

**Columbia County: Monday, March 7, 2022  
Community Advisory Council Draft Minutes**

3:30-5:00 pm (March CAC virtual)

Meeting opened at 3:32, welcomed guests and facilitated introductions. Minutes were approved for February with one correction. Reviewed housekeeping slides in English and interpretation in Spanish was done by Linguava. Annual meeting requires nominations and elections of new members, chairs and co-chairs, review of the Charter, and new Conflict of Interest forms signed.

Charter Update: Everyone received a copy of the updated Charter, Agenda and COI forms. A hard copy was made available for those who requested it. No changes made to the charter at this time and the CAC members present unanimously approved the Charter.

Terms and new members and election of Chair and Co-Chair: 2 Potential new members who are interested in being nominated to be part of the CAC. The CAC members present unanimously approved the nominations for the new members. Application for approval from the Board has been sent out for final approval. The CAC also elected new Chair Co-Chair. The CAC members present unanimously approved the Nominating Committee.

Conflict of Interest: All CAC members received a Conflict-of-Interest form in their packet. *Conflict of Interest* forms had been completed by most members and only missing couple. Reminder will be sent to those absent to complete the form via email.

**Innovator Agent (IA):**

New Innovator Agent for CPCCO. Oregon hospitalizations have declined. Case counts have dropped 45% February 21-27 and are down 90% from the peak of January 17-31. New COVID hospitalizations statewide dropped 31% February 21-27.

**CAC Year in Review:** Annual review of activities and achievements of the CAC in 2021. Reviewed Rapid feedback summaries for 2021, COVID response and CWIF grantees for 2021. Starting April, the CAC might decide whether to work on Health Equity Impact Statements for the 8 priority areas in preparation for the next Community Health Assessment and Regional Health Improvement Plan.

**Community Updates:**

Legal Aid is helping people needing to pay taxes on their unemployment, first \$10,200 is not taxed, but most people didn't get their 10% taken off when they received their benefits.

Social security is doing audits for folks who are on SSI. They are assessing for in-kind and supportive maintenance.

Local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is getting ready to do their annual training. They currently have many folks from many backgrounds in Columbia County. These are the volunteers you see in different events in the community.

Community Action programs: the portal is closing for rental assistance with the state deadline of March 14. Low-income water assistance program is coming soon. Continue to refer folks to get help with rental assistance and energy assistance.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

**Next meeting: Annual Meeting: April 4, 2022, via Zoom**