

**Columbia County: Monday, April 4, 2022**  
**Community Advisory Council Approved Minutes**

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

Meeting opened at 3:32, welcomed guests and facilitated introductions. Minutes were approved for March. Reviewed the housekeeping slides in English and interpretation in Spanish was done by Linguava.

**Innovator Agent (IA):**

Presented about COVID changes. Effective March 12, Oregon no longer requires masks in school and most indoor public places. Individual school districts may set their own mask rules. To protect employees and visitors, everyone five (5) years of age and older are required to wear masks in a health care setting.

**RISE: Resilience in Support of Equity**

Oregon Health Authority (OHA) is kicking off the recovery phase of its pandemic response, with a focus on building community resilience and supporting local decision-making. The plan outlines near-term priorities. The federal government has committed to giving states at least 60 days' notice before the declaration ends. Protections for those on OHP remain in place until the Federal Emergency Declaration is lifted.

**CAC Demographic Survey:** Reviewed the demographic survey. This survey is required by OHA to see how well we are doing in having our CAC reflect and represent the demographics of the community we serve.

**Health Equity Impact Statement:** CAC worked on language that is more specific to health equity. We reviewed Access to Social Safety Net, this is one of our eight priority areas.

**Community Updates:** Social Security administration is opening their office beginning this week of April 7<sup>th</sup>. They are still encouraging appointments and call if needed. DHS-SNAP benefits are changing the definition of homelessness to help more people who might be eligible to get benefits.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

**Next meeting: Annual Meeting: May 2, 2022, via Zoom**