

Columbia County: Monday, September 13, 2021  
Community Advisory Council Approved Minutes

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

Meeting opened at 3:37, welcomed guests and had everyone do introductions.

Members approved the August meeting minutes without any objections.

**Innovator Agent (IA) Update and Community Updates:** Innovator was unable to attend, her updates got emailed to all CAC members. If there are any specific questions that anyone has, they can send her an email.

**Behavioral Health:**

Presenter was seeking input regarding gaps on behavioral health and strategies on how CPCCO can do better in the community to address those gaps. Possibly get permission to come back when we have a bigger group and get more feedback. We discussed other barriers to accessing behavioral health. Behavioral Health Department has six (6) staff who support the administration of the behavioral health benefit within the CPCCO region. OHA identified three areas of concern on the Comprehensive Behavioral Health Plan. 1). Behavioral Health Access- need for urgent walk-in clinics, expand number of providers in the region, address workforce crisis, enhancing access to BH in primary care. 2). Equity, Diversity, and inclusion- Expanding networks with culturally- specific provider, supporting language access, training BH on cultural responsiveness and implicit bias, support connections with trusted voices in their communities. 3). Social Determinants of Health-Housing Resources- Support capacity building through Regional Housing Impact Funds at a local level.

**Community Wellness Investment Fund (CWIF) update:** Update was given on the Community Wellness Investment Fund grantees. Columbia County had four, Clatsop County had three and Tillamook had one. The CAC members voted the approval of the CWIF grants for the record. Some approvals were done via email.

**Equity Learning Theme- Mural Activity: Teresa**

This was a followed up from last month's data presentation on health equity, introducing the follow-up discussion using the Mural app. Practiced Mural for today, all questions on Mural were emailed to all. We looked at creating health equity to address the health disparities presented: **What** (what stood out to you?), So **What** (Why is it important?), **Now What** (How do you wish it was?) **Themes** (What did we come up with together? What similar ideas did we have?) **Recommendations** (What do we want to do as a CCO and community members?). This will be an ongoing discussion for the next two months.

**Community Check-In:** Rental assistance funds are available to those facing eviction.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

**Next meeting:**

October 4, 2021 via Zoom

