The primary charge of each LCAC is to advocate for preventive care practices, to oversee and collaborate with community partners on a Community Needs Assessment, and to develop, implement and report on a Community Health Improvement Plan. \*Any community member is encouraged to apply.

Upcoming trainings offered by the Oregon Health Authority that will provide comprehensive training on community health assessments, building your community health improvement plan and how to collaborate and partner on building a community health assessment. \*March 20th 2018 Hermiston, OR (Location TBD)

GOBHI is working to create 24 focus groups within the 12 counties and asking for LCAC support on inviting community members to participate in these focus groups.

**Incentive Measure Progress- Troy Soenen**

Troy provided a January progress report for Morrow County Incentive Measures. The report is based on claims processed through January 31st, 2018.

**EOCCO Grant awards**

* *Skipped discussion, as results were not received yet per LCAC chair, Sheree Smith.*

**Pilot Project proposal- Emily Reynolds**

Emily reviewed the plan to open a local food pantry at Columbia River Health (CRH) with the grant that is available through EOCCO. The grant would be used for the infrastructure, such as the appliances and the racking. As part of the food pantry, there would be an attached learning kitchen. The Oregon Food Bank is in full support and the Port of Morrow has offered to donate some of their services to the project. A dietician has been hired who will start in June of this year. Emily is anticipating the completion of the construction around this time next year and looking to the LCAC for support in this project.

**Public Comment/Roundtable**

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| * Marie Shimer | Marie handed out a MCSD Health Adoption (2018-2024) overview on the last meeting held in February. The committee reviewed newly adopted state standards, legislation surrounding health instruction, development of a comprehensive Sexual Education Plan (CSEP) and proposed curriculum adoption. \*March 12, 2018 the committee will be presenting the CSEP plan and proposed curriculum to the school board for adoption. | |
| * Dirk Dirksen | Commented about school safety and wanted to point out how important community counseling and community health is within the schools. Positive partnerships with county police, BMCC, Advantage Dental, and Columbia River Health. | |
| * Don Russell | Commented about the safety issue in regards to the School Resource Officer Program (SRO) and how it’s impacted the youth in a positive way. | |
| * Kathryn Chaney | Domestic violence services is offering multiple Parenting Now classes presently. A new volunteering training in Pendleton has just started and would like to get more Morrow County volunteers. February was teen dating violence awareness month and that is something she would like to have the opportunity to talk about those issues amongst the schools and communities. Also, sometime in June they are planning on an anti-racism presentation in Pendleton with Oregon Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence. | |
| * Rebecca Gardner | Oregon Child Development Coalition (OCDC) is recruiting and gearing up for Summer. Commented on how great Morrow County comes together as a collective and how each member is invested by participating in community events and committees. | |
| * Linda Skendzel | Upcoming outreach events- Town Hall on March 6th, 2018 at the Irrigon Library with Walla Walla VAMC who will be going over any changes or updates and answering questions for the veterans in attendance. Neighboring county VSO’s and medical staff were invited to come listen to the presentation and also have a chance to network during the private luncheon after the public meeting. The ‘Women Are Not Invisible’ photo display and public showing of the movie, “Lioness” will be March 23rd and March 24th at the Sage Center in Boardman, OR. | |
| * Bob Hauser | New PA Dan Doherty started his position in Irrigon today. The final inspection for the Boardman building is coming up and hoping to get PT open for business ASAP. Also, the final inspection for the Irrigon parking lot design is coming up and hoping to break new ground in Irrigon. | |
| * Jonathon Lopez | Columbia River Health is having their pharmacy grand opening on April 7th, 2018 from 10am to 5pm open to the community. It will be across from Harvest Food Town grocery store with local business coming together with prizes, food and raffles. | |
| * Diane Kilkenny | Primary Review this year resulted in a lot fewer exclusion letters sent to students. The CARE Team worked collaboratively with the schools, identifying students in need of vaccine, obtaining consents and taking vaccines to the school for administration. | |
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| * Seth Whitmer | Columbia River Community Health Services (CRCHS) has officially changed their name to Columbia River Health (CRH). They have just signed a contract with a pediatrician who will hopefully start in July of this year. | |
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| * Catie Brenaman | Umatilla head start is working on some Summer parent cafés and learning picnics, more details to follow. | |
| * Sheree Smith | On behalf of Andrea Fletcher, Sheree shared some information in her absence. Andrea is hoping to begin secondary data collection this month, and anticipating focus groups to start in April. She may be contacting partners to help gather unbiased participants for these upcoming focus groups. Northwest Heath Foundation Grant- wondering if people were interested and wanting to move forward on this opportunity. WISE event at the Ione Community Church on March 12th, 2018 at 1pm.  Per Sheree, she wanted to pass along that Angie Treadwell’s pictures were used by OSU from the ‘Cooking Matters’, along with a Boardman parent on the front along with the kids from the most recent Umatilla cooking class. Also, reminded members about April’s meeting day and location. | |

**Cultural Sensitivity Training Monday 3/19/18 1-4pm**

* Cultural Sensitivity Training in Boardman at the Port of Morrow Monday March 19th 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

**Next meeting will be April 12th at 9:00am at the Port of Morrow, 2 Marine Drive NE, Boardman, Oregon.**

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:36 am**

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