

**Gilliam County Local Community Advisory Council (LCAC)
Regular Meeting Minutes
OCTOBER 1, 2020**

Marci McMurphy called the Local Community Advisory Council (LCAC) Regular Meeting to order, at 12:05 p.m.

Present via video conference and telephone were:

Marci McMurphy, Project Coordinator- Rental Assistance and Frontier Veggie Rx
Greater Oregon Behavioral Health, Inc. (GOBHI)

Teddy Fennern, Family Services & LCAC Coordinator, Gilliam County

Amy Nation, Juvenile Director, Gilliam County

Elizabeth Farrar, County Judge, Gilliam County

Ashley Danielson, Expanded Practice Dental Hygienist, Advantage Dental

Chanel Kelly, Community & Consumer Representative

Lisa Helms, MS, QMHP, CADCI, Clinical Supervisor-School Based, Community Counseling Solutions

Audrey Egan, Medicaid Services Coordinator, MODA

Emily Camp, Senior Medicare Product Manager, MODA

Walter Burkhartsmeier, Director of Medicare Programs, MODA

Neil Freidrich, Self Sufficiency District Manager, Oregon Department of Human Services, (ODHS)

REVISIONS TO THE AGENDA

None at this meeting

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments at the meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF PRESENTATION:

Audrey Egan, Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization/MODA, introduced Emily Camp, Senior Medicare Product Manager and Walter Burkhartsmeier, Director of Medicare Programs at MODA, to present on the new line of business, Summit Health. Walter Burkhartsmeier introduced Summit Health a Medicare Advantage Program. The same people that bring us EOCCO are offering Summit Health in the same service area as EOCCO. Vision is leading a model of collaborative health to better serve rural communities. Mission is to invest in local care to drive better outcomes for the health of the members and the communities they live in. The website is yoursummithealth.com, and October 1st is the first day to start marketing the plan. Summit Health builds off the success of EOCCO, and like EOCCO, it is a partnership between MODA and several healthcare providers and health systems across Eastern Oregon.

Emily Camp presented some Medicare Advantage Plan options. Offering four options: Core plan \$22, Value plan \$69, Standard plan \$99 and Premier Plan \$146. Benefit highlights cover Preventive & Comprehensive Dental, Routine Hearing exam & hearing aids, Fitness benefits and Routine Vision exam and hardware. Resources available are Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance (SHIBA) and Medicare.gov., together with Summit Health. Word of mouth through

pharmacies, radio spots and marketing with local agents and brokers in the communities is distributing the information. Summit Health has done roadshows to present to the local agents and brokers. Summit Health will coordinate coverage with any other coverage that they have. If applicants qualify for low-income subsidy it will be covered with them as well.

IN THE MATTER OF COVID – 19 UPDATES:

Updates were requested pertaining to new services being provided that may have changed due to COVID-19.

- Lisa Helms, Community Counseling Solutions, (CCS) shared they have been back in offices since June when Gilliam County went into Phase II of reopening. They are seeing clients mostly in person but do offer Telehealth to those that are uncomfortable coming into the office. As far as the school district here in Condon, they opened on September 7th to in-person teaching.
- Shellie Campbell, North Central Public Health District (NCPHD) applauded Gilliam County for keeping Covid-19 numbers low. Have worked closely with the school districts to review and give feedback on their blueprints for opening and did a really good job. They also provide contact investigation and tracing for anybody who tests positive in Gilliam County. They received additional funding to support contact tracing, and additional questions are being asked regarding contacts' mental health and referrals will be made if necessary.
- Teddy Fennern, LCAC Coordinator asked if numbers for positive cases were the same still, with 8 positive cases being reported in Gilliam County. Yes, the OHA has only reported 8 cases to them, and that is all that they are aware of.
- Neil Freidrich ODHS Self Sufficiency, are still open and providing services as safely as they can. About 60-70% of his staff are still teleworking but are available for safe in-person intakes as well. Have been getting out the pandemic EBT benefits and that has been completed statewide.

IN THE MATTER OF MEETING MINUTES

Chanel Kelly made a motion to approve the August and September 2020 minutes as presented. Amy Nation seconded the motion. None opposed. **The motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

IN THE MATTER OF ADVANTAGE DENTAL UPDATE

Ashley is not here today to update

IN THE MATTER OF FRONTIER VEGGIE Rx UPDATE

Teddy Fennern, Gilliam County Family Services Coordinator reported that for September:

- 92 households were served
- 215 people were assisted total
- 150 total voucher booklets were given out.
- Average of 2 people per household

All of the Eastern Oregon Healthy Living Alliance (EOHLA) funded booklets were distributed out this month, so that they did not expire and have to print more. They are completely distributed now. Marci is working on a potential grant with the Nutrition Oregon Campaign for the FVRx program for Harney, Malheur and possibly Baker and Lake Counties. They are for Oregon Health Plan members only, so Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler will not be included in this grant as Gilliam County serves all community members and not just OHP members.

