

Columbia Pacific Coordinated Care Organization (CPCCO)
Board of Directors Meeting
July 21, 2025 Meeting Minutes



The meeting was held in-person in Seaside and also via Teams. Twelve of the thirteen Board members attended: Nancy Avery, Jon Betlinski, Shawn Bower, Pam Cooper, Sherrie Ford, Eric Hunter, Steven Manesis, Viviana Matthews, Erin Skaar, Joe Skariah, Eric Swanson and Nicole Williams.

Chair Erin Skaar called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. and declared a quorum for the record. By a vote of the Directors present, the Board approved the June 16, 2025 Board of Directors meeting minutes.

Joshua Blomquist, Chief Operating Officer of Helping Hands Reentry Program and Hope Centers, provided a testimonial from a newly employed Helping Hands peer who had been homeless and struggling with a substance use disorder prior to residing at the Uniontown Hope Center. Joshua also provided an overview of the investments CPCCO has made to Helping Hands since 2023, including opening 40 new beds in Tillamook, removing dues payments from residents and literally helping keep their doors open during a time of insufficient operating funds.

Discussion and Engagement Items

1. Legislative Session/Federal Updates. CareOregon Chief of Staff Jeremiah Rigsby provided an overview of the outcomes of the 2025 Oregon Legislative Session, including the outcomes of 40 of the 215 bills tracked by CareOregon. The notable bills included financial assistance for CCOs passed by the legislature, the passage of the provider tax, the issue of behavioral health utilization as a result of capacity enhancements and the delay of the CCO procurement. He also provided an overview of the federal budget reconciliation bill passed into law on July 4th and the impacts to Medicaid. Most Medicaid impacts will start in 2028, but increased federal scrutiny of 1115 waivers has already started.
2. CareOregon Update. CareOregon's CFO, Teresa Learn, provided an update on unprecedented and unbudgeted increases in utilization for physical and behavioral health services of 15% and 40%, respectively. The financial pressures caused by these utilization increases, paired with insufficient OHA rates from 2024 to the present, have resulted in CareOregon implementing a plan to rein in medical expenses and seek additional revenues. Teresa anticipates the 2026 OHP rates will also be insufficient, forcing hard conversations between CCOs and OHA. Staff will keep the Board apprised of the financial situation and attendant decisions that will need to be made soon after the release of 2026 rates in early August.
3. CPCCO 2025 Mid-Year Priorities Review. Columbia Pacific's leadership team provided an update to the priority initiatives shared at the November 2024 Board planning retreat. Mae Pfeil and Bhavesh Rajani kicked off with an update on 2025 accomplishments to date and status updates on current areas of focus for the medical network: cost and utilization, quality metric status and partner engagement. Rachel Paczkowski followed with the overall strategy for improving consistent and accountable services from the CPCCO behavioral health network, including rate adjustments, reducing the network of non-contracted providers and policy changes regarding Board Registered Associates. Nancy Knopf concluded with updates to the community networks, including new tools for tracking return on investments, new HRSN providers and status of CPCCO grant applications.

Committee Reports/Packet Review

- a) Finance Committee. Steve Geidl shared the May 2025 YTD financial report. Highlights included: continued growth in membership; CPC net surplus of \$364k, due to positive investment income; net assets of \$24.million; CareOregon net deficit of \$11 million for the CPCCO region; a combined MBR of 101%, driven by increased utilization and costs across the board for physical, behavioral and oral health as well as NEMT. He also reminded the Board of the four months of rate-setting by OHA, starting in May and ending with the draft CCO rates on August 1st; he noted CCO concerns with the rate development process, including the likelihood of inadequate rates to match the increased utilization of services.
- b) Governance and Compliance Committee. Mimi Haley noted the revised Delegation Agreement and Management Services Agreement between CPCCO and CareOregon. These were included in the Board packet and will need to be approved prior to the September audit conducted by the state.

4. Action Items

By a vote of all Directors present, the Board accepted the May 2025 financial report as recommended by the Finance Committee.

By a vote of all Directors present, the Board accepted changes to the Finance Committee charter as recommended by the Finance Committee.

By a vote of all Directors present, the Board accepted the changes to the Governance and Compliance Committee charter as recommended by the Governance and Compliance Committee.

By a vote of all Directors present, the Board approved the updated Delegation Agreement as recommended by the Governance and Compliance Committee.

By a vote of Directors present, the Board approved the updated Management Services Agreement as recommended by the Governance and Compliance Committee. Steven Manesis abstained from the vote.

5. General Updates/Round Robin

Regional: Jon announced that Fall registration for participation in the ECHO network is underway; he also noted a new behavioral health pediatrician in the Oregon Psychiatric Access Lines.

Tillamook: Eric S noted that the new dialysis provider, DCI, is licensed and providing much-needed local dialysis services.

Mimi thanked Karen Knudson for her many years of service to the Board as this is her last Board meeting before her retirement in early August. Jessica Johnston is the new Governance Administrator replacing Karen.

There being no further business to discuss, Erin adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.