

Morrow County Local Community Advisory Council

Meeting Minutes

Thursday June 3, 2021 @ 9:00 a.m.
Google Meets

Participants Present: Andrea Fletcher, Catherine Wisniewski, Connie Lobato, Courtney Valenzuela, Dirk Dirksen, Erin Bartsch, Erin Stocker, Hannah Williams, Heidi Zeigler, Ian Murray, Jessica Reker, Kathryn Chaney, Kathryn Hart, Kimberly Lindsay, Linda Skendzel, Maddison V., Maria-Ximena Williams, Marie Shimer, Nazario Rivera, Rebecca Gardner, Rollie Marshall, Sarah Brown, Troy Soenen and Victor VanderDoes

1. Call to Order: Andrea Fletcher called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.

2. Public Comments: There were no public comments to record.

3. OHP/EOCCO Member Feedback/Concerns

Community Counseling has asked for us to consider providing a letter of support as they pursue EOCCO funding for the four-county service area. The money would be used to collect baseline data and examine gaps in disparities and equity within the organization and then create an implementation plan.

Linda Skendzel moved to provide the letter of support and Hannah Williams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

CAC Conference – will be held virtually June 8-9

4. Consensus to Approve Meeting Minutes

Kimberly Lindsay moved to approve the May 6, 2021 minutes and Linda Skendzel seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. County-wide Health Assessment (CHA) Presentation and Feedback

Andrea Fletcher presented the draft Community Health Assessment for final review and editing.

Data to make note of –

All communities in Morrow County have a greater percent of the population living at 200% of the Federal Poverty Level than the state rate. There is a significantly greater percentage of children age 18 and under in Boardman living below the poverty level than other Morrow County communities.

- Overall, the general health of the population hasn't changed significantly since we assessed in 2018.
- It's estimated that 7,500 people in Morrow County exhibit 1 or more risk factors for developing chronic disease – cancer, heart disease etc.
- Maternal depression rates are higher for EOCCO compared to the state of Oregon and that trend has continued through 2019. EOHLA and Morrow County initiated care through nurse home visiting.

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- 11% of Morrow County was assessed as having inadequate prenatal care in relation to Oregon's 6%. 64% of Morrow County births received first trimester care, compared to the state's 79%
- Vaccinations – Grades Kindergarten – 12th are consistently in the high nineties percent and 95% is considered good vaccination coverage.

AREAS of SIGNIFICANCE

Chronic Disease Management, Programs and Services

Chronic Disease Preventive Programs, Health Promotion and Health Education

Maternal Depression, Prenatal Care and Immunizations

Special Populations – Low-income, Hispanic and Older Adults

Workforce

2021 RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Stay connected to community and strengthen county-wide leadership network for strategic “system” planning (EMS, community-based services, home care, and North M.C. assisted living).
2. Incorporate strategies that address population health and promote healthy lifestyles.
3. Continue to educate the community on the value of personal, community and system health and encourage use of local health resources.
4. Utilize evidence-based programs/practices/interventions.
5. Pursue the development of a community plan for succession, recruitment and retention of health care workforce.

6. EOCCO Announcements

SHARE Housing (Troy Soenen)

The Eastern Oregon Coordinated Care Organization is making \$300,000 of funding available to specifically address social determinants of health - housing. Potential funding for 3 to 4 projects. It's EOCCO's first time officially working on housing issues so looking for suggestions who would possibly partner in Morrow County. The application should be out the first week in July.

7. Upcoming Agenda

In-person meeting September 2. Remain flexible; meet every other month virtual?

8. Partner Updates, Provider and Community Announcements

Heidi Zeigler – DHS

Collected 82 pairs of tennis shoes through the shoe drive. Thank you everyone.

Hiring 14 temps to issue the pandemic EBTs benefits for school age children. The zero copay for employment related daycare was extended through September 30th. Benefits will be paid for 12 months if approved.

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Kimberly Lindsay – Community Counseling Solutions

Looking to bring addiction and human service employees on September 1st and the mental health employees around December 1st.

Victor Vander Does – Interim Chief Executive Officer, Morrow County Health District

Hired a couple of new ER doctors. Dr. Michael Metzler and Dr. Kenneth Lindsey.

Dr. Ed Beretta will be returning as a mentor. Jumping on board with a Five-star Custom Learning Program. Considering feasibility study for urgent care and occupational therapy clinic in Boardman. The holiday weekend was busy with 35 ER visits.

Catherine Wisniewski – Good Shepherd Hospital

Planning a safety awareness event for the last Saturday in June, 9 am to 1 pm, outside of Good Shepherd Hospital. There will be car seat and helmet installations and fittings and information on immunization and water safety to name a few. Other organization are welcomed to join, please reach out to Catherine. Good Shepherd is still offering COVID vaccinations.

Dirk Dirksen – Morrow County School District

Graduations is Saturday, June 5th – Riverside @ 10 am, Irrigon @ 12 pm and Hepper is at 2 pm. The last day of school for students is June 10th and staff is June 11th. We are planning next year and are optimistic that it will be more normal. There will be more conversations on that, but our plan is to be back to a normal schedule and deal with the specifics once we get closer to August. The SD is working with partners that are hosting summer activities in June and July and trying to land on financial solutions with those programs. August we will be seeing more of traditional summer school for K-6th grade student and then credit completion opportunities for secondary kids in June and August.

Erin Bartsch – Blue Mountain Early Learning Hub

Partnering with the SD and Head Start on an event on June 27th from 4 pm to 6 pm targeting the Guatemalan families. We will be helping them connect with early childhood resources and registering for kindergarten. There will be a taco truck and ice cream truck. The event will be at Sam Boardman elementary. We will send out a flyer to the group. Please share the information. We are at the end of our biennium so we are doing some spend down. We have reached out to Umatilla and Union Count to purchase car seats and breast pumps. If there is a need in Morrow Co., let us know. If you are an agency that is need of a car seat, feel free to contact us.

Hannah Williams – Parent Advocate

Water, bike and heat safety?

Ian Murray –

Continued work on adolescent immunization. The Department received money from the Juvenile Department that needs to be spent before years end. We are working on projects with school principals, secretary and care coordinators to find families in need. Now that COVID has lightened up the care coordinators are seeing and dealing with other issues such as families in need of rent assistance, food and other needs that were probably there all along.

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Troy Soenen – GOBHI has rental assistance dollars available, contact Troy.

Nazario Rivera – Morrow County Health Department

We have a car seat tech with the Health Department. COVID vaccinations are trending downward.

Sarah Brown – Community Counseling Solutions

Outreach packets to Morrow County school districts with activities teaching coping mechanism going out next week. Separate packets for elementary and secondary students. Scheduling events at farmer markets. Grant is ending at the beginning of July – program scheduled for 2 more months.

9. Next Meeting: July 1, 2021

There will not be an August meeting, resume September 2, 2021

10. Adjourn 11:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Lobato