



Community Advisory Council Meeting Minutes

EOCCO CAC Meeting

Wednesday, September 13 · 11:30am – 1:00pm

Time zone: America/Los_Angeles

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Attendees:

EOCCO CAC Member Roll Call

Wheeler County: Ellie Bray, **Wallowa County:** Commissioner Ted Thorne, **Union County:** Diana Elledge, Winnie Andrews, **Umatilla County:**-- **Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR):** Maurice Bronson, **Malheur County:** Sarah Poe, **Morrow County:**-- **Sherman County:** Amber DeGrange, **Lake County:** Bailey Guido, Commissioner James Williams, **Harney County:** Jennifer Williams, Vera Williams, **Grant County:**-- **Gilliam County:** Chanel Kelly, Elizabeth Farrar Campbell, **Baker County:** Albert Rowley, Kristina Gueli, Meghan Chancey

EOCCO: Marci McMurphy, Ari Basil-Wagner, Lourdes Reyna, Rosalie Kelly, Christian Muñoz, Karen Wheeler, Summer Prantl, Britney Garcia, Norman Valdez, John Lucero, Yami Gonzalez, Julian Gutierrez, Rae Mikel, Allison Hecht, Sofia Aliello, Mikayla Briare

Guests: Amy Bell, Christina, Tressia Dutcher, Rosa Armenta, Karen Mathson, Kimberly Adams, Melinda Bentley.

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEM
Welcome Roll Call and Introductions - Diana Elledge	<p>Diana welcomed everyone and asked them to put their name and organization in the chat.</p> <p>Jennifer Williams 11:33 AM</p> <p>Jennifer Williams, Harney County, Central Oregon Disability Support Network & Crossroads Ranch of Harney County & consumer rep Ari Wagner 11:33 AM</p> <p>Ari Wagner; GOBHI / EOCCO Mikayla Briare</p>	

11:33 AM

Hi everyone! Mikayla Briare--EOCCO :)

You

11:33 AM

Rose Kelly, GOBHI

Sofia Aiello

11:33 AM

Sofia Aiello from EOCCO :)

Christian Muñoz

11:33 AM

Christian Munoz, GOBHI

Alison Hecht

11:33 AM

Alison Hecht, EOCCO

Maurice Bronson

11:33 AM

Maurice Bronson, CTUIR YTHC

Raeana Mikel

11:33 AM

Rae Mikel, GOBHI / EOCCO

Yami Gonzalez, OHA

11:33 AM

Yami Gonzalez, OHA Innovator Agent supporting EOCCO

Rosa Armenta CPOP

11:34 AM

Rosa Armenta - Regional Outreach Coordinator serving Umatilla, Morrow, Wallowa, and Union counties.

