

Columbia County: Monday, July 11, 2022
Community Advisory Council (CAC) Minutes

3:30-5:00 pm (virtual)

Meeting was called to order at 3:31. Approved the agenda for the meeting and the minutes for the previous month.

Community Updates:

- CAC Volunteers for Community Wellness Investment Fund (CWIF) grant application review: Lisa and Holly have volunteer to review grant proposals
- Janelle Adams gave updates about SAFE: they opened a new shelter in Columbia County that can hold 19-20 women and children fleeing domestic violence and/or stalking.
- Everyone should have received an invitation to Joell's retirement party in Seaside next month.
- Dan Brown wanted to get the word out about rental assistance, energy assistance is going to shut down temporary to save funds for cooling season this summer in case of extreme weather. Please let Community Action know if anyone needs air conditioners, fans etc. Cooling shelter openings will depend on severity of the hot weather and duration.
- Have people call Oregon Law Center if employers are not following the new heat-related employment laws. There is a new health index app that Oregon Law Center and Legal Aid are promoting that Holly would try to send out.
- Teresa shared a survey for parents from self-identified LGBTQ+ families in Columbia County to gauge interest in parent meet up/support group for LGBTQ+ families. Teresa also shared that OSU Extension is having cooking classes in multiple areas of the county. She also shared that there is an LGBTQ+ group that meets at the Jordan Center. She will share flyers for these last two items.
- Martha and Nancy announced that we still need more CWIF grantee reviewers. We are also wanting to gauge interest in having an in-person meeting outside in August. Martha will send out an anonymous survey to gauge interest.

CAC Regional Health Improvement Plan: Staff members and CAC members reviewed the health equity impact statement they developed related to "access to the social safety net". "I want a community where everyone's humanity and dignity is respected, with equitable access to housing, health, and community resources regardless of race, gender, documentation status, sexual orientation, age, or income. Barriers to health would be decreased if access to food with

different nutritional needs and cultural wellness opportunities were met.” Teresa said she will workshop the second sentence to make it more comprehensive and share at a later meeting.

The CAC voted to work on the next health equity impact statement of “Access to Behavioral Health”. The group worked through the first questions: “who are the communities within the community who are most impacted by unfairness or inequity in this priority area? Who is left out of this statement?”. The group will continue with the activity at a later meeting.

Social Emotional Health: Staff member reviewed the CCO’s new 4-year Social Emotional Health metric. The metric works to ensure that all kids ages 0-5 are ready to learn and thrive in kindergarten.

Next meeting: Annual Meeting: August 1, 2022 (location pending)