

Summary of Minutes September 2015 Clatsop County Community Advisory Council

The agenda was reviewed and approved with one addition to the planning session to include a vote to approve the six month calendar and to have a discussion of creating a sub-committee and to decide about including a representative from public health in the CAC. Meeting minutes from August were approved with one grammatical correction. The CAC discussed a new member application and approved his membership to join the CAC. The CAC requested the coordinator to invite the Public Health Director for Clatsop County to join the CAC. This position and one other “non-OHP” representation slot will be an official member but will be a non-voting membership. The CAC approved a sub-committee to meet monthly to review data related to each monthly topic. They will look at current data and identify gaps as well. The CAC requested that the group report monthly as part of a standardized agenda. The CAC approved the next six months of education topics that will be part of the monthly CAC agenda.

The Innovator Agent gave an OHA update: OHA has been reorganized into seven new divisions now that there is new leadership (Lynn Saxton). There have been some challenges with the redetermination process for OHP members. Although it is getting better there are issues with mailing termination when they should not be termed and lengthy phone wait times. The System will be changed next February (2016). There are more assistors in Clatsop County and the CAC was reminded that using an assistor gives you an advantage to backdate an application, meaning that an OHP applications will be effective the day you apply even if its months before the application is approved. There are assistors at Clatsop Community Action (Spanish speaking), Helping Hands, Lower Columbia Hispanic Council, Coastal Family, Providence, Columbia Memorial Hospital, and the Department of Human Services.

Nancy Knopf gave an overview of the annual CHIP update, CPCCO Transformation Plan, Incentive metrics and the CPCCO’s Board of Directors Strategic Plan. The CAC discussed using these plans as guideposts for any projects they might develop or recommend CPCCO. It was acknowledged that social services are very complex but there is a commitment on the CAC’s part to support changes in the community especially in areas such as mental health crisis services.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 6th.