

Clatsop Community Advisory Council Minutes

Tuesday May 2, 2023, 4:30-6:30pm

Members Present: 3 of 4 members attended

Staff Present: 6 staff attended

Guests: OHA Representative, & 2 guests attended

Meeting called to order at 4:35pm. All participants welcomed . No Quorum yet.

Hybrid Meeting Housekeeping: Staff reviewed the housekeeping slides.

June & July Meeting Dates: Staff reminded board that in June we will be meeting on the second Tuesday (June 13th) due to a conflict with another meeting that many are attending. Board was also advised changing the July date (July 4th) to the second Tues July 11th. All agreed.

CAC Learning Theme – Housing Update: Staff began by leading a discussion about the root causes of homelessness. Clatsop County has a rate 6 x higher (22 per 1000) than the state average for Oregon. Causes range from a lack of inventory due to the high need, Air BnBs, Short Term Rentals, Landowners Bias to who they rent to, stigma for people who have mental illnesses, cost of deposits & rent, income inequality, gender bias, transportation issues, language barriers, etc. All these issues have created a lack of workers in the county which has hurt the local economy. Lack of shelters, transitional housing and places for homeless people to land complicate the situation.

The last story collection identified housing as an issue. This was made a high-level goal. The CPCCO has responded by investing \$3.5 million in housing in the 3 counties. Slide 8 of the presentation lists all the projects.

Staff gave an update on the Red Lion Project (which will be renamed soon). There will be 50-60 units divided into 2 categories; supportive housing for people with behavioral health needs and work force housing for health care and social service staff. The goal is to open in the Spring 2024. There will be onsite property management by Clatsop Community Action and onsite housing support services by Clatsop Behavioral Health.

The soon to be opened Trillium Apartments in Warrenton were discussed. They will offer 1- 2 or 3 bedroom units with onsite management.

Annual Demographic Report First Review: Staff gave everyone a first look at the draft report which will be completed this month and the final version will be presented at the June 13, 2023, CAC meeting. OHA requires CAC's to annually provide reports on 1) Demographic Information 2) RHIP or CHP plan updates. A discussion followed about how we look at data. The first look at the data revealed that the 3 counties (Clatsop, Columbia & Tillamook) are older than the average in Oregon, tend to be more functionally diverse, and our communities are growing unevenly. Clatsop has the highest rate of homelessness in Oregon of which 1/3 are children who live alone. Suicide continues to be an issue especially along the coast (Clatsop & Tillamook).

The CAC was encouraged/reminded to complete the story collection survey.

CACs are required to have 50% of their members be on OHP or someone in their household. 100% of the Clatsop CAC meet this requirement.

CHP/RHIP - Regional Health Plan: Everyone had a first look at the draft report which will be completed this month and the final version presented at the June 13, 2023, CAC meeting. The 5-year plan is a cycle that is continually moving which is one reason we report on it annually. It is a place for the community voice to be heard and to help in setting priorities and creating health equity. CAC's play a big role in this process. We reviewed some of the categories from 2021 and estimated stats from 2022.

RHIP Update: The Story Collection Survey went live yesterday (May1) and will continue throughout the 3 counties until July 31, 2023. CAC members will be given an opportunity to complete a survey during the Community Check In tonight.

Innovator Agent Update: The OHA report was presented.

1. COVID Booster: USDA authorized and is rolling out the second COVID bivalent boost for people over 65 or with a compromised condition. It will replace the original monovalent COVID vaccine.
2. Senior Farm Direct Program for WIC and Senior Farm Programs will be good June 1- Nov 30, 2023. To get more info 1-800-299-3562. The coupons are for \$32 for the season to be used at veggie stands, farmers markets, etc.
3. The Medicaid redetermination process was discussed. It is essential to update your contact info at 1-800-699-9075 or www.benefits.oregon.gov.

Quorum Met: Chair asked council members to approve the agenda & minutes for April 4, 2023.

Approved/No amendments.

Community Check In: Members had the opportunity to share information or ask questions of others in the group. CAC members had an opportunity to take the story collection survey.