Amber DeGrange

11:34 AM

Amber DeGrange, Sherman County

amy bell

11:34 AM

Amy Bell, Advantage Dental Representing Eastern Oregon

John Lucero

11:34 AM

John Lucero - GOBHI/EOCCO

James Williams

11:34 AM

James Williams -Lake County Commissioner -LCHP Co-Chair -EOCCO Board Member

Kristina Gueli

11:34 AM

Kristina Gueli, Baker County, LCHP consumer member and co-chair

Tressia Dutcher

11:34 AM

Tressing. Dutcher malheur ecco member and parent of ecco member

Julian Gutierrez

11:34 AM

Julian Gutierrez, GOBHI

Chanel Kelly

11:35 AM

Good Afternoon Chanel Kelly Gilliam County Lchp Co chair and

Vera Williams

11:35 AM

Vera Williams- ecco member

Elizabeth Farrar Campbell

11:35 AM

Liz Farrar Campbell - County Judge - Gilliam County

Theodore Thorne

11:35 AM

Ted Thorne, Wallowa County, LCHP

Malheur County Health Department

11:36 AM

Sarah Poe, Malheur County Health Department

Eliane "Ellie" Bray

11:36 AM

Ellie Bray - Wheeler County LCHP - OHP Member

<p>Approval of the July 12, 2023 Minutes - Sarah Poe</p>	<p>There was a change/correction to the minutes. It should read Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR). The minutes have been amended to reflect this. Winnie Andrews motioned to approve the minutes as amended, Vera William seconded. The motion passed.</p>	<p>Motion: Andrews/William motion to approve the meeting minutes. Motion passed.</p>
<p>Housing Presentation - Marci McMurphy</p>	<p>Marci presented. One of EOCCO's goals is to improve access to safe, health, and affordable housing for county residents through active engagement with the community in planning and development of resources to address housing instability.</p> <p>Marci: We know that we aren't the experts in housing. What we want to do is bring in the folks who are and ask how we can assist them. She reviewed the slides and presentation.</p> <p>If anyone here would like to be a part of the housing coalition, please put your email in the chat or reach out to Marci at mmcmurphy@gobhi.org.</p> <p>Kimberley 11:45 AM</p> <p>Yes. I. Interested in housing coalitions. Photobug8888@gmail.com. Kimberley John Lucero 11:45 AM</p> <p>Please email Marci McMurphy directly if you would like to Join the Housing Group but do not feel comfortable putting your email into this open chat. Maurice Bronson 11:46 AM</p> <p>I'm interested mauricebronson@yellowhawk.o</p> <p>GOBHI has set aside funds to assist with the cost of housing development and is seeking applications from organizations that are engaged in new affordable housing development projects in Eastern Oregon. Here is a link to more information and the application: https://www.gobhi.org/post/gobhi-seeks-applications-for-housing-funds</p>	

GOBHI held a Housing Summit in December 2021. From that meeting, we created a Housing Coalition. We have had strong participation from our community partners. We meet next on Friday October 6, 2023 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

The Virtual Housing Summit meets December 1, 2023 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The internal GOBHI workgroup meets monthly.

Malheur County Health Department

11:49 AM

Exciting work! Thank you, EOCCO and the coalition.

Diana: Does that include other groups like the Northeast Housing Authority?

Marci: We would love to include them, please send me their information. I have tried to include the Housing Authority in Umatilla County, but I think their plate is so full they haven't been able to join.

Diana: I will reach out and see what I can find out.

Maurice Bronson

11:51 AM

Please reach out to Julie Taylor for the Housing Coalition Julietaylor@ctuir.org

Ellie: Would this include people with disabilities in certain situations?

Marci: I don't make the final decisions. It is definitely worth your time to apply. The worst they can say is it doesn't fit.

Winnie: Does that include putting in a ramp for people who have difficulty climbing stairs?

Marci: Have them apply for it. We can look at it. Or if you are in a housing project, your housing manager can apply. I will mail you the application so you can look through it.

Elli: Rather than individuals applying, could we do a community project like through Seniors with Disabilities? Like a community grant?

Theodore Thorne

11:55 AM

Ted Thorne for the Housing Coalition, vets@co.wallowa.or.us, thank you.

Diana: In this area, there is [Community Connections of Northeast Oregon, Inc](#) who will do these kinds of projects and they get EOCCO funding. There might be another place to go through for the grants and home improvement projects.

Marci -
Send Winnie the Housing application.

	<p>Marci: We will bring all these topics for discussion at our next coalition meeting.</p>	
<p>What are you hearing in your community? - Marci McMURPHY</p>	<p>Marci: We want to hear from you. What are the barriers? (access to health). This is an opportunity for you to share what is on your heart.</p> <p>Ellie: I've spent the last year in bed. I have a chronic health condition, and one thing I've learned is that Wheeler County is severely lacking in health services. What I am hearing from the providers is to get services, you have to move out of Wheeler County. That isn't an appropriate solution for seniors or people with health issues. The cost alone of moving, and housing is much higher in the cities. Wherever I go, I will need the exact same services wherever I live. Moving isn't the solution when you are talking about in-home services. How do we take moving out of the equation and bring services into Wheeler County?</p> <p>Diana: I have the same problem and have heard this for years. One thing EOCCO is trying desperately to do is to get more doctors and providers to come here. A lot of professionals are leaving Eastern Oregon and moving out of the area. There are incentives to get mental health providers, dental and health providers here.</p> <p>Ellie: The doctor thing has been an issue too. One benefit that came out of COVID has been that telehealth is more accessible. Primarily, my concern has been with the support services. I have lost 75 pounds because I can't eat. My husband took me to the ER, and they told me to go home until I was considered a "failure to thrive." That is when organs shut down, and to be told that borders on neglect. The point is, Wheeler County doesn't have home health care. This isn't just me, but is the status of health care here.</p> <p>Marci: Thank you for sharing. This is an ongoing conversation we need to have. It gives us the opportunity to bring it to the forefront and seek solutions.</p> <p>Malheur County Health Department 12:05 PM</p> <p>We've had great success finding care through the EOCCO Provider search: https://www.eocco.com/eocco-provider-search/ You can also filter for many categories, including telehealth and languages.</p> <p>Maurice: We have transitioned from providing the warming center here to more family support. Since it has moved to this, the homeless here who need emergency assistance and need somewhere to go during the winter time has increased. Many of these people are struggling</p>	

with mental health and substance abuse. These folks don't want to engage, and they can't work, even for short periods. They are just wandering. They move from place to place. They struggle with severe mental health - they walk into people's homes, eat your food, break in. Our community is having to be constantly alert. Outreach isn't successful, motivating them isn't successful, providing food, clothing, and temporary housing isn't successful. It ends up being that they are arrested and released. There seems to be a lack of accountability for these people. We struggle to provide services, to get these people into a confined area so we know where they are at. I did provide Julie's email to get on the housing coalition just to expand and maybe try to deal with these issues.