LCAC SELECTION COMMITTEE:

Marci McMurphy, Moda-GOBHI, reported that Teddy Fennern, LCAC Coordinator, has been appointed to the LCAC Selection Committee as the County Representative by Judge Farrar. Karen Wheeler is the EOCCO Board of Directors member that has been assigned to the committee. October 15th there is a meeting scheduled to go over the roster and look at ways to potentially reach out and garner more consumer members and support to participate; will review and approve the roster as well. It will be done in advance of the due date of December.

NEW BUSINESS:

IN THE MATTER OF RCAC REPORT:

This was the annual meeting combined with the Early Learning HUB to discuss early care and education in the region. A viewing of the movie *No Small Matters* was provided prior to the meeting. It was based around how everyone can help with early learning in the community. One of the ideas that was presented was by Wallowa County with the provision of scholarships for families who may fall through the cracks of qualifying to receive assistance. This could be limited-income working-class who do not qualify and would not be able to send their child to preschool. The County also provide funds to get licensing to become a legal day care provider. this is through the Community Benefit initiative Reinvestment (CBIR) funding from GOBHI.

Teddy had submitted a RCAC Report with the agenda, attached. There were no questions.

One thing that came from the RCAC Meeting was to leave with an action item. Talk to the LCAC to see if there would be the interest in having a Tri-County CAC Meeting with our 4Rivers Early Learning HUB, to discuss this further. There were no opposing opinions, so we can move this forward with Wheeler and Sherman Counties if there is interest.

For a Virtual Viewing of the *No Small Matters* video contact Tammy Pierce or Linda Watson, GOBHI, to set a date, do the viewing, then have a discussion group afterwards.

IN THE MATTER OF COMMUNITY BENEFIT INITIATIVE REINVESTMENT FUNDS APPLICATION

Marci McMurphy stated that applications will be available mid-October and it was time to consider how to best utilize the funding. The funding should be as much or even a little more than this year's funding. Teddy advocated that the group continue FVRx, so as not to lose such a wonderful program that families really count on for food security.

IN THE MATTER OF TRIPLE P PARENT EDUCATION

Tammy Pierce is still seeking to get parent trainers certified and the resource becomes an added tool to the provider's tool chest, not an additional burden to people who are already busy. An additional year of funding has been secured for this program from the Oregon Community Foundation, (OCF). Ongoing meetings are taking place to strategically plan for Gilliam County.

IN THE MATTER OF THE LCAC ROSTER AND TERM LIMITS

Judge Farrar had questioned whether we should have term limits for members on our roster. Marci McMurphy said that there has been a lot of confusion at the LCAC level on that and who is a voting member. Looking at our roster, Shellie Campbell, NCPHD thought that she may be able to fit into the NCPHD Director spot that Teri T vacated when she retired. Teddy will get an application sent out to her to fill out and send back for approval.

Lisa Helms, CCS stated that Katie Hams, CCS School Counselor, will no longer be available to attend the meetings and to remove her from our board member list. Lisa's e-mail was wrong on the list and was corrected.

Judge Farrar asked what the statutory requirements were around the membership make up. Marci McMurphy, MODA -GOBHI, stated that there was not a limit to the number of voting members, but there is a requirement to have 51% of the LCAC membership be consumer members. A consumer is anyone 16 or older on OHP, a care provider of an OHP member or a parent of a child on OHP. Not all LCAC's have term limits. The group can make the decision if they feel that it is important to have term limits, or if it is required in statute.

The County Court requested a final roster and if term limits are required it needs to be included in the motion, so that County Court will have this included in the minutes. If using term limits, they should be staggered so everyone will not be rotating at once. Typically, LCAC's do not have term limits since members may attend as part of a job.

The process has been that if someone expresses an interest, they complete the application and submit to the coordinator. The coordinator then presents at the LCAC meeting, followed by the LCAC board making a recommendation to the County Court for final approval and adoption.

Judge Farrar requested consideration of the total number of seats preferred on the board and how many of those must be consumer members. The County Court can advertise when there is a vacancy only each fall, unless there is a need to fill a vacancy earlier. This would simplify the process, reduce the management required of large boards, and still meet the 51% quota requirement.

Marci McMurphy, MODA – GOBHI, will research if there are any required sectors for the board positions and talk with Troy Sonen, MODA – GOBHI, regarding minimum number of board members for each LCAC.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next Gilliam LCAC meeting will be held Thursday, November 5, 2020 at noon. Most likely to continue by virtual meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF MEETING ADJOURNMENT

It appearing to the LCAC Board that there was no further business to be conducted at this time, Marci McMurphy, MODA - GOBHI, adjourned the meeting at 1:05 P.M.

Jennifer Bold JB (Verbal)
LCAC Chairperson

Date: _____

Teddy Fennern Teddy Fennern
LCAC Coordinator

Date: 11/5/2020

