

## Umatilla County LCAC Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2021, Via Google Hangouts

Meeting called by	Amy Ashton-Williams, LCAC Chair
Called to order	8:37 AM
Adjourned	10:02 AM
Notetaker	Tiffany Thomas, LCAC Coordinator

**Attendees:** Amy Ashton-Williams LCAC Chair, Janet McFarlane LCAC Co-Chair, Tiffany Thomas LCAC Coordinator, Darrin Umbarger, Jodi Bissonnette, Jeff Williams, Troy Soenen, Marci McMurphey, Kristen Owen, Heidi Ziegler, Courtney Valenzuela, Sandy Waters, Lourdes Reyna Alcalá, Kathryn Chaney, Alisha Lundgren, Erin Bartsh, Lola Lopez, Jessica Reker, Maria-Ximena Williams, Kathryn Chaney, Lola Lopez, Jessica Pankey, Mariah Wright, Kary Tuers, Jenna Reeves Stensrud

**Welcome and Introduction:** Amy Ashton-Williams, LCAC Chair

**Minutes:** Lourdes Reyna Alcalá moved the motion, and Maria-Ximena Williams seconded the motion. There were no abstentions. The July 2021 Minutes were approved, and the motion was carried.

### Discussion: What We Are Hearing From The Community

Sandra Waters (OHP member) - Tri-Cities is not accepting OHP, which is making it hard for our seniors. There is an increase of services needed for people on fixed incomes who have both Medicare and Medicaid.

Kathryn Cheney (Domestic Violent Services) - We see a housing shortage. It is hard to find available housing in our area.

Amy Ashton-Williams (OWhN) - We also see the same issue. It is hard for people to obtain stability when their basic needs are not met.

Jeff Williams (EOCIL) - I call it a housing crisis, and it is frustrating when people who have a background with mental health/SUD get denied.

Jessica Pankey (OWhN) - Transportation has been difficult. It has been a barrier for our clients. Our clients get frustrated because they are told they will not take them to appointments unless they are specifically medical.

Darrin Umbarger (Clearview Medical) - When we take people to their appointments, we do not know why a person is going. We bring people regardless. If we have availability, then we take them. Transportation is getting better, taking people to different places.

Karen Wheeler (GOBHI) - Peer services are valued services and considered medical. In the future, OHA will be implementing a billable service for peer services. It is important to me that people have access to peer services.

## Discussion: Covid-19 Vaccines and Tracking Val Valenzuela

### Val Valenzuela (MODA)

- EOT benchmark = 70% COVID vaccine rate for CCO members who were at least 16 years old as of 1/1/21
  - CCO-specific improvement targets are based on vaccine rates as of 4/1/21 as baseline
  - Specifications:
    - Members who receive one dose count as compliant
    - Four-month continuous enrollment criteria
    - Anchor date of 12/31/21

Our data tracking system is called = ALERT IIS

#### Qualifying for payment

- 90% of EOT funds will be awarded if a CCO achieves the 70% benchmark or CCO specific improvement target for members ages 16+ and all race/ethnicity groups
  - Partial payment will be given to CCOs who meet the 16+ target and at least 42% vaccination rate for all race/ethnicity groups but not improvement target
- 10% of EOT funds will be awarded if a CCO achieves the 42% benchmark for members ages 12-15.

Troy Soenen (GOBHI) - I think we are looking at around 7000 people getting vaccinated to meet Umatilla County's goal. Also, there have been some issues collecting accurate information if people get vaccinated across state lines.

Lourdes Reyna Alcala (UMCHS) - We know that some families have gone to Tri-Cities and Walla Walla.

Jessica Reker (Good Shepherd Hospital) - If we do not meet 60-70%, the funding goes somewhere else.

Darrin Umbarger (Clearview Medical) - When we help people, we ask them if they have had a vaccination, and if not, we give them a flier. Some people do not know if they want to get vaccinated.

Marci McMurphey (GOBHI) - Offering incentives might be helpful, like paying for someone's rent or utilities.

Lourdes - Gas cards might also be a good incentive.

Troy Soenen (GOBHI) - How feasible would it be to partner with Round-UP?

Darrin Umbarger (Clear Medical) - If you had a booth with trinkets, I think people might go to the booth.

Kari Tuers (UCo) - We have offered incentives for people to get vaccinated. If we worked together, we could help our community. People were excited about getting wristbands for the fair or carnival. We also opened up to non-profits and churches. Thank you to everyone who has helped with this project.

**Discussion: Update on Subgroups- Janet McFarlane**

Janet McFarlane (St Anthony) - I will send emails to the subcommittee leads regarding meetings. If any subcommittees met in the last month, please let me know. The Education subcommittee met, and we are working on getting more information. We thought about going through counselors for the info. We will meet again on September 9th.

Jenna Reeves Strensrud (OWhN) - The Tribal subgroup met. We will meet again next week. I was hoping to give them a flier. We are educating ourselves. Karen is helping with this.

**Discussion: Marci McMurphy CBIR Update**

Marci McMurphy (GOBHI) - There has been a date change. The date is July 2022 to June 2023. If you plan on applying, please be ready to submit applications in January. There might be a gap for a few months. Reports are due today. Please submit those to me. To be transparent, the current CBIR funds will show in detail the items where the LCAC money is spent. For those of you who have been submitting invoices, I hope you are getting paid in a timely manner.

**Discussion: LCAC Funds**

Amy Ashton-Williams (OWhN) - We did not have LCAC expenditures. We have talked about how we want to spend this money. We have available \$21,378.

**Discussion: Community Updates**

Amy Ashton-Williams (OWhN) - At the end of September, we will offer CRM training in Spanish. I will get a flier for the training. In the Spring, we will provide another CRM training in English.

Jessica Reker (Good Shepherd Hospital) - We are accepting vendors. We have a mobile dental and Covid van. The services will be for adults. I have been trying to contact the person in charge to find out about sign-ups. We are doing vaccines until the end of the month.

Janet McFarlane (St Anthony) - We are providing vaccine clinics but have been getting a lot of no-shows doing vaccines on Wednesdays.

Karen Wheeler (GOBHI) - Oversight for measure 110 has decriminalized drugs. There is a significant amount of money to address the issue. An RFP has been set up for behavioral health and to reduce health inequities. There is money available if you get in on the grant.

Maria-Ximena Williams (Umatilla/Morrow Co. Snap-Ed Program Director) - We have done some nutritional classes and a cooking course.

Tiffany Thomas (OWhN) - The Nurture Oregon program is going well. We now have about five moms that we are serving, and they are engaged in the program.

Kathryn Chaney (Domestic Violence) - October is Domestic Violence Month. October 27th, we will be having a silent auction. We are also partnering with Chelsea Maranville for a virtual parenting class.

Troy Soenen (GOBHI) - I want to ensure that people know to pick up a stipend application because money is available to get paid for their time.

Amy Ashton-Williams (OWhN) - Due to it being Round-UP the week of our next meeting, we will not meet in September. We will meet again in October. For anyone who wants to post on our FB page, please let me or Alisha Lundgren know.

Jeff Williams (EOCIL) - We have hired someone for our needle exchange program. Our office hours are 8 am until 4 pm. We have taken in 1000 needles and given out 48 Narcan as well.

Kary Tuers (UCo) - Umatilla County Public Health will put on a vaccine event for anyone interested. Anyone who wants to participate in an open forum for Dr. Hitzman, call us, and we can schedule that.

**We will not meet in September.  
The next meeting is scheduled for October 15th, 2021.  
Place TBD**