Marci: Thank you for sharing this. I know that homelessness is a huge issue. I will reach out to Julie to make a connection to see if there is any project she has or an idea that we could try to support.

Jennifer: My daughter-in-law is still struggling to get the dental situation fixed. We are in Burns, and she needs a specialist. She is trying to get switched back to Advantage with no luck. I'm not sure how to handle it.

Marci: She sent an email to me, I have forwarded it onto others to get some ideas. Does anyone from our Moda team, who is here, know who she could contact to discuss this?

Summer: Please send me the information and I will send it to my Advantage contact.

Marci: Thank you for sharing. This helps us to know what is happening, and at least try to find next steps to find solutions.

Ari: As we hear this, I want you to know it is more than today. I hear it and my team hears it. First, I thank you for sharing, and my heartfelt concern for what you are going through. There are two ways we hear this information. 1. On a high level- we take and put it into our community report. We keep track of all these comments, and will put it into the assessment we submit to the state. This doesn't help you though, today. 2. We try to have direct responses to you, those will happen more off-line. My sincere appreciation for sharing and please know that this will create change in your communities.

Marci: Another place for input are the Local Community Health Partnerships (LCHPs) where we have meetings at various times throughout the year in all our counties. If you are interested in participating, contact me and I will share when those meetings are.

(mmcmurphy@gobhi.org)

<p>EOCCO Metrics - Mikayla Briare</p>	<p>Mikayla Briare introduces herself - Alison Hect and Sophia Aiello and the counties they work in Eastern Oregon. Mikayla presented on the year to date Incentive Measures target progress. Reviewing the measures and the performance so far. She will send out the slide deck after the meeting. Marci McMurphy 12:19 PM OHA- Oregon Health Authority Marci McMurphy 12:21 PM Attestation= stating that something exists; providing evidence or proof of something. Marci: That is a lot of dense information! If you have any questions, please reach out to Mikayla. Mikayla Briare 12:37 PM mikayla.briare@modahealth.com</p> <p>You can also reach out to the field team, which is myself Marci McMurphy , John Lucero, Norman Valdez, and Britney Garcia . Lourdes is the Director of the Community Health Development Team (Field Team).. John Lucero 12:35 PM Jlucero@GOBHI.org</p>	<p>Mikayla will share the presentation with Lourdes who will send them out to everyone.</p>
<p>OHA Updates - Yami Gonzalez</p>	<p>Yami Gonzalez introduced herself. She is the innovator agent supporting all the Eastern Oregon Counties. Yami has been sharing this presentation at all the LCHPs. She reviewed the presentation slides. James Williams: EBT benefits - August 31st continued through September of this year, is that correct? Yami: Yes, that is correct. Vera: Does this mean we only have to renew every two years?</p>	

	<p>Yami: That is correct, for medical you will only need to renew every two years. For SNAP and others it is different.</p> <p>Chanel: On the six-year-olds. After they turn six, do they start renewing every two years, or yearly? Can you clarify?</p> <p>Yami: Thank you for asking. After a kiddo turns 6, they'll go under the two-year eligibility renewal after that. During the first six years, the insurance is independent of the parents. If the parents fall off of OHP, we can keep the kids.</p> <p>Chanel: When they turn six do they have to apply?</p> <p>Yami: Yes, they will have to redetermine eligibility after six.</p> <p>Chanel: Is that on the parents to reach out? Or will you reach out to us?</p> <p>Yami: Kiddos approaching age 6 will receive notification. We usually send that out 90 days in advance. For you now, this isn't going into effect until after people complete the current renewal. When you get that, you can fill it out and enroll your kiddo.</p> <p>Rosa Armenta CPOP 12:48 PM</p> <p>Great information, Yami! Thank you for the updates. Raeana Mikel 12:50 PM</p> <p>Heading into another call. Thanks everyone - great discussions! Marci McMurphy 12:50 PM</p> <p>Thank you Raeana.</p>	
CAC Member Comment & feedback - Sarah Poe	No comments were made.	
Public Comment - Sarah Poe	Sarah: In Malheur County we have 12% uninsured, and 5% of our kiddos in our county. We are lucky to have this coverage (from the OHP). Please remember that there are people who aren't accessing this care. We want their comments about any difficulty in accessing this care.	

Next Meeting	November 8, 2023	
Adjourn	Meeting minutes submitted by Rosalie Kelly	