

Columbia County Community Advisory Council Minutes

Monday, October 2, 2023

3:00-5:00PM

Meeting called to order in Spanish at 3:02 and facilitated introductions and review housekeeping slides. August and September minutes approved.

Learning Theme: Familias en Accion: Shared a little history about Familias en Accion. Their services include community health work, climate health equity, food equity advocacy and HIV/STI sexual health education.

Regional Health Assessment Update: An update was provided regarding the Story Collection and the next steps in weeks to come. There will be four sessions for those who participated in the developing stages of the RHA, and we will be learning about themes and presenting those to the CAC as well as the public early next year.

SHARE: Information was provided regarding the Supporting Health for All through Reinvestment (SHARE) Initiative for 2024. Oregon Health Authority is issuing money to address Social Determinants of Health through community partnership and there will be an increase in funding this year. The CCO has used this funding for Community Action Team Healthy Homes, to repair unsafe or unhealthy living conditions.

IA Update: IA provided links to free COVID test. Oregon will provide approximately \$39 million in food benefits to approximately 325,000 students beginning Aug. 31 and through September. Approximately 19,000 Oregon Health Plan (OHP) and Medicare Savings Program members received incorrect approval notices in August. The system error has been fixed. All affected members will keep their OHP coverage through at least 12/31/2023.

Members gave feedback on how everyone felt about having the meeting on Spanish. Interpreters did an amazing job as well.

Community updates: Community Meals are happening every Tuesday from 5:30-6:00. An email will be sent out with details about CareOregon joining forces with another non-profit company and they will hold a public meeting and she will notify everyone once she has a concrete date.

Formal meeting adjourned around 4:45 and most CAC members stayed on for informal updated until 5:01 pm.

Next meeting: Monday, January 8, 2024, 3:00pm-5:00pm